

PARLIAMENT OF KENYA**THE SENATE****THE HANSARD****Wednesday, 15th May, 2019***The House met at the Senate Chamber,
Parliament Buildings, at 2.30 p.m.**[The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka) in the Chair]***PRAYER****COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR****VISITING DELEGATION FROM SHADRACK KIMALEL MIXED
SECONDARY SCHOOL, NAIROBI COUNTY****Sen. Olekina:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, Sir.**The Speaker** (Hon. Lusaka): What is your point of order, Sen. Olekina?**Sen. Olekina:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I was just curious whether that Statement by Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr. has already been dispensed with fully.**The Speaker** (Hon. Lusaka): From where I sit, I did not see any more interest. That is why I moved to the next Statement. My screen did not have---**Sen. Olekina:** I just thought that as Members of the Committee on Energy, it is important for us to give our input.

When we are also talking about the Teacher Training institutions (TTIs) as the way forward, this is one of the other ways where we can have all these students trained as teachers with the D+ to get into careers where we also have an issue in the Northern Eastern area where they do not seem to have enough teachers. Therefore, if they have these students who have enrolled and they are ready to be teachers, and more so, in those area, then I do not understand why we are doing away with this affirmative action.

The Ministry of Education must be held to account. We expect nothing less from the Committee on Education but a very thorough investigation into this. We must know what has caused this kind of decision and what exactly this Ministry is doing or not doing.

*(Interruption of debate on statements)***COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR****VISITING DELEGATION FROM OUR LADY OF**

CONSOLATA MUGOIRI GIRLS SCHOOL

Sen. Olekina: Mr. Speaker, Sir, from the onset, I would like to welcome the students. It is quite interesting that we are talking about these students yet we have a Ministry of Education which seems to be misguided on how to build the future generation. I went to Narok High School which was by then very poor. I graduated with a mean grade of C+ and got admitted to the university. When I was in the university in the United States of America (USA), I managed to improve my grade to 4.0.

Although a house that is built on shaky ground sometimes may not stand but we, the pastoralists, which this policy is targeting, go through hardship even to go through primary school. You might come there bold with a policy but you are completely misguided. This House cannot stand with such policies. We have to defend our people. What will we tell those youths? If we do not defend the youths who were sent home because they had a mean grade of D+, the level of crime; call it *Al Shabaab* or *Mungiki*, will skyrocket. What will we be doing then? It is completely ludicrous. We have to change that. We cannot allow certain Government policies to destroy our economy.

The future generation depends on our support. I hope and trust that the Chairperson of the Committee on Education will take up this matter fully. It is high time that you invited those Cabinet Secretaries to come and tell us what is it that they smoke in the morning before they come up with these policies.

(Laughter)

This country is becoming theatrical. Today, a Cabinet Secretary is appointed and then he comes out and says, from today, everybody should go home. Where do they go? They will start knocking on your doors and we will not stop them from doing so. They will walk into your house and take away all the money that you are making. They are making misguided policies.

I hope this House will stand firm and ensure that those students go back to college. Even if they are to refund them their money, the interest should be calculated on a daily basis for all those days they were in those colleges and then maybe, they can fly out of the country and get a future, like I have today.

This is a personal matter and the people who are targeted are pastoralists. We will not allow this to happen.

Sen. Ole kina: Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir. I rise to support this Motion on the report of the consideration of the Warehouse Receipts Systems Bill (Senate Bills, No.10 of 2017)

From the onset, I associate myself fully with the sentiments of my colleagues. I thank Sen. Ndwiga and his Mediation Committee for having stood their ground and for ensuring that whatever happens in this country, this House is part and parcel of it.

I am happy with the fact that when you look at the representation, for instance, the Senate did not agree with the Council of Governors (CoGs) appointing one person in the

county governments to represent the county governments in the council. I am happy with the amendments made to ensure that there are at least two people.

Madam Temporary Speaker, when we talk about devolution, we want more services and resources to go to the people. I am happy that when we talk about warehousing receipts, it is a process where, in future, just like other countries, for example, Brazil, South America, counties and wards will align their existing resources, build their warehouses, support their economies and end all these issues of food insecurity.

If there is any Bill that will propel this great nation into a true manufacturing sector, is The Warehousing Receipt Systems Bill. I am happy that this House has clearly thought out this Bill by first rejecting it as it came from the National Assembly. Therefore, when it becomes law, within a short time, no single Kenyan will be left unemployed.

Madam Temporary Speaker, the issue of credit will become easy. It will become simple because if a person has his or her commodities and the prices are bad, he or she can store them, get a receipt, go to a financial institution, gets some money. When the price is right, he or she can sell it and progress. The gap between the rich and the poor in this country is so wide. It is only this House that will ensure that we narrow it.

Madam Temporary Speaker, in the first 10 years of the former President Moi's era, this country grew and developed a bigger middle class. The agricultural sector became much more productive. I do not know what happened that things are now going down. However, I appreciate the words of the Senate Majority Leader who said that we, as Senators, should be proud of the work that we are doing here. We should take every minute to ensure that we fight for our counties and for devolution, so that we can support our country.

Madam Temporary Speaker, the issue of mediation is something of give and take. I have looked at the report and seen some of the things that we let go. However, I am quite pleased with the work that Sen. Ndwiga and his Committee did in ensuring that the majority of the amendments passed by this House went through. It showed the difference between those people who pay attention to detail versus the ones who become voting machines.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I assure the Senate Majority Leader in that Mediation Committee that we will sit in, I will ensure that county governments get money. I am happy that I sit in County Public Accounts and Investment Committee (CPAIC). I will also ensure that governors account for that money. It is true that if counties steal a lot of money, we will see. So, unless we follow to see what is happening in the county governments, a lot of money will disappear in the national Government. This is because more corruption is in the national Government.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I assure Kenyans that the basis of discussion in the Mediation Committee on Division of Revenue Bill shall begin from Kshs335 billion that we passed in this House.

Madam Temporary Speaker, the issue of the Managed Equipment Services (MES) it is a total mess. If mediation will start by them telling us that we must bring this in, then they, first of all, must account to what happened to all the billions that were deducted from the county governments yet they did not know. The pace set by Sen. Ndwiga and

his Committee; we will take it a notch higher to ensure that this House will forever be respected.

Madam Temporary Speaker, these are interesting times. However, it can only get interesting when we pay attention to detail and continue to do our job diligently and make the people who elected us proud, so that they can give us a second chance.

I support.