

PARLIAMENT OF KENYA

THE SENATE

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 12th June, 2019

*The House met at the Senate Chamber,
Parliament Buildings, at 2.30 p.m.*

[The Deputy Speaker (Sen. (Prof.) Kindiki) in the Chair]

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

VISITING DELEGATION FROM PRECIOUS BLOOD
RIRUTA GIRLS SCHOOL, NAIROBI CITY COUNTY

Sen. Olekina: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. I will be brief and to the point. I am a little bit perplexed on this issue of West Pokot County, reason being that when we want to Uasin Gishu County, this issue of the deputy governor was brought to our attention. I remember that we questioned the Governor in our Committee of County Public Accounts and Investments on whether the deputy governor had deserted his duties or absconded his duties.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, it is important for us to note the difference between those two terms. The way I understood the petitioners, they are saying that the deputy governor has absconded his duties. I am, therefore, not so sure whether that is the case, because the Governor of West Pokot, who is the former Senator of that County, told our Committee that he had given the deputy governor permission to be out of the country. We, therefore, need to differentiate those two; on whether someone who has been elected in the same ticket with the governor can then now be considered as an employee of the governor. This is because when we look at the law, Section 35 of the Elections Act of 2007, it stipulates on how a person who absconds duty should be dealt with. These are the issues that we must canvass and figure out on how to streamline them.

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. (Prof.) Kindiki): Very well.

Sen. Olekina: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I know that we are in a rush to vote, but this is a matter that this House must sit down and look at, so that if a deputy governor leaves---

We know there was that law which I think was sponsored by Sen. Wamatangi; the Assumption of the Office of the County Governors Bill. I am sure that we dealt with the issue of when the officer of the deputy governor becomes vacant---

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. (Prof.) Kindiki): Order, Sen. Olekina. We are not debating this matter; it is just observations.