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

PRAYER

PETITIONS

REPORT ON PETITION: RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES IN RANGE MANAGEMENT AND ANIMAL PRODUCTION COURSE

Sen. Ndwiga: Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, I wish to table a report on a Petition to the Senate by Mr. Isaac Mwangi Mugo and Mr. Njiraini Wanjohi, seeking the recognition of graduates of Range Management Course, to treat livestock diseases and offer related extension services.

This is quite an extensive report, but I need to summarize it. Yes, we received this Petition. It was referred to us and we met the petitioners who informed us that they were trained in range management, and for some period, were allowed to do extension services.

Along the line, there was legislation that passed barring range management graduates from offering animal health services. There was also established a special course at the Animal Health and Industry Training Institute (AHITI) to retrain range management students, who had been barred from offering animal extension services.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, we talked to AHITI and they confirmed to us that the range management graduates had done less than 200 hours in training, but the new regulation required that one had to do in excess of 600 extra hours. So, they established a course for range management students to go back to AHITI and redo the extra hours, for them to be allowed to give animal health services.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the report.

(Sen. Ndwiga laid the document on the Table)

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Next is the report by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources. He is not here.

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Sen. (Dr.) Musuruve, what is it?

Sen. (Dr.) Musuruve: Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your permission, I would be interested in giving a quick comment concerning this particular report.

When it comes to issues of animal treatment, there is a course in Medicine, where eventually, people become veterinary doctors. They take six years to qualify. I am just wondering whether this range management course takes the same number of years. Also, when it comes to the curriculum and the nitty-gritty, does it meet what is required to be a veterinary doctor? There is need to interrogate. I do not know whether the report interrogated that.

Thank you, for the opportunity.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Okay. Chairperson of the Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources--- Sen. Wambua, we want to limit this because we have---

The Chair of the Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources, I had called you. Where are you?

Sen. Wambua, kindly, proceed.

Sen. Wambua: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I respect the sentiments expressed by Sen. (Dr.) Musuruve on the matter of the training of Vets to offer animal extension services. I sit in that Committee and would encourage Sen. (Dr.) Musuruve to read the Report and then maybe raise any issues because what she is asking has been properly covered in that Report.

I thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Sen. (Dr.) Mbitio, kindly, proceed. Since he is not here, it is deferred.

PLIGHT OF SEED FARMERS IN TRANS-NZOIA COUNTY

(Petition deferred)

Next Order.

PAPER LAID

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE NPSC FOR FY 2018/2019

Sen. Dullo: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Senate, today, Thursday, 17th September, 2020-

The National Police Service Commission Annual Report for the Financial Year 2018/2019.

(Sen. Dullo laid the document on the Table)

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Next Order.

STATEMENTS

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Sen. (Dr.) Mbiti is not in the Chamber. Therefore, we defer the Statement.

BOOSTING OF DOMESTIC TOURISM IN KENYA

(Statement deferred)

Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka, kindly, proceed.

TRANSFER OF MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF KMC TO MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka: Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you, for giving me this opportunity. I rise to pursuant to Standing Order No.48(1) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding the transfer of ministerial responsibility of Kenya Meat Commission (KMC) to the Ministry of Defence.

In the Statement, the Committee should address the following key issues or questions-

- (1) Explain what informed the transfer of the KMC to the Ministry of Defence.
- (2) State how long the transfer of KMC to the Ministry of Defence will be in effect.
- (3) State the implication of the transfer of the meat processing facility to the Ministry of Defence on management of Agriculture, specifically livestock matters as devolved function by county governments.
- (4) Explain whether public participation was ever conducted before KMC was transferred to the Ministry of Defence.
- (5) State the legal instrument used to transfer the KMC to the Ministry of Defence.

I thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Sen. Dullo, kindly, proceed.

Sen. Dullo: Mr. Speaker, Sir, let me take this opportunity to thank Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka for this Statement. This is an issue where serious consultation should be done as far as the transfer of KMC to the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) is concerned.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I know that we have been having a lot of challenges as far as management of KMC is concerned, but for the pastoralists, especially those who rely on the KMC, it is important. As Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka has requested, public participation should have been done, and also a way forward as far as those who depend on the KMC is concerned--- There should be a clear roadmap on how they will access KMC from now onwards.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I believe that the Committee that will be concerned with this matter should carry out a thorough investigation and also collect views from those who are beneficiaries of KMC before they report this matter to this House. This is because

when people see KDF, most of our people, including most Kenyans, get scared. This is because they do not know what is involved.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, some of us who live in the counties where KDF are claiming land from those counties. If KMC is handed over to KDF, it means that our land issues will be in jeopardy.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is important for the Committee that is relevant with this matter to properly investigate the handing over of KMC to KDF.

I thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Sen. Olekina, kindly, proceed.

Sen. Olekina: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I am a worried person as a Member of this House. This is because it is as if anything that is established under an Act of this House is completely disregarded.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, if history serves me right, and the senior Senator, who was a former military man can attest to this, KMC was established in the late 1950s under an Act of Parliament. Therefore, the best thing that the Attorney-General could have advised the President is to go back to Parliament and then discuss on how to set up an Act of Parliament that can transfer a devolved function. This is because livestock and agriculture were devolved to the county governments. Sen. Mary Seneta has brought several Statements in this House asking when farmers will be paid for the meat that was supplied to the KMC.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have read in the newspapers and been informed - and I believe that the information that I have is accurate - that the KDF is actually one of the biggest users and liabilities to the KMC. There is a figure of about Kshs7 billion that is being mentioned that KDF has never paid.

It shocks me that in this country now, when there is a problem, you do not create a solution, but deepen the problem. If the KDF owes KMC Kshs7 billion and now you have transferred that to them, are you telling us that you will write off that debt? What about the farmers who have supplied meat to the KMC?

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I think this House needs to think about if there is any relationship between the national Government and the county government, or rather where functions seem to cross each other--- I know there is an issue of policy coming from the national Government. However, agriculture and livestock are devolved functions. The best way forward would be to ensure that the 47 counties sit down and discuss on how to devolve the KMC.

If you have the KMC under the Ministry of Defence, how will the people from Isiolo and Narok deliver meat to KMC in a military zone? The last time I checked, a military area is protected. If you are trying to grow business, how do you then do business in a protected area?

Mr. Speaker, Sir, one of the things I would like this Committee to explain is which Act of Parliament allowed the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) to carry out business with civilians. Then, we can know whether we can transfer all the businesses to the KDF. We can take all the collapsing companies to the KDF and see whether they will survive.

We must protect democracy and devolution in this country. We would be failing in our duties if we allow executive orders, which are not advised properly, to rule this country.

I support this Statement.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Sen. Haji, proceed.

Sen. Haji: Mr. Speaker, Sir, for the first time, I disagree with the sentiments expressed. We know that the KMC was one of the thriving industries in this country during Independence. It used to supply meat to Yemen and other Middle East countries. We have now been overtaken by a small country like Malawi, which started its beef industry after independence.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, way back from 1985 when I was the Coast Province Provincial Commissioner (PC), many of the livestock traders could not get their money back for almost a year. I remember coming to Harambee House to see the Chief Secretary, *Mzee Nyachae*, on the plight of these traders. As efficient and considerate as Mr. Nyachae was, I remember him calling the National Bank and the National Treasury asking them to give money to KMC to pay the traders.

(Loud consultations)

Mr. Speaker, Sir, protect us from the hon. Members here. They are turning this House to a market.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Order, Senators!

Sen. Haji: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Government has put in money year after year for KMC to do its work. One of the biggest corruption cases started with KMC because they used to send their officers to buy livestock from our people in North Eastern. There are cases where if a cow cost Kshs10,000, the person buying on behalf of KMC would ask for an extra Kshs5,000, so that the cow is sold at Kshs15,000. This is how KMC has collapsed several times.

(Loud consultations)

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Let us consult in low tones.

Sen. Haji: In spite of the method used to transfer, it was quite in order to save this country, since all our livestock is going to Dagorreti instead of KMC where you could perhaps get better prices.

I support the decision of the President and the Government to transfer KMC to the Military. Major General Badi has proven his ability here in Nairobi. Nairobi is cleaner and safer than it was because of the discipline of the military officer. I read in the newspaper about the support of the Chairman of the North Eastern Livestock organization, Mr. Juba Ali Aane; that the Government has done well to take control of the KMC.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Sen. Faki, you have the Floor.

Sen. Faki: Asante, Bw. Spika, kwa kunipa fursa kuchangia Taarifa ambayo imeombwa Bungeni na Seneta wa Machakos, Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka.

Bw. Spika, KMC ni shirika ambalo kwa muda mrefu limefanya bishara na kuhudumia wakenya. Katika Kaunti ya Mombasa tulikuwa na *depot* kubwa ambamo kulikuwa na wanyama kutoka Somalia wakisafirishwa kwenda masoko ya nje. Kwa muda wa zaidi ya miaka kumi, hatujaona shughuli yoyote ikiendelea katika KMC, Mombasa.

Bw. Spika, swala la kuipeleka KMC kwa Wizara ya Ulinzi ni jambo ambalo linafaa kukemewa. Jambo hili limefanywa kinyume na sheria. KMC ni shirika lililoundwa kisheria; kulikuwa na mswada wa kisheria uliopitishwa ili kuunda KMC. Haiwezi chukuliwa kienyenji na kupelekwa katika Wizara ya Ulinzi bila taarifa yoyote ya kisheria.

Bw. Spika, tunajua ya kwamba kazi ya Jeshi kubwa ni ulinzi wa Kitaifa. Wanalinda mipaka yetu. Kufanya biashara sio moja ya kazi ambazo wanajeshi wanafaa kufanya. Swala hili lazima lichunguzwe kwa undani na Kamati. Kutoka mwaka huu uanze tumeona mashirika kadhaa yakitolewa katika mahali pake na kupelekwa sehemu zingine bila kufuata sheria.

Bw. Spika, Taarifa hii imekuja wakati mwafaka. Jana tulizungumzia maswala ya *Kenya Ports Authority (KPA)*, *Kenya Railways Corporation (KRC)* na *Kenya Pipeline Company Limited (KPC)*, na leo tunazungumzia maswala ya KMC. Yote inaashiria ya kwamba tuna ukiukaji mkubwa wa sheria katika nchi yetu ya Kenya. Kenya ina Katiba na sheria ambazo zinafaa zifuatwe na wote ambao wanahusika na mamlaka ya nchi. Itakuwa ni kupuuza na kudharau mamlaka yetu kama Bunge litakataa kuchunguza na kukemea swala kama hili ambapo tunaona ukiukaji wa sheria unaendelea kuongezeka.

Asante, Bw. Spika.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Sen. Halake, please, proceed.

Sen. Halake: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity. I rise to support the Statement by Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka. It is sad that the use of Executive Orders and Gazettements have become the order of the day. All that is needed to transfer community land to the military is a gazettement overnight. Now, all we need is an Executive Order to transfer KMC functions to the military.

It is sad that the Principal Secretary in charge of livestock in the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries says it is better because the military will provide a market. Is our military now a meat processor and a marketing agency? What kind of commercialization of our military is this that is adding more value? The mandate of KMC is value addition through processing of meat, meat products and marketing. Is our military a meat processor that is going to add value and market our products? If, indeed, it is the military that is the consumer--- We are told to buy Kenya and build Kenya. Can the military buy from a Government agency or the private sector? It is better to privatize it if the Government is not good at doing meat business.

What the Government should be doing any time they are not in a position to do some business is to get out of it. We have a robust private sector. If you look at Farmers Choice and Alpha Fine Foods, we have a robust meat processing private sector. Why not privatize it? We cannot use the non-performance of KMC as an excuse. It is non-performing because it is Government owned, then give it to another Government agency

and expect it to do any better. It is disenfranchising communities that have used this meat processor and this is not right.

Somebody from the Route to Food initiative asked: “Is the military going to be teaching our children going forward?” I agree with his sentiments because at the rate we are going, while we really appreciate what individuals from the military have done, including the Director-General of the Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS), it does not mean that we have to commercialize the military.

