

# PARLIAMENT OF KENYA

## THE SENATE

### THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

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

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

#### PRAYER

#### PAPER LAID

**The Speaker** (Hon. Lusaka): Deputy Senate Majority Leader, you need to lay a Paper.

#### REPORT OF THE CONTROLLER OF BUDGET ON COUNTY GOVERNMENTS BUDGET REVIEW

Thank you very much and God bless us all.

*(Applause)*

**Sen. Olekina:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, let me join my colleagues. First of all, let me thank you for giving me this unique opportunity to express my condolences to the people of Tanzania, and the Government of Tanzania for the loss of their beloved President.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, someone once said that truth is like a lion. You do not have to defend it. You let it loose and it shall defend itself. What we have learnt from the late His Excellency John Pombe Magufuli was that as a public servant and as a head of Government, you ought to find local solutions to local problems.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the late President Magufuli will be remembered by many as a person who loved his country. As a leader, he believed you are only given a very short time to serve and be remembered for what you have done.

Some of the most controversial things that I remember that Magufuli did, which the Executive, Parliament and the Judiciary should learn from is that he reduced his Cabinet from 30 to 19 and curbed lavish government spending, which the three arms of Government thrive on. He also reduced a delegation from 50 to 4 Members to curb on lavish spending in his government. Those are things that any leaders should do.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, when I heard that the late Magufuli had suspended the spending of lavish budgets during World International Aids Day, it shocked me. However, when I heard the responses as to why he did so, then I said one day when I become the President of this country, I will do the same.

