

Sen. Olekina: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to support my good friend, Sen. Kang'ata for bringing this timely Motion. I see it as a business opportunity for a lot of unemployed youth.

This morning, as I was coming from Mombasa, I saw a big dumpsite and all I could see is income. When I go to Nakuru there is a timber yard and also another dumpsite; all I could see is money. It is important that the Senate intervenes to support the petitioner in implementing this project so that we can do more consultation as the petitioner is seeking, to enable us come up with legislation that will guide this country and not just Murang'a County.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I commend NEMA for having taken away all the plastics. It is time for us to instill the knowledge of recycling into the culture of this country.

With those few remarks, since I can see the warning light is already yellow, I fully support him on point A, B and C. It requires public participation so that it can give millions of unemployed youth an opportunity to make money, by converting that waste into manure which can be packaged and sold worldwide.

STATEMENTS

ALLEGED OUTSTANDING LAND DISPUTE BETWEEN TAITA SISAL ESTATE AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Yes, Sen. Olekina.

Sen. Olekina: Mr. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to Standing Order No.46 (2) (b) I rise to seek a Statement from the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Land Environment and Natural Resources, regarding the long outstanding land dispute between Taita Sisal Estate and the local community within Taita Taveta County over the land parcel numbers; LR. 3890/5,1137, 86924 and 9487, totaling to an acreage of 30,284 acres.

In the Statement, the Chairperson should explain the steps taken by the Government to resolve the land dispute between Taita Sisal Estate and the local community indicating the current ownership status of the said parcel of land.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the Statement, the Chairperson should state when the long awaited access to land ownership documents and titles by residents of Mwatate in particular, Singida Majengo area, will be accomplished.

The Chairperson should also explain why the Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Housing and Urban Development gave two conflicting sets of recommendations concerning ownership of the said parcel of land in the Report which was issued in June 2017 and another on September 2017.

Finally in the Statement, the Chairperson should confirm to this House when the recommendation of the joint surveyor report on the land in question will be implemented.

Sen Olekina: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I just wanted to remind the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Lands Environment and Natural Resources – I know he is busy – that there was a statement which had already been issued by the previous Minister for Lands and Physical Planning. He issued two reports in particular concerning this parcel of land. So, my request is whether he can take seven days, because this issue had already been dealt with; it is just that it is conflicting. Alternatively, we can

get a preliminary statement in seven days and then the full report in two weeks. That will be fine with me.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Chairperson?

Sen. Mwangi: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I do not think there is much difference about time. These statements are taking a little bit longer. I explained that the whole of yesterday afternoon, I had time to sit with the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning and the Chairman of the NLC and requested that we should be receiving the statements in good time. I do not think I can do more than that. Two weeks will be adequate because I am dealing with many statements.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Very well, it is okay, Chairperson; it is understood. I direct that you respond in two weeks.

Let us hear the Senator for Kwale County.

Sen. Olekina: Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you for giving me an opportunity to ride on the statement by the distinguished Senator for Kirinyaga. I would like the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Lands, Environment and Natural Resources, in his response, to let this House know how many forest officers are deployed to the Mau Forest which is being destroyed on a daily basis. I thank you.

Sen. Olekina: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I had consultations with the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations, Sen. Haji. I have just been given the response and I will need time to interrogate it to know whether it is appropriate or not. We have agreed that he issues it tomorrow.