I think that as this House, we should take exception to that and make sure that we do not accept these kinds of things. It does not make commerce, food security, or agricultural sense. It is even better if it had gone to the Ministry of Trade, but not the military. It baffles me to think that our military is now meddling in meat processing. This is especially coming from an area where that is the only industry feeding into the livestock. We take exception. Why could it not have been privatized? It is a legitimate option that could have been taken.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I support and hope that when the Committee is doing that, it will invite some of us to be part of the process.

I thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Sen. Wambua.

Sen. Wambua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to support this Statement by my brother, Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka. I want raise two issues. The idea that everything that does not seem to be working should be given to the military to manage is very dangerous. As the son of a military man, I know that the military is best kept in the barracks. Their engagement with civilian activities should be very measured and with clear objectives. They get in there, achieve the objectives and go back to the barracks.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the decision to transfer the functions of an institution established in the Ministry by an Act of Parliament through an Executive Order sets a bad precedent. The KMC is an institution that deals with livestock, which falls under agriculture that is a fully devolved function. Therefore, this Senate must make certain demands before this order is finalized.

One of the demands that this Senate can make is that full disclosure be made on the decisions that informed the transfer of functions of KMC to the Ministry of Defence. Secondly, it would be important for this Senate to demand that the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives appears before this Senate before he does the final handover of the functions of the KMC to the Ministry of Defence.

We have seen what happened with the deed of transfer of the County Government of Nairobi and the Ministry of Devolution and Planning. Even before the ink that signed the deed of transfer dried up, there were issues of conflict of interest and inability to deliver services.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I support this Statement and urge this House to make those demands. Let us make sure that proper procedures are followed before these functions are transferred.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Sen. (Eng.) Mahamud.

Sen. (Eng.) Mahamud: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Let me support this Statement by Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka. The KMC was established by an Act of Parliament, and

to the best of our knowledge, it has not been repealed. It was established for a purpose. However, over the years, the Government neglected it. In fact, it stopped having the purpose that it had. Instead of funding it, the Government has now transferred it to the Ministry of Defence. I do not understand how a parastatal gets transferred to our military. The idea of militarizing our institutions should stop. Even if it was done, there must be proper public participation.

We know that the KMC was not functioning properly because there was a funding problem. It should have been commercialized and given to the private sector to run. For many years, that has been the debate. When the National Rainbow Coalition (NARC) came to power in 2003, they decided to open and fund it. However, they did not allocate funds to it.

Instead of commercializing and making it a private entity, where the private sector can run it properly, we hand it over to the military. It is now going to be a military institution. I do not know how farmers will deliver their animals there because it will be a guarded area. I think a proper procedure must be followed so that Kenyans understand how this transfer is done and how it will function.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to support.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Sen. Madzayo.

Sen. Madzayo: Asante, Bw. Spika. Ningependa kuunga mkono Taarifa hii. Kazi ya wanajeshi wa Taifa letu---

Sen. Haji: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): What is your point of intervention, Sen. Haji?

Sen. Haji: I am sorry to interrupt my brother, but all over the world, the military does business. They do farming. I have been to Egypt, where the military makes furniture and carpets, and sell them. Therefore, it is not only Kenya that is trying to industrialize its army.

Sen. Madzayo: Asante sana baba yangu kwa kunipatia wasia huo. Uliyoyasema ni kweli kabisa. Tangu utotoni tunajua kwamba wale ambao hubeba bunduki ni askari ili kutulinda sisi. Tukiona waliova nguo za kijani kibichi, tunajua ni wanajeshi wetu ambao hulinda mipaka yetu na kuhakikisha usalama wa nchi.

Ninashukuru sana kwamba katika maeneo ambayo baba yangu, Sen. Haji, ameweza kutembea, ameona maswala kama hayo yakiendelea. Lakini hapa Kenya, ni mara ya kwanza kihistoria kuona wanajeshi wakihusika na mambo ya kuuza ng'ombe. Hata Wakenya wenyewe watahangaa sana wakiwaona wanajeshi wakiuza ng'ombe.

Tabia kama hii tumeona hivi majuzi. Wale walio katika vyo vya kijeshi wanapewa makazi ya utawala. Utawala ni tofauti na kuwa mkubwa wa majeshi. Ukirudi kwa barabara na kuanza kutawala, ule utamu utauhisi, ni mtamu sana. Tukiendelea hivi, wanajeshi watajiunga na siasa na kwingineko. Hatima ya mambo haya, watakuja kujitwalia mamlaka kimabavu.

Si vizuri tuwakubalie kusimamia KMC na kuuza nyama kwa nchi nyingine na kuhesabu ng'ombe na mbuzi ni wangapi ni jambo tunalipinga kwa sababu halifai.

Huo mkataba pia ni makosa na kinyume cha Sheria, kwa sababu, hakuna wananchi wowote walioulizwa, katika uhusishwaji wa uma: "Je, nyinyi kama Wakenya

mnataka huu uuzaji wa ng'ombe na nyama ufanywe na wanajeshi?" Kama kulikuwa na majadiliano kama hayo, hatuyaoni wala kuambiwa.

Ninapinga zaidi. Asante.

Sen. Cheruiyot: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. This is an issue of great concern to the citizens of this country. Under the State Corporations Act, it provides for the procedure and process of how you wind up a parastatal and transfer it from one Ministry to the other. All these things have been happening in the country, and not only at the Kenya Meat Commission (KMC).

I wish to bring to the attention of colleague Senators that such things have also been happening in the energy sector with the merger of Kenya Pipeline Corporation (KPC), Kenya Railways Corporation (KRC), into the Industrial and Commercial Development Corporation (ICDC). This is an old trick that fraudsters have used over the years to disinherit wealth belonging to citizens of Kenya.

The history of the Kenya Cooperative Creameries (KCC) is so well known. While saying this, I recognize the good efforts of our colleague, Sen. Ndwiga. Many people perhaps may not remember what he did during his days as the Minister for Corporative Development, in winning back KCC that had been under-valued and bought by the same people who ensured they brought it down to its knees.

These games that are being played on our parastatals were increasingly used. You deny them funds and good leadership, then after they have collapsed, you buy them at throwaway prices. It is an old tactic that this Parliament must stand up against.

We cannot do these kinds of transfers of public institutions without referring to Parliament. It is a provision under the law and there is a good reason for that. The good reason is because Parliament checks on the excesses of the Judiciary and the Executive because as representatives of the people, we are checked directly by the people. The citizens of Kericho will ask me what I was doing when all these State corporations were being sold to 'sharks' and business people.

It will be a travesty of justice if this Committee does not summon the CS responsible. Let them give us good reason they feel that it is proper for the military to take over, what the long plan is and the security of farmers who will supply. Military officers are trained for combat and not for business. When you supply and there is a dispute, how will you even access the barracks to be able to put in your dispute?

Mr. Speaker Sir, there are many questions that need to be clear because we know the history of parastatals in this country; what has happened to them and what people have done over the years whenever they wanted to profit from taxpayers' money.

We have a similar dispute. Just this morning, we were with the CS in charge of Agriculture trying to sort out the mess that is in the tea sector. This is because in the year 2000, we converted a parastatal known as Kenya Tea Development Authority (KTDA) to become a private company. Twenty years down the line, tea farmers are suffering, and there is nothing the Government can do, because once it goes to private hands, it is so difficult to get it out of them. They become strong and even have the economic power to frustrate the Government. Every opportunity that the Government tries to reverse the messes that are created, they will rush to court and have the financial resources to do it.

Let us learn from previous years' experiences. Any time we want to take a decision on parastatals because they are owned by Kenyans and you cannot call all the 47million of them to a meeting. That is why this Constitution prefers that you sent the same to Parliament, so that their representatives can read, understand and give it a nod of approval. Before that is done, this deal should be stayed in the freezers.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Finally, Sen. (Dr.) Milgo because we have to make progress.

Sen. (Dr.) Milgo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for also giving me this opportunity to support this Statement. It is quite unfortunate that we are taking such a great parastatal that has been assisting our famers to the Defence Forces without any legal framework.

The KMC has been assisting farmers for many years. I even know many business people from my county who have been benefiting from this facility. For many years, we have been praying that this facility should be devolved to the counties. Right now, I think part of it should be right in the pastoralist areas, where there is raw material.

The raw material for KMC is livestock that is found in the counties. It is quite unfortunate that we are reverting these to the defence forces. The defence forces should be engaged in taking care of the livestock that are stolen through cattle rustling from the farmers, so that the farmers are able to supply this raw material to KMC.

One important issue that the Government should have done is to sell shares to the farmers to be able to strengthen KMC. It is quite unfortunate, as my colleagues have spoken, that we have seen KCC collapse. Many of the peasant farmers used to supply milk to KCC and take many of their children to school. Some of us are a product of KCC funding, where farmers used to take their milk.

The KTDA has not been left behind. In fact, the Government has meddled around with issues of KTDA. As we speak, KTDA farmers are just like hawkers in their farms.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a challenge. We are calling upon the Government to reverse this scenario. I think the Nairobi City County has been complaining about the fact that the county has been handed to the Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS) that is run by military personnel. I do not know whether the military has better personnel rather than looking for better skilled man power elsewhere. I am sure that leadership can be found elsewhere other than in the military.

I am sure that taking KMC to the military will cripple it, and eventually, it will be no more. It is not only the pastoralists that will cry, but also many people who have been benefiting from this.

(Loud consultations)

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Senators, let us consult in low tones.

Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka: On a point of Order, Mr. Speaker Sir.

Sen. (Dr.) Milgo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. The military does not have the talent and management skills that can replace going out to look for better managers. The KMC collapsed because of poor management, the way KCC collapsed and the way KTDA is about to be meddled again, so as to collapse because of improper management and mismanagement of the raw materials that were being supplied to these institutions.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is quite a challenge. These are facilities that have been raising the economy of this country, and more importantly, there are many pastoralists in our country who have been surviving and earning their livelihood out of supplying their livestock to this institution. For that reason, we, as the Senate, should stamp our authority and deny the Defence Forces from taking over KMC and any other institution.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): That brings us to the end of the Statement by Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka.

Next Statement is by Sen. (Dr.) Ali.

Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka: On a point of Order, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): What is your point of order?

Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka: If I did not hear you well, Mr. Speaker, Sir, have you committed the Statement to the relevant Committee?

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): It is automatically committed. Those are new regulations for Standing Order No.48.

ABDUCTION AND DISAPPEARANCE OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Sen. (Dr.) Ali: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise pursuant to Standing Order No.48(1) to seek a Statement from the Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding abduction and disappearance of members of the public.

In the Statement, the Committee should-

(1) State measures that the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government has put in place, if any, in an effort to investigate the whereabouts of a taxi driver, Mr. Mahmud Osman, ID No.29579963, who was reported missing on 15th September, 2020.

(2) Outline measures that the Government is putting in place to deal with security personnel allegedly involved in abductions and extrajudicial killings of innocent citizens, with the aim of ensuring that justice is served to the victims.

The abductees used a vehicle, KCY419H, Double Cabin, Silver in colour, whose number plate has now been confirmed to be fake. Mr. Mahmud Osman was taken from South C Hospital, where he was among the taxi drivers who were outside the hospital. Three gentlemen with guns left with him. When the security officer inquired, they threatened him with a gun and disappeared with Mr. Mahmud Osman.

The incident has been reported to Langata, OB No.8515/15/09/2020 at 2235 Hours. We would like to know the whereabouts of Mr. Mahmud Osman and what has been done to him.

Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): I see no interest. The next Statement is by Sen. Wetangula.

I am sorry, it is Sen. Farhiya. You had not placed your card.

Sen. Farhiya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity. Fifty Eight years after Independence, we still have people who abduct other people like thieves. If you have facts that somebody is in a group or for whatever reason you are

abducting that person, why should you not do proper investigations and charge that person in a court of law or book that person in a police station in a clear manner? Why is a Government institution abducting people?

