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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 rise to support the Petition by Gov. Sang. One of the things that baffle me is the first Government of the Republic of Kenya. It actually made the colonial Government look like philanthropists.

If you look at the issues that have been raised by Gov. Sang, one of the things that bother me is the role of ADC and land which is still owned by ADC. If you go out there and ask the poor people who live in Nandi or even in Maasailand if they know anything about ADC, they will tell you that ADC is a Government state agency that was formed to enrich a few people.

I remember a few years ago, there was a case where it was alleged that the former powerful Minister, hon. Nyachae, bought over 17,000 acres of land from ADC at a cost of Kshs343,000, at the expense of the poor Kenyans. I do not think there is any reason to deliberate further on this matter. ADC is dead as an institution. In Laikipia, the Samburu land which is managed by ADC has been taken by powerful individuals.

There is no reason why Kenyans should be suffering and living in the cliffs. In fact, one of the recommendations that maybe this Senate should consider is the proposal that the land owned by ADC should be subdivided and given to poor Kenyans who are living up the hills.

The corporation was set up to advise us on the best practices in dairy farming and beef production, among others. However, when you go to those farms now, you will find that most of them are owned by former powerful people who made up the successive governments.

The Committee that will look into this Petition by Gov. Sang should extend their findings to know how many people own ADC lands and the acreage, so that poor Kenyans who have now become squatters can be given an opportunity to also live a life like every other person.

Mr. Speaker Sir, COVID-19 has shown us one thing; that it does not matter the amount of money you have because we are all equal. What we need to do is to find a way. This Senate must rise to the occasion and find out how to defend those poor people who were made squatters by our own governments.

come before this House and it has not been resolved. Sen. Mwangi has handled this in the Standing Committee on Lands, Environment and Natural Resources Committee. It has not been resolved.

Today is 7th July, 2020; *Saba Saba*. I have hundreds of Nairobians arrested for doing peaceful demonstrations because of the freedom that we enjoy today because of *Saba Saba*. Some things must begin to change.

We cannot talk about the ADC land. We know the story of ADC. Sen. Wetangula knows ADC in Bungoma and Trans Nzoia counties. We know the stories. We can decide to be coming here for poetry and fun or decide to be decisive as a House and calling justice where it is injustice and be very resolute in the decisions we make. Sen. Mwangi, the ball is in your court.

Sen. M. Kajwang', you have given good proposals, but you are now a Chairperson of the most important Committee in this House; the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations. Do something different on your Motion from those who have been Chairpersons before.