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

[The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka) in the Chair]

PRAYER

Sen. Olekina: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I thank you. I also rise to support the Motion of establishing a select Committee to hear the matter of impeaching the Governor of Kiambu County.

What we are witnessing today is very interesting. I would like to request the Hon. Members, the distinguished Senators from the majority side to be able to listen because Kenya is watching. Like my colleagues had stated earlier, impeachment is about someone's life on the line. We will have an opportunity to determine whether to approve this Motion or not.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, earlier on, I felt that it was necessary to have this process in the plenary, but I was convinced otherwise. When Senators are speaking to this matter because it is very emotive, they should be given an opportunity to express themselves. There is no point of us gagging Members who want to express their views. At the end of the day, we will be able to express our views through the vote. Our Standing Order No.76 is very clear.

Earlier on, I was listening to the submission made by Sen. Mwaura and I felt that some of the issues he raised could be prejudicial. That is my view. We are not here today to determine the merits or demerits of the impeachment process, but to approve a list that has been tabled before this House. We are here to approve the list. We either adopt a Select Committee or we do it in plenary.

*(Several Senators stood up in their places
and consulted loudly)*

Mr. Speaker, Sir, please, protect me.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Order, Members! Take your seats. Continue, Sen. Olekina.

Sen. Olekina: Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a very emotive matter. My time is being interrupted by a lot of consultation.

I appeal to the Members, who have been proposed to serve in this Select Committee, that integrity is not bought. You either have it, or you do not have it. This is a very important task. If this House approves them to serve in that Committee, then they should determine the matter of impeaching Governor Waititu with integrity. They should not allow anything else to confuse them during that process. Instead, they should preserve the integrity of this House.

The issues of Jubilee, independent candidate or KANU, can be dealt with by the majority side. This is a House of reason and we should prove that to the 47 million Kenyans. We should show them that we stand for a fiducial responsibility and not personal interest or political party's interest.

(Applause)

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Who is seconding?

Sen. Olekina: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I second.