Abducting people is a crime in this country. This needs to stop because they abduct people and no one knows where they are taken. Sometimes, the abducted person is found dead somewhere. These are human beings; they are neither goats nor sheep. People do not even slaughter goats and sheep for no reason. They slaughter them as a source of meat or food and not for the sake of it.

We are human beings. The person who is being abducted has a mother, father, relatives or even children who depend on him or her for livelihood. I do not condone a person involved in criminal activities, but the Government should deal with them in a proper and acceptable manner that is befitting of the 21st Century treatment of human beings. People and their human rights must be protected. You are not a lesser human because you are involved in an activity. Everyone is innocent until proven guilty.

The Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations should deal with this matter expeditiously. Otherwise, we will find Mr. Mahmud Osman dead in Ngong Forest or in another forest. This is unacceptable.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Sen. Haji: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. As the Chairman of the Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations, these questions are very embarrassing. They are embarrassing me as the Chairperson because, as I stand here, I am supposed to answer to the demands by Members of the Senate, while in my county, Garissa Town, four people have been taken in the last two weeks. I understand that they are being held in a military camp.

I have written letters to the Cabinet Secretary and the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) and the answer always is that military people do not arrest civilians.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, remove me from this embarrassment by ordering that the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Coordination of National Government and the Cabinet Secretary for Defence be summoned to appear before the whole House.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Sen. (Prof.) Kindiki, before I make a ruling. Somebody is using his card.

Sen. Wario.

Sen. Wario: Pole, Bw. Spika. Meza zilikuwa zimekaribiana nikabofia ya Sen. (Prof.) Kindiki.

Katika Kaunti ya Tana River tumekuwa katika hali ya hofu kwa sababu kuna vijana walichukuliwa jinsi Sen. Farhiya alisema. Walikuwa wakiendesha gari za aina ya *Probox* wakibeba abiria kutoka Hola mpaka Bura. Tangu vijana hao kuchukuliwa kutoka magari hayo na kupelekwa mahali ambapo hapajulikani, mpaka leo familia hizo ziko kwa majonzi.

Kwa kweli, Sen. Haji ambaye ni Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya *National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations* ambao pia mimi ni mwanachama tumekuwa tukimsumbua, Sen. Haji, tukimuuliza mahali ambapo watu wamepelekwa.

Ni vizuri kuwa Sen. Haji ameongea kinagaubaga leo na kusema kuwa Waziri wa Wizara ya *Interior & Coordination of National Government* aweze kuja mbele ya Seneti hii. Pia mimi kule Tana River County nasumbuliwa na watu ambao vijana wao wamekosekana katika hali ya sintofahamu.

Bw. Spika, kuna mandugu wawili waliuwawa kinyama katika sehemu ya Mnazini. Waliuwawa usiku na watu waliojitambulisha kama polisi. Mpaka siku ya leo, sisi hatujui kama hao watu walikua polisi au walikua majambazi. Kwa hivyo, ni hali ya kutatanisha sana na tumekua katika hali ya hofu.

Nikienda sehemu ya Mombasa kuna watu ambao wamekosekana mpaka leo na hawajulikani mahali walipo. Kule Pwani tuko katika hali tatanishi na vijana wako katika hali ya tahadhari kubwa sana.

Hii taarifa ambayo imetolewa na Sen. (Dr.) Ali ni ya kweli na sisi tungetaka hao Waziri wawili waje mbele ya Seneti hii watueleze mahali watu wetu wako.

Asante Sana.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Thank you very much. I think the issues raised by the Chairperson of the Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations, Sen. (Dr.) Ali and other Members are grave matters concerning human lives. When you get the Chairperson complaining, that means that it is a very serious matter.

Therefore, I am directing that the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Coordination of National Government and the Cabinet Secretary for Defence appear before the Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations on Wednesday, 23rd September, 2020. It is so directed.

Sen. Haji: We have summoned the Inspector General of Police and the Director of Criminal Investigations to appear before the whole House.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Okay. I direct that they appear on Tuesday, 22nd September 2020. It is so directed.

USE OF CHINESE-OWNED SOCIAL MEDIA APPLICATION, *TikTok*

Sen. Iman: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise pursuant to Standing Order 47(1) to make a Statement on an issue of general topical concern, namely, the use of Chinese-owned social media application, *Tik Tok*.

There has been a serious allegation against the application on the issue of data privacy. The application gathers information on the users' country location, internet address and type of device, if allowed. It also ascertains the user's exact location, phone contacts and other social media network connections, as well as age and phone number. All these information is geared towards creating a profile of the user and not targeting advertisement as users presume.

The application is also alleged to know the user's area, what they like and find funny and what they say to their friends. Hackers who could cause all sorts of harm to an individual and can also access this data easily.

In Kenya, the platform has attracted many users since its inception and introduction into the market in 2018. Kenyans share short videos on the platform for

entertainment, while others use it to advertise their products. The question that arises is the safety of the data that Kenyans unknowingly provide to the application regarding themselves.

The application has created a culture of violence, hate speech, bullying and exchange of sexual explicit content, which in some cases, are part of the trending topics with millions of posts. This has raised ethical concerns about the application. It has also contributed negatively to the Kenyan society, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic era when schools have remained closed for a long period of time.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to urge the Standing Committee on Information, Communication and Technology to work with other Government agencies to come up with a policy and legal framework to ensure safe usage of such applications and safeguard the data of Kenyans that is being collected by *TikTok* Application.

I thank you.

Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura: Bw. Spika, naunga mkono Taarifa ambayo imetolewa na Sen. Iman kuhusu *TikTok Application*. Mambo hayo pia yanahusisha zingine kama vile *Facebook*, *Twitter* na kadhalika.

Tunafahamu fikra inayoendelea katika anga za kimataifa. Uchina ni nchi ambayo imeendelea sana kutokana na utengenezaji wa bidhaa nyingi. Ukiangalia bidhaa tulizonazo hapa, utapata kuwa nyingi zimetoka Uchina. Sasa wameanza kuingia katika mambo ya mtandao; kutumia teknolojia katika mawasiliano.

Kampuni nyingi zilizoanzishwa Silicon Valley kule Marekani zilishtakiwa katika anga za kimataifa kwa sababu ya kutokuwa na usiri wa *data* ambayo wanapata kutoka kwa watu ulimwenguni.

Nakubaliana na Sen. Iman kwamba ni vizuri kuangalia jinsi ambavyo *data* inatumiwa hususan kwa mambo ya ununuzi katika soko huria zilizoko ulimwenguni. Hata hivyo isiwe kama vita kati ya iPhone na Huawei. Hii ni kwa sababu Uchina inaingiliwa kwa sababu wameanza kuchukua soko ambazo zilikuwa zimedhaminiwa na nchi za kimagharibi. Isiwe ni kisingizio cha kuwaharibia jina kwa sababu nchi kama Marekani ina bejeti maalum ya kupinga utumiaji wa bidhaa kutoka Uchina.

Tukiangazia takwimu, uchumi wa Marekani ni zaidi ya trilioni USD21. Uchumi wa Uchina ni trilioni USD14.4. Inakisiwa kwamba chini ya miaka 10, uchumi wa Uchina utapita ule wa Marekani.

Nchi za Uropa na Marekani ziliendelea kwa sababu ya kutengeneza bidhaa na kutoa moshi wa kuharibu mazingira. Vile vile, Uchina inataka kuanza kufanya kazi kupitia mitandao. Kwa hivyo, siyo haki kusema kwamba ni kidude kimoja cha nchi fulani kinachotumia *data* visivyo.

Ikumbukwe kwamba humu nchini, kampuni ya Cambridge Analytica ilitumiwa kufanya ukarabati wakati wa uchaguzi. Kwa hivyo, nakubaliana na mwenzangu kuwa waangaliwe. Hawafai kuangazia *TikTok* pekee bali pia *Facebook*, *Twitter*, *Instagram* na *WhatsApp*. Isiwe tuu kwa sababu hii *application* ni ya Uchina.

Sen. Cherargei: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I congratulate Sen. Iman for the Statement she has raised regarding *TikTok* Application which is famous among the young people because you can share a short video. Most people use it for sharing songs among others.

When we had cases of COVID-19 in the country, there is a lady, I think from Kakamega County, who made magical moves to the song *Utawezana*.

It depends on how one uses that application. Generally, the internet should be used to promote our values and principles within our society. The Government of Kenya has allowed every Tom, Dick, and Harry to erode our values and principles because of the internet. Our children are at home because of the COVID-19 pandemic. *TikTok*, *Facebook* and *Twitter* among other social media sites are places where many young people are influenced either negatively or positively.

TikTok is good because I know many young people who have used it to promote their music and other talents. Of course, that is not a guarantee for entry into mainstream media.

Secondly, Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura has alluded to the issue of Cambridge Analytica, where they used it to know ones preference. We heard that it was used for interference during the 2016 Elections in the USA. *Facebook* CEO was summoned by the US Senate. They wanted to understand how Cambridge Analytica used *Facebook* to collect information on preferences of candidates. This matter must be dealt with.

There was an issue between Huawei and iPhone on usage of android among other applications and that has become a matter of concern. My worry with these applications is that they are able to collect much information.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, last year when you facilitated us to visit Vancouver, we met the Committee on Information, Communication and Technology of the Canadian Parliament. They told us that there are many characters that *Facebook* require to know your preference and thinking. That can be used to collect information. That is not good for any country.

Once again, I thank Sen. Iman for bringing this Statement. In as much as social media is good for our young people, we should use it positively.

Finally, as we discuss about the use of *TikTok*, we should not allow curtailing of freedom of expression, which is enshrined in the Constitution. Freedom of information is one of the key issues we must protect.

As we call upon the Government to protect the young people from *TikTok*, *Facebook*, and *Twitter* and the Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology to issue proper policy, we must not allow violation of freedom of information.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the usage of *TikTok* as an application requires much information and character, which should be carefully looked at. I have seen many young people who have used *TikTok* to the benefit of the exploitation of their talents.

Let us also protect our young people from unnecessary influence that will erode our culture and values in this country.

I thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): That is enough regarding that particular Statement.

Hon. Members, the next Statement is by Sen. Moses Wetangula.

What is your point of order, Sen. Olekina?

Sen. Olekina: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am looking at the clock and it is 3.40 p.m. As a Member---

(Loud consultations)

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Order, Senators. Let us consult in low tones.

Sen. Olekina: Mr. Speaker, Sir, as a Member of the Senate Business Committee (SBC), we had agreed that we will suspend the deliberations and then go out there and have a *Kamukunji*, so that the Committee of 12 and the leadership can report to the House on the way forward.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to request that we take this matter seriously because outside there, we are being hit hard; that the Senate is pussy-footing; the Senate is indecisive and is not giving Kenyans what they want.

Arising from what we agreed on in the SBC, right now, I request with all humility that we suspend any other business and go out for a *Kamukunji*, so that we can brief the rest of the Members on the final changes that we agreed on.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, our names are circulating. There is a page that is circulating with signatures, that we agreed to send money to counties. Therefore, I do not see the reason we should proceed with any other business. I mean look at the House! There are small *kamukunji* meetings outside. Can we then now go out and discuss this the way forward, so that we can send money to counties.

I am tired of being hit hard by Kenyans out there; who are being lied to that the Senate is the one which is indecisive. The Senate has made a decision and let us live with it now. We go there. Twelve non-partisan Members have appended their signatures, so that we can send money to the counties.

I would like to request with all humility that we stop any other business in this House today. Let u go out there and give Kenyans the way forward.

Sen. Omogeni: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to second the request by my good friend, the Senator for Narok.

If you go to social media forums, this House is being hit left, right and centre. We cannot pretend that we have more important business to discuss than to decide on this issue of revenue allocation to counties.

