

PARLIAMENT OF KENYA

THE SENATE

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 4th August, 2020

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

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

PRAYER

Sen. Olekina: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. We do not live in oblivion. We know what is happening in this country. Some of us wake up at 3.00 a.m. to read news. We do see what is being portrayed outside there. I was shocked to see a big banner on a highway targeting my colleague, Sen. Sakaja. These are things that are outside there.

The Senate Majority Leader asked me to substantiate my claims and I shall do so. When I came into this House, I met the distinguished Senator in his office. Very few people know that he spent part of his night in this *Bunge* for him to be safe. We are all mortal beings and no one will live forever. What we are doing here is a duty. We were elected to come here and defend our people. I defend my colleague because I care about the people of Nairobi City County that he represents.

I will not respond to the statement by Sen. Cherargei because I did not make that statement in this House. He can ask me to respond to it in another platform and I shall do it.

When we adjourn, we should unite this country and not divide it. We should not go down in history as the House that was controlled by some remote control device. We were elected, therefore, there should be a difference between elected leaders and somebody who is appointed out there to call the shots.

I will be very happy if this country---

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. (Prof.) Kamar): Sen. Olekina, are you on a point of order on the adjournment of debate, a contribution, or what is it because we need to agree on a way forward?

Sen. Olekina: Madam Deputy Speaker, I do not blame you because you just walked in. Your brother, the Speaker, had given me an opportunity to comment on---

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. (Prof.) Kamar): Were you to substantiate some allegations?

Sen. Olekina: Madam Deputy Speaker, when I was making my comments, I made statements which I was required to substantiate. That is what I was doing so that my comments would be clear in the HANSARD.

My last comments are as follows: Let us take this opportunity to look at the amendments. If we do not have facts, there are so many institutions in this country, which can guide us, for example, the Kenya Bureau of Statistics (KEBS). We want to unite this country and not divide it.

I support.