PARLIAMENT OF KENYA

THE SENATE

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 17th December, 2020

Special Sitting

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The House met at the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings, at 2.05 p.m.

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

PRAYER

Sen. Olekina: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I just want to seek some clarifications in regards to the trip to New York. The first clarification is on the approvals of the trip to New York, which document has been tabled, that it was approved by State House. I have seen the signature of the Head of Public Service. If that can be clarified, I will be happy.

Secondly, I seek clarification on the issue of the bursary fund, which a document has been tabled indicating clearly that, that was stopped. I want to know at what point the Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) was stopped.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Sen. Olekina, you know you must direct the question to somebody.

Sen. Olekina: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to seek clarifications on two things. I am directing my clarification to the County Assembly because they are the ones who have brought up the case.

First, were you able to look at the documents and were you satisfied with the documents that the trip to New York was actually approved by State House and not by the County Executive?

Two, can you tell us where you got those documents that you presented showing the transactions of the Kshs297.5 million for bursaries because they were not certified to have come from a bank?

Finally, on the issue of stoppage of the funds, were you able to provide other statements to indicate how the Kshs297 million was spent? The last question, which I am directing to the governor is on the spending of the Kshs297.5 million, which you have indicated in your statement that it was stopped. What happened to that money at that particular time? Did it remain at Central Bank or at the County Revenue Fund?

If you can clarify those, I will be happy.