I want to request that in the best interests of this country, we should adjourn now; go out to a *Kamukunji* and get a brief from the 12 Committee Members. If we agree or disagree, we will come back to the House, vote and bring this matter to a close.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Order, Senators. You know very well that the Speaker must wait for an issue to be raised. Therefore, Sen. Sakaja, I give you the Floor.

Sen. Sakaja: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to persuade Members to listen. These Members gave me a mandate together with Sen. Wetangula. Today we saw smoke that is white in colour. We have a solution; Kenya has a solution. We have a solution for the Republic of Kenya.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to ask you using Standing Order No. 1. I have consulted with the clerks-at-the-table to just suspend business for 30 minutes so that we update---

(Loud consultations)

We were at the SBC and we agreed to update Members---

(Loud consultations)

Sen. Murkomen: *Endelea tuu!*

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Order, Sen. Murkomen! Order, hon. Members!

Sen. Sakaja: Our report is as it was, Sen. Wambua. Sen. Wambua, I have led your team for more than 18 months, trust me! Trust me!

Hon. Members, we need just 30 minutes, so that we report back. This House gave us the mandate and you are all aware of what we agreed on. We want you to affirm it, come here, vote and give this country a formula.

(Loud consultations)

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Order, Members! Let us be orderly!

This is what I want to communicate. We were in the Senate Business Committee this morning and did agree that the Committee that we gave a task will report to us and after that, reconvene and vote.

Therefore, I am suspending the House for 20 minutes, so that they give us the report and then, we reconvene after 20 minutes.

It is so ordered.

(The House adjourned temporarily at 3.50 p.m.)

(The House resumed at 4.40 p.m.)

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Hon. Senators, I saw a lot of photo sessions. That is the spirit of the Senate; we remain as one Senate.

(Applause)

Welcome back. We have a new Supplementary Order Paper, which is on your gadgets and also a few hard copies. We will go to Order No.6.

Clerk, kindly, proceed.

NOTICE OF MOTION

APPROVAL OF THE THIRD BASIS FOR REVENUE ALLOCATION AMONG THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

(Applause)

Sen. Sakaja: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to give Notice of the following Motion-

THAT, AWARE THAT under Article 217 of the Constitution, the Senate by resolution is required to determine the basis for allocating among the counties the share of national revenue that is annually allocated to the county level of government;

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FURTHER AWARE THAT, the Senate mandated the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget to consider the recommendations of the Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA), and consulted the Cabinet Secretary responsible for Finance and the Council of Governors (CoG), among others and subsequently conducted public participation pursuant to Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution, as documented in the report tabled in the Senate on Monday, 13th July, 2020;

COGNIZANT that the matter of the Third Basis for allocating among the counties the share of national revenue that is annually allocated to the county level of government has evoked robust debate in the Senate and in the nation at large, leading to a series of consensus building initiatives;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that pursuant to Article 217 (1) of the Constitution, the Third Basis for allocating among the counties the share of national revenue that is annually allocated to the county level of government, for the Financial Years 2020/2021 to 2024/2025 shall consist of the Allocation Ratio and the Formula, where-

- (i) **Allocation Ratio** = the shareable revenue allocated to the counties in the financial year 2019/2020.
- (ii) **Formula**= $0.18 * \text{Population Index}_i + 0.17 * \text{Health Index}_i + 0.10 * \text{Agriculture Index}_i + 0.05 * \text{Urban Index}_i + 0.14 * \text{Poverty Index}_i + 0.08 * \text{Land Area Index}_i^1 + 0.08 * \text{Roads Index}_i + 0.20 * \text{Basic Share Index}_i^2$.

Where,

Parameter	Indicator of Expenditure Need
Health services	Health index- health facility-gaps (20 per cent), three years average number of primary health care visits to levels 2 and 3 health facilities (60 per cent) and three years average in-patient days in levels 4 and 5 hospitals (20 per cent) Facility gap factor _i = $\frac{\text{Facility gap funding in county } i}{\sum_{i=1}^{47} \text{facility gap funding in county } i}$ Primary health care factor _i = $\frac{\text{No. of primary health care visits in county } i}{\sum_{i=1}^{47} \text{No. of primary health care visits in county } i}$ In – patient days factor _i = $\frac{\text{No. of in – patient days in county } i}{\sum_{i=1}^{47} \text{No. of in – patient days in county } i}$
Agriculture services	Agriculture Index _i = $0.005 * \text{Minimum Share index} + 0.095 * \frac{\text{Rural households in county } i}{\sum_{i=1}^{47} \text{Rural households in county } i}$
Other county services	Population index _i = $\frac{\text{Population in county } i}{\sum_{i=1}^{47} \text{Population in county } i}$
Minimum share	Basic share index = $0.19 * \text{Equal Share index} + 0.01 * \frac{\text{inverse of population in county } i}{\sum_{i=1}^{47} \text{inverse of population in county } i}$

¹ Land Area capped at 7%

²The formula will use the 2019 population and 2015/16 KIHBS poverty statistics

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Land	Land area index _i = $\frac{\text{Land area in county } i}{\sum_{i=1}^{47} \text{Land area in county } i}$
Roads	Roads index _i = $\frac{\text{Rural access index in county } i}{\sum_{i=1}^{47} \text{Rural access index in county } i}$
Poverty level	Poverty index _i = $\frac{\text{No. of poor people in county } i}{\sum_{i=1}^{47} \text{No. of poor people in county } i}$
Urban service	Urban Index <i>i</i> = $\frac{\text{urban household in county } i}{\sum_{i=1}^{47} \text{Urban Household in County } i}$

Further, the Senate resolves that the Third Basis for allocating among the counties the share of national revenue that is annually allocated to the county level of government for the financial years 2020/2021 to 2024/2025 shall be applied as follows-

(a) Equitable Share for 2020/21 County Allocation = Allocation Ratio + 0(Formula). Meaning each county shall get exactly what they got.

(b) Equitable share for 2021/2022 to 2024/2025 of Kshs370 billion and above, County Allocation = 0.5 (Allocation Ratio) + (((Equitable Share - 0.5 (Allocation Ratio)) (Formula)).

Provided that for the duration of the operation of the Third Basis for allocating revenue among the counties, no county shall receive in any financial year, an amount of shareable revenue that is less than the amount of shareable revenue received by the county in the financial year 2019/2020.

Further, the Senate resolves that pursuant to Article 217(2)(b) of the Constitution, the Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) takes account the resolution of the Senate on the Third Basis for Revenue Allocation and the debate thereon and further take into account additional factors, including pastoralism; the livestock sector; the blue economy; the extractive industries and wildlife and conservation in determining principals and parameters of equitable sharing of national revenue among the counties moving forward.

The Simulation is as follows-

SIMULATION FOR ILLUSTRATION ONLY

Sharing Kshs 370 billion using allocation factor on Kshs. 158.25 billion and the remaining funds using parameters and weights below

Parameter	Weights
population	18%
Health	17%
Agriculture	10%
Urban services	5%
Roads	8%
Poverty	14%
Basic Share	20%
Land area	8% capped at 7%

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No	County	2019/20 Allocation	FY 2020/21 Allocation	100% Allocation at E. share of Kshs.370bn for FY 2021/22	Change between FY19/20 Allocation & Proposed FY 2021/22 Allocation
1	Tharaka-Nithi	3,924.60	3,924.60	4,214.20	289.60
2	Nyamira	4,810.80	4,810.80	5,135.34	324.54
3	Vihiga	4,652.55	4,652.55	5,067.36	414.81
4	Isiolo	4,241.10	4,241.10	4,710.39	469.29
5	Kwale	7,785.90	7,785.90	8,265.59	479.69
6	Marsabit	6,773.10	6,773.10	7,277.00	503.90
7	Mombasa	7,057.95	7,057.95	7,567.35	509.40
8	Lamu	2,595.30	2,595.30	3,105.65	510.35
9	Taita-Taveta	4,241.10	4,241.10	4,842.17	601.07
10	Tana-River	5,855.25	5,855.25	6,528.41	673.16
11	Makueni	7,406.10	7,406.10	8,132.78	726.68
12	Elgeyo-Marakwet	3,861.30	3,861.30	4,606.53	745.23
13	Samburu	4,620.90	4,620.90	5,371.35	750.45
14	Nyandarua	4,874.10	4,874.10	5,670.44	796.34
15	Narok	8,039.10	8,039.10	8,844.79	805.69
16	Nyeri	5,412.15	5,412.15	6,228.73	816.58
17	Embu	4,304.40	4,304.40	5,125.24	820.84
18	Murang'a	6,298.35	6,298.35	7,180.16	881.81
19	Garissa	7,026.30	7,026.30	7,927.21	900.91
20	Wajir	8,545.50	8,545.50	9,474.73	929.23
21	Kirinyaga	4,241.10	4,241.10	5,196.18	955.08
22	Laikipia	4,177.80	4,177.80	5,136.27	958.47
23	Mandera	10,222.95	10,222.95	11,190.38	967.43
24	Kericho	5,380.50	5,380.50	6,430.66	1,050.16
25	Homa-Bay	6,741.45	6,741.45	7,805.35	1,063.90
26	Kisii	7,785.90	7,785.90	8,894.27	1,108.37
27	Busia	6,013.50	6,013.50	7,172.16	1,158.66
28	Siaya	5,791.95	5,791.95	6,966.51	1,174.56
29	Bomet	5,507.10	5,507.10	6,691.10	1,184.00
30	Kisumu	6,836.40	6,836.40	8,026.14	1,189.74
31	Kilifi	10,444.50	10,444.50	11,641.59	1,197.09
32	Migori	6,773.10	6,773.10	8,005.02	1,231.92
33	Baringo	5,095.65	5,095.65	6,369.39	1,273.74
34	West Pokot	5,000.70	5,000.70	6,297.28	1,296.58
35	Machakos	7,754.25	7,754.25	9,162.30	1,408.05
36	Trans-Nzoia	5,760.30	5,760.30	7,186.16	1,425.86
37	Meru	8,039.10	8,039.10	9,493.86	1,454.76
38	Kajiado	6,424.95	6,424.95	7,954.77	1,529.82
39	Kitui	8,830.35	8,830.35	10,393.97	1,563.62
40	Nandi	5,348.85	5,348.85	6,990.87	1,642.02
41	Uasin-Gishu	6,330.00	6,330.00	8,068.86	1,738.86

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42	Bungoma	8,893.65	8,893.65	10,659.44	1,765.79
43	Kakamega	10,412.85	10,412.85	12,389.41	1,976.56
44	Turkana	10,539.45	10,539.45	12,609.31	2,069.86
45	Kiambu	9,431.70	9,431.70	11,717.53	2,285.83
46	Nakuru	10,476.15	10,476.15	13,026.12	2,549.97
47	Nairobi City	15,919.95	15,919.95	19,249.68	3,329.73
		316,500.00	316,500.00	370,000.00	53,500.00

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Hon. Members, I am allowing the reading of Order Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, which will take about two minutes, then we move on to the next Order.

BILLS

First Reading

THE BASIC EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO.10 OF 2020)

(Order for First Reading read - Read the First Time and ordered to be referred to the relevant Senate Committee)

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THE KENYA CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL(SENATE BILLS NO.12 OF 2020)

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THE COPYRIGHT (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO.13 OF 2020)

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THE COUNTY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 14 OF 2020)

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(SENATE BILLS NO. 15 OF 2020)

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MOTION

APPROVAL OF THE THIRD BASIS FOR REVENUE
ALLOCATION AMONG THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Sen. Wetangula: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following Motion-

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FURTHER aware that, the Senate mandated the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget to consider the recommendations of the Commission on Revenue Allocation, and consulted the Cabinet Secretary responsible for Finance and the Council of Governors, among others and subsequently conducted public participation pursuant to Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution, as documented in the report tabled in the Senate on Monday, 13th July, 2020;

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- (ii) Formula=18 per cent Population Index + 17 per cent Health Index, 10 per cent Agriculture Index + 0.05 Urban Index +0.14 Poverty Index + 0.08 Land Area Index+0.08*Roads Index +0.20* Basic Share Index.

