

PARLIAMENT OF KENYA

THE SENATE

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 6th May, 2021

Special Sitting

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*The House met at the Senate Chamber,
Parliament Buildings, at 10.00 a.m.*

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

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INTERNS TAKING PART IN THE SENATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMM

Sen. Olekina: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Allow me to share my experience with these young men and women. In 1994, I was given an opportunity to work as an intern at Reuters International and while there, we started a program called African Journal. My adopted father, Jared Williams, asked me to stand behind him and watch everything that he did. I did that and I credit my success in life to what I learnt as an intern.

I challenge them to think out of the box. They should ask themselves what they need to do as interns. An intern needs to take in what the mentor is doing then do it better. They have an opportunity that we did not have. This is where we make laws. It is about time that they immerse themselves into the art of research. They should not wait to be told what they should do.

In the corporate world, an intern is perceived as a coffee person. I did that in the United Kingdom. They now have an opportunity to change their future. They should make friends who will be meaningful to their lives when they are here. I sit in the Committee on Health and we are dealing with issues that require the national approach. They should do research and ask themselves what they can do better. They have a lot of time and they can carry out research that can enrich our discussions in this House.

They have an opportunity to determine how the Members contribute in this House. They should talk to the Clerks of the Committees and find out how they can help in research. They can even suggest to assist in drafting the letters of invitation. That will propel them to greater things. I welcome them and challenge them to continue using us.

They can either come back or move to the Civil Service where they can leave a mark. At the end, they will remember that their journey started here.

BILL

Second Reading

THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020

(Sen. Poghisio on 28.4.2021)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on 4.5.2021)