

# PARLIAMENT OF KENYA

## THE SENATE

### THE HANSARD

**Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**

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*The House met at the Kitui County Assembly  
Chamber, Kitui Town, at 2.30 p.m.*

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

#### PRAYER

**Sen. Olekina:** Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. I rise to support the Procedural Motion to adjourn this debate. I agree with my colleagues that this is a very sensitive matter. This is a matter where corruption is written all over it. I think it is about time we started telling the truth in this country.

I was particularly concerned about the composition of the Membership. We are a House of union and I think it is imperative that Kenyans out there can see that the issues that we are discussing are representative. When we went to Samburu, it was a shame because those medical equipment were still in containers. When I looked at the membership of the *ad hoc* committee, in fact, I asked my leader why this was like this. The issue was that this matter needed to be dealt with by the Committee on Health. Let us call a spade a spade.

Martin Luther King once said that injustice and corruption will never be transformed by keeping them hidden but only by bringing them out in light and confronting them with the power of love. We love this county so much and we love our people and even if we are Members of the same House, where we think that there is some injustice, it is important to call a spade a spade.

All of us have information how this mess has become a mess. I remember when we were seated in a Committee and we had the Controller of Budget whom we asked to tell us where there is an agreement between the national Government and the county government in terms of Article 189 of the Constitution, when a function has been transferred from one level of government to the other. She could not give us an answer. She was upset because we are now dealing with issues which were very sensitive. I remember asking the National Treasury to tell us how money is being sent from the

national Government to pay for devolved functions under the county government. They did not respond.

Corruption is really dishonesty in this country, and I think the only way that we can be able to really get to the truth of this matter is if we remain with the level of integrity that we have had in this House. I would plead with the leadership of both sides to really consult even the Members who will be proposed to be included in the Committee so that we can all feel as if this matter is coming to an end.