Where health index as set out in the index paragraph, facility gap as set out. Primary health care factor as set out. In patient days factor as set out, agriculture index as set out, population index as set out, basic share index as set out. Land area index as set out. Road index, poverty index and urban index as set out.

Further, the Senate resolves that the Third Basis for allocating among the counties the share of national revenue that is annually allocated to the county level of government for the financial years 2020/2021 to 2024/2025 shall be applied as follows-

- (a) Equitable Share for 2020/21

County Allocation = Allocation Ratio + 0(Formula).

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Provided that for the duration of the operation of the Third Basis for allocating revenue among the counties, no county shall receive in any financial year an amount of shareable revenue that is less than the amount of shareable revenue received by the county in the Financial Year 2019/2020.

Further, the Senate resolves that pursuant to Article 217 (2) (b) of the Constitution, the Commission on Revenue Allocation takes to account the Resolution of the Senate on the Third Basis for Revenue Allocation and the debate thereon and further takes into account additional factors including pastoralism, the livestock sector, the blue economy, the extractive industries and wildlife and conservation, in determining principles and parameters of equitable sharing of national revenue among the counties.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a matter that has been canvassed for a very long time. We need not belabour the point. The Motion is as clear as it is.

Sorry, I forgot that there is an allocation Table that is attached to the Motion, which Members can read from the Order Paper.

SIMULATION FOR ILLUSTRATION ONLY

Sharing Kshs.370 billion using allocation factor on Kshs. 158.25 billion and the remaining funds using parameters and weights below

Parameter	Weights
Population	18%
Health	17%
Agriculture	10%
Urban services	5%
Roads	8%
Poverty	14%
Basic Share	20%

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	Land area		8%	capped at 7%	
			100%		
No	County	2019/20 Allocation	FY 2020/21 Allocation	Allocation at E. share of Kshs.370b for FY 2021/22	Change between FY19/20 Allocation & Proposed FY 2021/22 Allocation
1	Tharaka-Nithi	3,924.60	3,924.60	4,214.20	289.60
2	Nyamira	4,810.80	4,810.80	5,135.34	324.54
3	Vihiga	4,652.55	4,652.55	5,067.36	414.81
4	Isiolo	4,241.10	4,241.10	4,710.39	469.29
5	Kwale	7,785.90	7,785.90	8,265.59	479.69
6	Marsabit	6,773.10	6,773.10	7,277.00	503.90
7	Mombasa	7,057.95	7,057.95	7,567.35	509.40
8	Lamu	2,595.30	2,595.30	3,105.65	510.35
9	Taita-Taveta	4,241.10	4,241.10	4,842.17	601.07
10	Tana-River	5,855.25	5,855.25	6,528.41	673.16
11	Makueni	7,406.10	7,406.10	8,132.78	726.68
12	Elgeyo-Marakwet	3,861.30	3,861.30	4,606.53	745.23
13	Samburu	4,620.90	4,620.90	5,371.35	750.45
14	Nyandarua	4,874.10	4,874.10	5,670.44	796.34
15	Narok	8,039.10	8,039.10	8,844.79	805.69
16	Nyeri	5,412.15	5,412.15	6,228.73	816.58
17	Embu	4,304.40	4,304.40	5,125.24	820.84
18	Murang'a	6,298.35	6,298.35	7,180.16	881.81
19	Garissa	7,026.30	7,026.30	7,927.21	900.91
20	Wajir	8,545.50	8,545.50	9,474.73	929.23
21	Kirinyaga	4,241.10	4,241.10	5,196.18	955.08
22	Laikipia	4,177.80	4,177.80	5,136.27	958.47
23	Mandera	10,222.95	10,222.95	11,190.38	967.43
24	Kericho	5,380.50	5,380.50	6,430.66	1,050.16
25	Homa-Bay	6,741.45	6,741.45	7,805.35	1,063.90
26	Kisii	7,785.90	7,785.90	8,894.27	1,108.37
27	Busia	6,013.50	6,013.50	7,172.16	1,158.66
28	Siaya	5,791.95	5,791.95	6,966.51	1,174.56
29	Bomet	5,507.10	5,507.10	6,691.10	1,184.00

30	Kisumu	6,836.40	6,836.40	8,026.14	1,189.74
31	Kilifi	10,444.50	10,444.50	11,641.59	1,197.09
32	Migori	6,773.10	6,773.10	8,005.02	1,231.92
33	Baringo	5,095.65	5,095.65	6,369.39	1,273.74
34	West Pokot	5,000.70	5,000.70	6,297.28	1,296.58
35	Machakos	7,754.25	7,754.25	9,162.30	1,408.05
36	Trans-Nzoia	5,760.30	5,760.30	7,186.16	1,425.86
37	Meru	8,039.10	8,039.10	9,493.86	1,454.76
38	Kajiado	6,424.95	6,424.95	7,954.77	1,529.82
39	Kitui	8,830.35	8,830.35	10,393.97	1,563.62
40	Nandi	5,348.85	5,348.85	6,990.87	1,642.02
41	Uasin-Gishu	6,330.00	6,330.00	8,068.86	1,738.86
42	Bungoma	8,893.65	8,893.65	10,659.44	1,765.79
43	Kakamega	10,412.85	10,412.85	12,389.41	1,976.56
44	Turkana	10,539.45	10,539.45	12,609.31	2,069.86
45	Kiambu	9,431.70	9,431.70	11,717.53	2,285.83
46	Nakuru	10,476.15	10,476.15	13,026.12	2,549.97
47	Nairobi City	15,919.95	15,919.95	19,249.68	3,329.73
		316,500.00	316,500.00	370,000.00	53,500.00

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move and in so moving, want to table the Report of the Committee of 12, so that it becomes part of the record of this debate and this House.

For the record, allow me to acknowledge the Members of the Committee of 12. Sen. Wetangula and Sen. Sakaja as co-conveners, Sen. (Eng.) Mahamud, Sen. Madzayo, Sen. Murkomen, Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr, Sen. Cherargei, Sen. M. Kajwang', Sen. Kihika, Sen. Loitiptip, Sen. Kinyua, and lastly, Sen. Olekina.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to table the Report of the Committee. Without much ado, I just want to thank the House for giving the Committee of 12 an opportunity, the confidence and trust for the Committee to labour for the last 17 sittings of the Committee to come up with this formula. This formula brings to rest a long, protracted, winding, noisy debate in the House and the country that has now come to an abrupt end. This House has risen to the billing as the defender of counties, and in so doing we are giving the country a formula that will work.

Last but not least, I want to salute the Head of State, the leadership of the House, and the House as a whole. The protracted process that we took has been able to bring on the table of our counties an additional Kshs53.5 billion, so it has not been in vain. It has borne fruit. I encourage this House to remain steady and steadfast and to be the last line of defense of the doctrine and tenets of devolution in this country.

I beg to move and invite my nephew, Sen. Sakaja, my Co-convener, to second.

(Sen. Wetangula laid the document on the table)

An. Hon. Senator: Rebel-in-chief!

Sen. Sakaja: Have I heard someone say ‘rebel-in-chief’? No, I am not a rebel; not at all.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to second this Motion and associate myself with the remarks by my uncle, Sen. Wetangula, on this formula. We agreed earlier that Members want to vote, and thereafter, we shall make remarks.

As I second, I want to just mention and hope that you will give me the second bite at the cherry to explain this journey, which was a consensus, a solution for Kenya, a victory for the Senate and not for any side, but for the country, the people of Kenya and for devolution.

I beg to second and ask that as earlier directed, you propose the question and immediately put it so that we vote and discuss it and explain to Kenyans what we have been able to do.

I beg to second.

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Hon. Senators, this Motion concerns counties and, therefore, we are going to vote as delegations.

I will now put the question as follows-

THAT, aware that under Article 217 of the Constitution, the Senate by resolution is required to determine the basis for allocating among the counties the share of national revenue that is annually allocated to the county level of government;

FURTHER aware that, the Senate mandated the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget to consider the recommendations of the Commission on Revenue Allocation, and consulted the Cabinet Secretary responsible for Finance and the Council of Governors, among others and subsequently conducted public participation pursuant to Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution, as documented in the report tabled in the Senate on Monday, 13th July, 2020;

COGNIZANT, that the matter of the Third Basis for allocating among the counties the share of national revenue that is annually allocated to the county level of government has evoked robust debate in the Senate and in the nation at large, leading to a series of consensus building initiatives;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that pursuant to Article 217 (1) of the Constitution, the Third Basis for allocating among the counties the share of national revenue that is annually allocated to the county level of government, for the financial years 2020/2021 to 2024/2025 shall consist of the Allocation Ratio and the Formula, where-

(iii) Allocation Ratio = the shareable revenue allocated to the counties in the financial year 2019/2020.

(iv) Formula = 18 per cent Population Index + 17 per cent Health Index, 10 per cent Agriculture Index + 0.05 Urban Index + 0.14 Poverty Index + 0.08 Land Area Index + 0.08 * Roads Index + 0.20 * Basic Share Index.

Where health index as set out in the index paragraph, facility gap as set out. Primary health care factor as set out. In patient days factor as set out, agriculture

index as set out, population index as set out, basic share index as set out. Land area index as set out. Road index, poverty index and urban index as set out.

Further, the Senate resolves that the Third Basis for allocating among the counties the share of national revenue that is annually allocated to the county level of government for the financial years 2020/2021 to 2024/2025 shall be applied as follows-

(c) Equitable Share for 2020/21

County Allocation = Allocation Ratio + 0(Formula).

(d) Equitable share for 2021/2022 to 2024/2025 of Kshs370 billion and above

County Allocation = 0.5 (Allocation Ratio) + (((Equitable Share - 0.5 (Allocation Ratio)))*(Formula)).

Provided that for the duration of the operation of the Third Basis for allocating revenue among the counties, no county shall receive in any financial year an amount of shareable revenue that is less than the amount of shareable revenue received by the county in the Financial Year 2019/2020.

Further, the Senate resolves that pursuant to Article 217 (2) (b) of the Constitution, the Commission on Revenue Allocation takes to account the Resolution of the Senate on the Third Basis for Revenue Allocation and the debate thereon and further takes into account additional factors including pastoralism, the livestock sector, the blue economy, the extractive industries and wildlife and conservation, in determining principles and parameters of equitable sharing of national revenue among the counties.

I now order that the Division Bell be rung for one minute.

(The Division Bell was rung)

Let us have the Teller for the “Ayes” and the Teller for the “Noes.”

(Loud consultations)

Just for the avoidance of doubt, it is good to have. There could be a law. Sen. Kasanga is for the “Ayes” and Sen. Omanga for the “Noes”.

We can now begin voting.

(Roll Call voting in progress)

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Sen. Orengo, what is your point of order?

The Senate Minority Leader (Sen. Orengo): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on a point of order.

Sen. Loitiptip has a very interesting way of voting; “that, I with my internal and external organs”. Does it mean that we will need to have a clarification when he votes in the future, which parts of the organ are voting?

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): I think next time he will include others that are not external.

(Roll Call voting in progress)

Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

(Loud consultations)

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): You can read the mood of the House.

(Roll Call voting in progress)

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Order, Senators, take your seats.

