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44TH SITTING – FIRST ASSEMBLY: FIRST MEETING – FOURTH SESSION

Wednesday, 1 December 2004

The East African Legislative Assembly met at 2.00 p.m. at the Chamber of the Assembly, Sixth Floor, Ngorongoro Wing, AICC Building, Arusha.

PRAYER

[The Speaker, Hon. Abdulrahman Kinana in the Chair]

The Assembly was called to Order

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker: The House Business Committee held a sitting yesterday Tuesday, 30 November 2004, and as previously agreed upon, I now wish to notify you of the major decisions taken with regard to the Business of the House and Committees:

- (a) To enable Members to study the East African Customs Bill, 2004 and the East African Competition Bill, 2004 the two Bills will be Tabled today, and be read a First Time under the provisions of Rule 62 (1) of our Rules of Procedure, and in accordance with our Rules of Procedure (Rule 66) the Bills will be referred to the House Committee on Communications, Trade and Investment.

- (b) That the Standing Committee on Communications, Trade and Investment will sit from Monday, 6 December 2004 to Monday, 13 December 2004 to consider the East African Customs Management Bill. If the Committee completes considering the Customs Management Bill, it could consider the East African Competition Bill.

- (c) That all the Members of the Assembly arrive on Sunday, 12 December 2004 and hold plenary sittings from Tuesday, 14 December to Thursday, 16 December 2004 to debate the two Bills.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

The Chairperson, Council of Ministers (Mr. Jakaya Kikwete): Mr. Speaker, sir, I beg to move_

THAT this Assembly, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 62 (1) do determine that the East African Customs Management Bill, 2004 is of an urgent nature, and that the Bill may be introduced without publication today, notwithstanding anything in these rules.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Chairperson, Council of Ministers (Mr. Jakaya Kikwete): Mr. Speaker, sir, I beg to move_

THAT this Assembly, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 62 (1) do determine that the East African Competition Bill, 2004 is of an urgent nature, and that the Bill may be introduced without publication today, notwithstanding anything in these rules.

(Question put and agreed to)

BILLS**FIRST READING**

- The East African Customs Management Bill, 2004
- The East African Community Competition Bill, 2004

(The Bills were read a First Time and were then referred to the Standing Committee on Communications, Trade and Investment)

The Speaker: Honourable Members, before I adjourn this House, I wish to recognise the presence of hon. Makongoro Mahanga, Member of Parliament Ukonga Constituency – *(Applause)*.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker: Honourable Members, that brings us to the end of our business today. The House therefore stands adjourned until 14 December 2004.

The House rose at 2.40 p.m. and adjourned until Tuesday, 14 December 2004