DIVISION

ROLL CALL VOTING

(Question, that the Senate approves the Third Basis for Revenue Allocation among county governments put and the Senate proceeded to vote by county delegations)

AYES: Sen. (Dr.) Ali, Wajir County; Sen. Boy, Kwale County; Sen. Cherargei, Nandi County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Haji, Garissa County; Sen. (Eng.) Hargura, Marsabit County; Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka, Machakos County; Sen. M. Kajwang', Homa Bay County; Sen. (Prof.) Kamar, Uasin Gishu County; Sen. Kang'ata, Murang'a County; Sen. Khaniri, Vihiga County; Sen. Kibiru, Kirinyaga County; Sen. Kihika, Nakuru County; Sen. (Prof.) Kindiki, Tharaka-Nithi County; Sen. Kinyua, Laikipia County; Sen. (Dr.) Langat, Bomet County; Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe, Samburu County; Sen. Loiptip, Lamu County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. (Eng.) Mahamud, Mandera County; Sen. (Eng.) Maina, Nyeri County; Sen. Malalah, Kakamega County; Sen. Murkomen, Elgeyo-Marakwet County; Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr., Makeni County; Sen. Mwangi, Nyandarua County; Sen. Mwaruma, Taita/Taveta County; Sen. Mwaura, Kiambu County; Sen. (Dr.) Ochillo-Ayacko, Migori County; Sen. Olekina, Narok County; Sen. Omogeni, Nyamira County; Sen. (Prof.) Ongeru, Kisii County; Sen. Orenge, Siaya County; Sen. Outa, Kisumu County; Sen. Poghisio, West Pokot County; Sen. Sakaja, Nairobi City County; Sen. Wako, Busia County; Sen. Wambua, Kitui County; Sen. Wario, Tana River County and, Sen. Wetangula, Bungoma County.

NOES: Nil

ABSTENTIONS: Nil

Tellers of the Ayes: Sen. Kasanga

Tellers of the Noes: Sen. Omanga

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Order, hon. Senators. The results of the Division are follows-

AYES: 41

NOES: Nil

ABSENTIONS: Nil.

(Question carried by 41 votes to 0)

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Hon. Senators, for the convenience of the House, I want to amend the Order so that we also deal with the County Allocation of Revenue Bill and then comments will be made together for both because they are matters dealing with finance.

Let us move to Order No.14.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

EXTENSION OF SITTING TIME

Sen. Khaniri: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise pursuant to the provisions of our Standing Orders and in particular Standing Order No. 31(3)(a).

You realize that we have got only 45 minutes to adjournment of the House. Our Standing Orders are that if we were to extend, you have to raise the Motion, 30 minutes before 6.30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise pursuant to the provisions of that Standing Order and move that the Senate resolves to extend its sitting, until the conclusion of business listed in the Order Paper as Order Nos.13, 14 and 15 in the Supplementary Order Paper.

Deputy Speaker, could you second?

Sen. (Prof.) Kamar: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I second.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Let us now move to Order No.14.

BILL

Second Reading

THE COUNTY ALLOCATION OF REVENUE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO.7 OF 2020)

(Sen. (Eng.) Mahamud on 5.5.2020)

(Resumption of Debate interrupted on 5.5.2020)

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Yes, Sen. Orengo.

The Senate Minority Leader (Sen. Orengo): Mr. Speaker, Sir, since the Bill had been moved and seconded and essentially CARA and the formula are related, am I in order to ask you to call upon the Mover to reply, then we vote and then the comments be made together?

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): The records we have are different because they indicate that the Mover had only spoken for three minutes and the Speaker ruled that the mover be suspended pending the meeting with the CRA on the Formula for the Third Basis for Revenue Allocation. So you move.

Yes, Sen. Murkomen.

Sen. Murkomen: Mr. Speaker, Sir, in that regard, it means the Motion was not moved. Would I be in order then, to request the Mover to move it as amended? Since it had not been moved, we move it as amended. We do not have to go through all these amendments that are in the Order Paper. He can move it together with the amendments. I think that is in order within the Standing Orders.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): This is Second Reading.

The new Chairperson, can you move it.

Sen. Kibiru: But it is 20 pages.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following-

The County Allocation of Revenue Bill (Senate Bill No. 7 of 2020). The amendments are there.

The County Allocation of Revenue Bill (Senate Bill No. 7 of 2020) is prepared in accordance with Article 217 and Article 218 (1)(b) of the Constitution. The Bill guarantees the county governments their respective share or revenue---

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Order, Sen. Kibiru. Could you move it so that the Bill be read a Second Time first?

Sen. Kibiru: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the County Allocation of Revenue Bill (Senate Bills No.7 of 2020) be now Read a Second Time.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the annual allocation to counties is based on the provisions of the Division of Revenue Act (DORA) as required by Section 191(3) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

The Division of Revenue Act, 2020 gives a total allocation of Kshs369.8 billion to county governments for the Financial Year 2020/2021. The allocation of Kshs369.8 billion is an aggregate of the following-

(1) Equitable share of Kshs316.5 billion as set out in the First Schedule of the Bill;

(2) Conditional allocation from the national Government share of Kshs23.16 billion as indicated in the Second Schedule; and,

(3) Conditional allocation as loans and grants from development partners of Kshs30.2 billion as indicated in the Third Schedule.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the First Schedule of the Bill sets the allocation of each county government's equitable share of revenue raised nationally in the Financial Year 2020/2021.

The Second Schedule of the Bill sets out the six conditions for allocation to the counties from the share of national Government revenue for the Financial Year 2020/2021. This constitutes a total of Kshs23.1 billion, including Kshs9 billion from the Roads Maintenance Levy Board Fund. The six conditional allocations to the county governments are:

(i) Leasing of medical equipment of Kshs6.05 billion has increased to Kshs6.2 billion allocated in the financial year 2019/2020.

(ii) Level 5 hospitals of Kshs4.33billion.

(iii) Compensation for user fee foregone of Kshs900 million.

(iv) Rehabilitation of youth polytechnics of Kshs2 billion.

(v) Supplementary for construction of county headquarters of five counties of Kshs300 million, which has decreased from Kshs485 million allocated in the Financial Year 2019/2020.

(vi) Road Maintenance Fuel Levy funds of Kshs9.43 billion which has increased from the allocation of Kshs8.98 billion in the Financial Year 2019/2020. The increase is attributable to higher projected revenues from the fuel levy in the Financial Year 2020/2021.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Second Schedule with respect to conditional allocations to county governments from loans and grants from development partners during the Financial Year 2020/2021, the National Treasury is a signatory to the financing agreement with development partners.

During the Financial Year 2020/2021, the total additional conditional allocations from the development partners amounts to Kshs30.2 billion which is a decrease from the allocation of Kshs39.09 billion allocated in the Financial Year 2019/2020.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the conditional allocations from the development partners are as follows-

(i) International Development Association (IDA) - Kenya Devolution Support Programme (KDSP) level one of Kshs2.115 billion.

(ii) Transfer of health services for Universal Health Care (UHC), Universal Care Project of Kshs4.345 billion.

(iii) DANIDA universal health for devolved system programme of Kshs900 million.

(iv) National Agriculture and Rural Inclusive Growth Projects, (NARIGP) of Kshs4.261 billion.

(v) African Union (AU) instruments for devolution advice and support ideas of Kshs216 million.

(vi) IDA-World Bank Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project of Kshs7.119 billion.

(vii) World Bank-Kenya Urban Support Programme (UDG) of Kshs6.366 billion.

(viii) Water and Sanitation Development Projects of Kshs3.4 billion.

(ix) Sweden Agriculture Sector Programme II of Kshs652.584 million.

(x) AU Water Tower Protection and Climate Change Mitigation Adaptation Programme of Kshs528 million.

(xi) Drought Resilience Programme in Northern Kenya of Kshs300 million.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Fourth Schedule is on the budget ceilings on Recurrent Expenditure of county governments and county assemblies for the Financial Year 2021.

Aware that the County Equitable Share for the Financial Year 2020/2021 remained the same as Equitable Share Allocation for the Financial Year 2019/2020, it is proposed that recurrent expenditure ceilings remain the same.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is important for the House to note that the Equitable share Allocation provided in the Bill is based on Second Basis for sharing national revenue among counties.

Having approved the Third Basis, it is proposed that the First Schedule of the Bill be amended to reflect county allocation based on the Third Basis.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to Article 187(2) of the Constitution and Gazette Notice No.1609 of 25th February, 2020, some functions of Nairobi City County, as set out in Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution were transferred to the national Government.

Article 187(2)(a) of the Constitution requires that arrangements be put in place to ensure resources necessary to undertake or perform the functions transferred are provided.

Article 219 of the Constitution provides that-

“A county’s share of revenue raised by the national Government shall be transferred to the county without undue delay and without deduction, except when the transfer has been stopped under Article 225”.

It is, therefore, important for the Bill to clarify on how matters concerning transfer of functions from the county governments to national Government would be dealt with.

In line with the above provisions, the Committee proposed amendments to Clause 7 of the Bill, which currently provides that-

“Where a county government has transferred functions to national Government, pursuant to Article 187 of the Constitution---

(Loud consultations)

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the interest of time, as stated in the Order Paper, those are the amendments that we have recommended.

These provisions are intended to ensure the transferred functions are appropriately funded from the respective county government budget through the implementation of programmes under such functions under the national Government.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move and request Sen. (Dr.) Ochillo-Ayacko, my distinguished brother from Migori County, to second.

(Sen. Kang’ata spoke of the record)

Sen. (Dr.) Ochillo-Ayacko: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Protect me from Sen. Kang’ata. I am the Vice-Chairperson of the Committee and he cannot load it over me.

I want to thank the Committee on Finance and Budget. I also want to thank colleague Senators for the good work that they have done. I want to appreciate my able Chairperson for moving this Bill.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have had discussions to the extent that we are nearly exhausted on matters of finance. I just want to say a few things by way of seconding. I hope all of us will be in support of this Bill.

A politician in my backyard, who is deceased, once said that: “In order for conception to take place or in order for pregnancy to take place, there must be physical and robust engagement of a man and a woman”. That engagement is the engagement that leads to conception and all of us were conceived that way.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to say that this Bill has been preceded by that kind of engagement. This House and the nation have engaged robustly. Some people were apprehensive that the engagement would tear the nation apart. I am happy and so are my

colleagues that out of that engagement, a healthy child has been born. You can see every person clinging parentage to that child. I think that is a wonderful thing.

Many people have called us names, but those people have nothing to show for the success we have today. Some of them are waiting for this money, which they have not fought for, but do not want to come to this House to account. I do not want to mention them. I just want them to appreciate the fact that, it is this robust engagement that has led to the monies that they are expecting to utilize. I hope they utilize that it well.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to say that the amendments that are being proposed are also healthy amendments to have the monies released to the counties in time. One of the proposed issues is to enjoin the National Treasury and the Controller of Budget (CoB) to release monies to counties in a timely way and to ensure that counties are not starved of funds.

Lastly, I want to thank Members of this Senate for that kind of engagement. It caught the attention of everybody, including the “People’s President” and the President of the Republic of Kenya. When the Senate and its leadership met in that House, everything good came out of it. I am happy to be associated with what has come out of it.

I want to conclude because the mood of the House is that we dispense and dispatch money to counties, so that the “council of gangsters” do not continue with their gangsterism.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I propose and second that we do so.

Thank you very much.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): You second and not propose.

Sen. (Dr.) Ochillo-Ayacko: I want to propose and second. I am doing both. These are just semantics.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): That is not your work.

Sen. (Dr.) Ochillo-Ayacko: Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is semantics.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Do not get into semantics that will mislead the House, just for the record.

Sen. (Dr.) Ochillo-Ayacko: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand advised and I second. Thank you for the honor and correction.

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Again, we are going to use the Roll Call to vote just like we did the other time. I direct that the Bell be rung for five minutes.

(The Division Bell was rung)

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): The Whips, make sure your Members are here. Who are the Tellers? Sen. Cherargei, are you the teller for the “Ayes” or “Noes”? Who is the Teller for the “noes”?

Okay. Can we start? Let us start the voting.

(Hon. Senators proceeded to vote by Roll Call Voting)

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Take your seats, Senators. Order, Senators! Before I read the results, I just want to remind Senators that there is another voting. You will hang around so that we conclude this business tonight.

DIVISION

ROLL CALL VOTING

(Question, that The County Allocation of Revenue Bill (Senate Bills No. 7 of 2020) be read a Second Time, put and the Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)

AYES: Sen. (Dr.) Ali, Wajir County; Sen. Boy, Kwale County; Sen. Cherargei, Nandi County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Haji, Garissa County; Sen. (Eng.) Hargura, Marsabit County; Sen. M. Kajwang', Homa Bay County; Sen. (Prof.) Kamar, Uasin Gishu County; Sen. Kang'ata, Murang'a County; Sen. Khaniri, Vihiga County; Sen. Kibiru, Kirinyaga County; Sen. Kihika, Nakuru County; Sen. (Prof.) Kindiki, Tharaka-Nithi County; Sen. Kinyua, Laikipia County; Sen. (Dr.) Lang'at, Bomet County; Sen. Loitiptip, Lamu County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. (Eng.) Mahamud, Mandera County; Sen. Malalah, Kakamega County; Sen. Murkomen, Elgeyo-Marakwet County; Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr., Makueni County; Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura, Kiambu County; Sen. Mwaruma, Taita-Taveta County; Sen. (Dr.) Ochillo-Ayacko, Migori County; Sen. Olekina, Narok County; Sen. (Prof.) Ongeru, Kisii County; Sen. Omogeni, Nyamira County; Sen. Orengo, Siaya County; Sen. Outa, Kisumu County; Sen. Poghio, West Pokot County; Sen. Sakaja, Nairobi City County; Sen. Wako, Busia County; Sen. Wambua, Kitui County; Sen. Wario, Tana River County and; Sen. Wetangula, Bungoma County.

Teller of the Ayes: Sen. Cherargei.

Teller of the Noes: Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Hon. Senators, the results of the Division are as follows:-

AYES: 37

NOES: Nil

ABSENTIONS: Nil

(Question carried by 37 votes to nil)

(The Bill was read a Second Time and committed to a Committee of the Whole today by leave of the House)

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): Next Order!

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

(Order for Committee read)

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

IN THE COMMITTEE

[The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura) in the Chair]

THE COUNTY ALLOCATION OF REVENUE BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO.7 OF 2020)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura): Waheshimiwa Maseneta sasa tuko katika Kamati ya Jumla ili tuweze kuanza kufuatilizia.

Clauses 3, 4, 5 and 6

(Question, that Clause 3, 4, 5, and 6 be part of the Bill proposed)

Tutapiga kura hapo mwisho.

Clause 7

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura): Mwenyekiti, endelea.

Sen. Kibiru: Mr. Temporary Chairman, Sir, I beg to move-

THAT, Clause 7 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new sub clauses immediately after sub clause (3)-

(4)The Cabinet Secretary shall prepare a report for each quarter of the financial year in respect of the expenditure of funds transferred to the National Government pursuant to subsection (3).

(5) In preparing a report under subsection (4), the Cabinet Secretary shall ensure that the report-

(a) contains information on the financial and non-financial performance of the entity assigned to carry out the transferred functions on behalf of the National Government;

(b) is in a form determined by the Accounting Standards Board; and

(c) contains such further information as the Senate or the National Assembly may, pursuant to section 34 of the Public Finance Management Act, require.

(6) The Cabinet Secretary shall submit the report prepared under subsection (5) to the Senate, the National Assembly, the Controller of Budget, the Auditor General and the respective county assembly.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura): Tutapiga kura tukimaliza.

Clauses 8 and 9

(Question, that Clauses 8 and 9 be part of the Bill proposed)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura): Tutapiga kura mwishowe.

Clause 10

Sen. Kibiru: Mr. Temporary Chairman, Sir, I beg to move -
THAT, Clause 10 of the Bill be amended by deleting the words “any serious or persistent” appearing immediately after the words “any other law”.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura): Tutapiga kura mwishowe.

Clause 11

Sen. Kibiru: Mr. Temporary Chairman, Sir, I beg to move –
THAT Clause 11 of the Bill be deleted and substituted therefor with the following new clause-

Applicable revenue- sharing formula.	11. For the avoidance of doubt the allocation of the equitable share of revenue to the county governments under section 4 of this Act is in accordance with the third determination of the basis of the division of revenue among counties approved by Parliament pursuant to Article 217 of the Constitution.
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(Question of the amendment proposed)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura): Tutapiga kura tukitamatisha. Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr., proceed.

Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr.: Mr. Temporary Chairman, Sir, I thought that in your communication, you would say that “I propose that Clause 11 be amended” as opposed to be saying “be part of the Bill” because it is being amended. Yaani Kiswahili chako kinaleta utata.

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura): Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr., ninafikiri nimefanya vivyo hivyo. Nimesema kwamba “ninapendekeza swala rasmi kwamba Kipengele 11 kiwe mojawapo kwa Mswada”. La pili ninasema kwamba “ninapendekeza swali rasmi kwamba, Kipengele 11 kiweze kurekebishwa kama vile kimependekezwa na Mwenyekiti.”

Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr.: Bwana Mwenyekiti wa Muda, kwa hivyo unasoma mara mbili.

New Clause 12

Sen. Kibiru: Mr. Temporary Chairman, Sir, I beg to move –
THAT the following new clause be inserted immediately after clause 11-

Disbursement Schedule.	12. (1) The Schedule prepared under Section 17(7) of the Public Finance Management Act shall reflect that the disbursement of monies allocated to counties in Financial Year 2020/2021 is effective from 1 st July, 2020.
No. 18 of 2012	(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (1), the National Treasury shall transfer to the counties the total disbursement due in the first quarter of Financial Year 2020/2021 within seven days of the approval of the Schedule by the Senate.

(Question of the New Clause 12 proposed)

(The New Clause 12 was read a First Time)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura): Mwenyekiti tafadhali karibia hapa ili tuweze kuwasiliana vyema. Tuwieni radhi. Hatuna ule uzoefu, lakini tunajaribu.

Mwenyekiti ni wakati wako.

Sen. Kibiru: Mr. Temporary Chairman, Sir, I propose that---

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura): Samahani Mwenyekiti. Kama unaweza kuketi hapa karibu itatusaidia sana.

Sen. Kibiru: Mr. Temporary Chairman, Sir, I propose that New Clause 12 be now read a Second Time.

(Question, that the New Clause 12 be read a Second Time proposed)

(Question, that the New Clause 12 be part of the Bill proposed)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura): Tutapiga kura tukitamatisha.

First Schedule

Sen. Kibiru: Mr. Temporary Chairman, Sir, I beg to move -
THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting the First Schedule and substituting therefor the following new schedule-

FIRST SCHEDULE (s. 4(1))					
Allocation of Each County Governments' Equitable Share of Revenue Raised Nationally in the Financial Year 2020/21					
No	County	2019/2020		2020/21	
		Allocation Ratio	Equitable Share	Allocation Ratio	Equitable Share
		Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D
1	Baringo	1.61	5,095,650,000	1.61	5,095,650,000
2	Bomet	1.74	5,507,100,000	1.74	5,507,100,000
3	Bungoma	2.81	8,893,650,000	2.81	8,893,650,000
4	Busia	1.90	6,013,500,000	1.90	6,013,500,000
5	Elgeyo Marakwet	1.22	3,861,300,000	1.22	3,861,300,000
6	Embu	1.36	4,304,400,000	1.36	4,304,400,000
7	Garissa	2.22	7,026,300,000	2.22	7,026,300,000
8	Homa bay	2.13	6,741,450,000	2.13	6,741,450,000
9	Isiolo	1.34	4,241,100,000	1.34	4,241,100,000
10	Kajiado	2.03	6,424,950,000	2.03	6,424,950,000
11	Kakamega	3.29	10,412,850,000	3.29	10,412,850,000
12	Kericho	1.70	5,380,500,000	1.70	5,380,500,000
13	Kiambu	2.98	9,431,700,000	2.98	9,431,700,000
14	Kilifi	3.30	10,444,500,000	3.30	10,444,500,000
15	Kirinyaga	1.34	4,241,100,000	1.34	4,241,100,000
16	Kisii	2.46	7,785,900,000	2.46	7,785,900,000
17	Kisumu	2.16	6,836,400,000	2.16	6,836,400,000
18	Kitui	2.79	8,830,350,000	2.79	8,830,350,000
19	Kwale	2.46	7,785,900,000	2.46	7,785,900,000
20	Laikipia	1.32	4,177,800,000	1.32	4,177,800,000
21	Lamu	0.82	2,595,300,000	0.82	2,595,300,000
22	Machakos	2.45	7,754,250,000	2.45	7,754,250,000
23	Makueni	2.34	7,406,100,000	2.34	7,406,100,000
24	Mandera	3.23	10,222,950,000	3.23	10,222,950,000
25	Marsabit	2.14	6,773,100,000	2.14	6,773,100,000
26	Meru	2.54	8,039,100,000	2.54	8,039,100,000
27	Migori	2.14	6,773,100,000	2.14	6,773,100,000
28	Mombasa	2.23	7,057,950,000	2.23	7,057,950,000
29	Murang'a	1.99	6,298,350,000	1.99	6,298,350,000
30	Nairobi	5.03	15,919,950,000	5.03	15,919,950,000
31	Nakuru	3.31	10,476,150,000	3.31	10,476,150,000
32	Nandi	1.69	5,348,850,000	1.69	5,348,850,000
33	Narok	2.54	8,039,100,000	2.54	8,039,100,000
34	Nyamira	1.52	4,810,800,000	1.52	4,810,800,000
35	Nyandarua	1.54	4,874,100,000	1.54	4,874,100,000
36	Nyeri	1.71	5,412,150,000	1.71	5,412,150,000
37	Samburu	1.46	4,620,900,000	1.46	4,620,900,000
38	Siaya	1.83	5,791,950,000	1.83	5,791,950,000
39	Taita taveta	1.34	4,241,100,000	1.34	4,241,100,000
40	Tana River	1.85	5,855,250,000	1.85	5,855,250,000
41	Tharaka Nithi	1.24	3,924,600,000	1.24	3,924,600,000
42	Trans Nzoia	1.82	5,760,300,000	1.82	5,760,300,000
43	Turkana	3.33	10,539,450,000	3.33	10,539,450,000
44	Uasin Gishu	2.00	6,330,000,000	2.00	6,330,000,000
45	Vihiga	1.47	4,652,550,000	1.47	4,652,550,000
46	Wajir	2.70	8,545,500,000	2.70	8,545,500,000
47	West Pokot	1.58	5,000,700,000	1.58	5,000,700,000
	Total	100	316,500,000,000	100	316,500,000,000

(Question of the amendment proposed)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura): Tutapiga kura hapo mwishowe.

The Second Schedule, Third Schedule and Fourth Schedule

(Question, that the Second Schedule, Third Schedule and Fourth Schedule, be part of the Bill proposed)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura): Tutapiga kura hapo mwishowe.

Clause 2 and the Title

(Question, that Clause 2 and the Title be part of the Bill proposed)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura): Tutapiga kura hapo mwishowe.

Clause 1

Sen. Kibiru: Mr. Temporary Chairman, Sir, I beg to move –
THAT Clause 1 of the Bill be deleted and substituted with the following new clause-

Short title and commencement.	This Act may be cited as the County Allocation of Revenue Act, 2020 and shall be deemed to have come into force on 1 st July, 2020.
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Question of the amendment proposed)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura): Tutapiga kura hapo mwisho. Asanteni sana Waheshimiwa. Tumefika tamati ya Mswada huu. Ningependa kuomba kwamba, kengele ipigwe kwa dakika mbili ndipo tuweze kurejea katika kikao rasmi.

Asante.

(The Division Bell was rung)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura): Kengele iweze kupigwa kwa dakika zingine tatu kwa sababu hatuna Maseneta wa kutosha kupiga kura.

(The Division Bell was rung)

(Several hon. Senators walked into the chamber)

Waheshimiwa Maseneta, tunaweza kuketi ili tuweze kuendelea. Maseneta tafadhali tutapiga kura. Nitasoma maswala yote matatu, ukipiga kura unasema, unapiga ndio au la kwa maswala yote matatu.

(Roll Call voting in progress)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura): Sasa tunangoja matokeo. Mhakikishe kwamba hakuna wizi wa kura.

Waheshimiwa Maseneta, haya ndio matokeo ya kura ambayo tumepiga sasa hivi.

THE COUNTY ALLOCATION OF REVENUE BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO.7 OF 2020)

DIVISION

ROLL CALL VOTING

(Question, that New Clause 12 be now Read a Second time, put and the Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)

AYES: Sen. (Dr.) Ali, Wajir County; Sen. Boy, Kwale County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Farhiya, Nairobi City County; Sen. Haji, Garissa County; Sen. M. Kajwang', Homa Bay County; Sen. Kang'ata, Murang'a County; Sen. Khaniri, Vihiga County; Sen. Kibiru, Kirinyaga County; Sen. Kihika, Nakuru County; Sen.(Prof.) Kindiki, Tharaka-Nithi County; Sen. (Dr.) Lang'at, Bomet County; Sen. Loiptip, Lamu County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. (Eng.) Mahamud, Mandera County; Sen. Malalah, Kakamega County; Sen. Murkomen, Elgeyo-Marakwet County; Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr., Makueni County; Sen. Mwaruma, Taita/Taveta County; Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura, Kiambu County; Sen. Nyamunga, Kisumu County; Sen. (Dr.) Ochillo-Ayacko, Migori County; Sen. Olekina, Narok County; Sen. Omogeni, Nyamira County; Sen. (Prof.) Onger, Kisii County; Sen. Wako, Busia County; Sen. Wambua, Kitui County; Sen. (Rev.) Waqo, Marsabit County, Sen. Wario, Tana River County and; Sen. Wetangula, Bungoma County.

NOES: Nil

Teller of the Ayes: Sen. Loiptip.

Teller of the Noes: Sen. Were.

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura): Matokeo ya Kura ambayo tumepiga ni kama ifuatavyo-

AYES: 32

NOES: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The "Ayes" have it.

(Question carried by 32 votes to nil)

DIVISION**ROLL CALL VOTING**

(Question, that, Clauses 7, 10, 11, the First Schedule and Clause 1 be amended as proposed, put and the Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)

AYES: Sen. (Dr.) Ali, Wajir County; Sen. Boy, Kwale County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Farhiya, Nairobi City County; Sen. Haji, Garissa County; Sen. M. Kajwang', Homa Bay County; Sen. Kang'ata, Murang'a County; Sen. Khaniri, Vihiga County; Sen. Kibiru, Kirinyaga County; Sen. Kihika, Nakuru County; Sen.(Prof.) Kindiki, Tharaka-Nithi County; Sen. (Dr.) Lang'at, Bomet County; Sen. Loiptip, Lamu County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. (Eng.) Mahamud, Mandera County; Sen. Malalah, Kakamega County; Sen. Murkomen, Elgeyo-Marakwet County; Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr., Makueni County; Sen. Mwaruma, Taita/Taveta County; Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura, Kiambu County; Sen. Nyamunga, Kisumu County; Sen. (Dr.) Ochillo-Ayacko, Migori County; Sen. Olekina, Narok County; Sen. Omogeni, Nyamira County; Sen. (Prof.) Onger, Kisii County; Sen. Wako, Busia County; Sen. Wambua, Kitui County; Sen. (Rev.) Waqo, Marsabit County, Sen. Wario, Tana River County and; Sen. Wetangula, Bungoma County.

NOES: Nil

Teller of the Ayes: Sen. Loiptip.

Teller of the Noes: Sen. Were.

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura): Matokeo ya Kura ambayo tumeipiga ni kama ifuatavyo:

AYES: 32

NOES: 0

ABSENTIONS: 0

The "Ayes" have it.

(Question carried by 32 votes to nil)

DIVISION**ROLL CALL VOTING**

(Question, that, Clauses 3, 4, 5, 6, 7(as amended), 8,9,10 (as amended), 11(as amended), New Clause 12 the First Schedule (as amended), the Second Schedule, the Third Schedule, the Fourth Schedule, Clause 2, the Title and Clause 1(as amended) be part of the Bill, put and the Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)

AYES: Sen. (Dr.) Ali, Wajir County; Sen. Boy, Kwale County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Farhiya,

Nairobi City County; Sen. Haji, Garissa County; Sen. M. Kajwang', Homa Bay County; Sen. Kang'ata, Murang'a County; Sen. Khaniri, Vihiga County; Sen. Kibiru, Kirinyaga County; Sen. Kihika, Nakuru County; Sen. (Prof.) Kindiki, Tharaka-Nithi County; Sen. (Dr.) Lang'at, Bomet County; Sen. Loitiptip, Lamu County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. (Eng.) Mahamud, Mandera County; Sen. Malalah, Kakamega County; Sen. Murkomen, Elgeyo-Marakwet County; Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr., Makueni County; Sen. Mwaruma, Taita/Taveta County; Sen.(Dr.) Mwaura, Kiambu County; Sen. Nyamunga, Kisumu County; Sen. (Dr.) Ochillo-Ayacko, Migori County; Sen. Olekina, Narok County; Sen. Omogeni, Nyamira County; Sen. (Prof.) Ongeru, Kisii County; Sen. Wako, Busia County; Sen. Wambua, Kitui County; Sen. (Rev.) Waqo, Marsabit County, Sen. Wario, Tana River County and; Sen. Wetangula, Bungoma County.

NOES: Nil

Teller of the Ayes: Sen. Loitiptip.

Teller of the Noes: Sen. Were.

The Chairperson (Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura): Matokeo ya Kura ambayo tumeipiga ni kama ifuatavyo:

AYES: 32

NOES: 0

ABSENTIONS: 0

The "Ayes" have it.

(Question carried by 32 votes to nil)

I now call upon the Mover.

Sen. Kibiru: Mr. Temporary Chairman, Sir, I beg to move that the Committee of the Whole do report to the Senate its consideration of The County Allocation of Revenue Bill (Senate Bills No.7 of 2020) and its approval thereof with amendments.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(The House resumed)

[The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga) in the Chair]

REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

THE COUNTY ALLOCATION OF REVENUE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 7 OF 2020)

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): I now call upon the Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole to report progress.

Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura: Bi. Spika wa Muda, ningependa kuweka rasmi Ripoti ya Kamati ya Bunge nzima ambayo imeweza kuangazia na kujadiliana kuhusu Mswada wa

Ugavi wa Fedha (Mswada wa Bunge la Seneti No.7 wa 2020) kwa Kaunti zote 47, na vile ambavyo tumeweza kupitisha pamoja na marekebisho.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): I now call upon the Mover.

Sen. Kibiru: I beg to move that the House do agree with the Committee in the said Report.

I ask Sen. Faki to second.

Sen. Faki seconded.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): I now call upon the Mover.

Sen. Kibiru: I beg to move that The County Allocation of Revenue Bill (Senate Bills No. 7 of 2020) be now Read a Third time and ask Sen. (Prof.) Ongeru to second.

Sen. (Prof.) Ongeru seconded.

(Question proposed)

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): Hon. Senators, we are not putting the question because the formula has just been taken to the National Assembly. We will have to do it next week. For now, we can debate on the same formula.

Let us give the Senate Minority Leader a chance.

Sen. Kang'ata: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I will speak after him.

The Senate Minority Leader (Sen. Orengo): Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a great day.

An hon. Senator: It is Madam Speaker!

The Senate Minority Leader (Sen. Orengo): I am sorry, it is Madam Temporary Speaker. In the old order, whether it was lady or a man on the Chair, it was always 'Mr. Speaker.'

I am very grateful for what has happened today in the Senate. You can see that we have achieved 100 per cent consensus on this issue.

(Applause)

In contributing to this matter, I thank His Excellency the President Uhuru Kenyatta because we had gone for weeks and months without a resolution. The authority and dignity of the Senate was being questioned. The Council of Governors (CoG) have this body, where they meet with the Executive; a high sounding name called the National and County Governors Coordination Summit, where the President is the Chair and the Vice-Chair is the Chair of the CoG.

This issue would have been so easy had governors sat on their own and said: "We have sat down and agreed that this is how we are going to share the cake." However, they left it to the Senate and did not want any Senator to go back to their counties and say that they had lost even a Shilling.

I remember the case of Machakos County, where the county was not losing, and the Governor of Machakos, who is my friend, had already gone to the media to say that

the Senator of Machakos, Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka, had sold out Machakos. Woe unto that Governor because Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka is taking Kshs1.4 billion to Machakos instead of the Kshs42 million.

The Council of Governors (CoG) should act with a lot of introspection. I want to congratulate the Governor of Mandera, because he said there is no shutdown in Mandera. I hope that one of these days, I will hear a governor who has said because the breadwinner in the family cannot make ends meet, he will shut down his family. I hope one day, I will hear a governor who is courageous enough to say that since I cannot provide for my family, I have now shut it down. There are areas in Kenya which you shutdown, for example, Lamu County where there are terrorist activities, how can you shut them down?

I want to again congratulate the President of the Republic of Kenya because last year we were told that we could not add Kshs5 billion. However, the Senate has negotiated and gotten an extra Kshs53.5 billion.

The governors sat with the President last year and they have even been sitting with the President this year, but they did not get a single cent on top of what was allocated by the National Treasury. Shame unto these governors! Shame unto these governors!

Hon. Senators: Shame! Shame!

The Senate Minority Leader (Sen. Orenge): I have several press statements here from last year. Governors and Senators moved to court for the revenue Bill, to protest over cash impasse last year. Governors did not have any friends in this Republic and they depended on the Senate to go with them to the Supreme Court. I am glad that, that decision of the Supreme Court has played a role in the decision that we have made today.

Madam Temporary Speaker, one of the reasons we are winning all the time--- I want Senators to listen to what Hon. Chief Justice Dr. Willy Mutunga said on the question of devolution. I want Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr. to listen to this because he likes referring to the advisory opinion of the Supreme Court, which was a concurring decision.

Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr. normally refers to the decision on the Court, but I now want to refer to the decision of the Hon. Chief Justice (Dr.) Willy Mutunga, the Chief Justice at that time. Hon. Chief Justice (Dr.) Willy Mutunga said-

“Realising the role of the Senate, the Supreme Court in this reference bares a duty of care to ensure the Senate shall realise its Constitutional duty to protect the devolution process in Kenya’s history and heritage.”

Hon. Chief Justice (Dr.) Willy Mutunga was saying knowing from the history we have had since we had the Senate, the only institution that was speaking for devolution was the Senate. He made a statement, which is part of this judgment that the Supreme Court bares a duty of care to us.

I dare say, that is why we keep winning every case that we are doing. We are going to win the case that we had yesterday, but I do not want to say it loudly but as a lawyer, I am entitled to say.

Madam Temporary Speaker, this Senate has a constitutional duty. When the three arms of Government cannot work in a harmonious way, the Senate has a role to bring that harmony.

Last year, when the Senate was fighting very hard to increase the amount that would be allocated to counties to be more than Kshs335 billion---

I want to commend the Members of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget and the Mediation Committee.

I photocopied part of the record of this House and I want to table the debates we had in June, 2019, on 11th and 17th September, 2019. If you read what every Senator said that time and if the governors had read what we said at that time, they would not have allowed the allocation to be less than Kshs350 billion this year. However, we have done better than them and increased the allocation for the next financial year to Kshs370 billion.

I hope that we will come together and reason together in this conversation. Martin Luther King Jr, who I respect, said-

“Only when it is dark enough can you see the stars”

When it looked like the Senate was divided, it was not division. I am one of the students of dialectical materialism as a logic. Until you have a thesis and antithesis, you cannot get a proper synthesis. You have to have two arguments from both sides and that is what all science is about.

This world is based on friction. Without friction, there cannot be many things that we take for granted. That is the law of science. Even to produce children, the law of friction applies. There is a constant universal struggle between man and man, man and woman, woman and woman and between man and nature.

Dialectics are very important as a rule of logic to enable us reach where we are. I want to be grateful for whatever formations we had, including Team Kenya and Team Katiba. I can tell you that if we had a world where everybody says, yes, this Senate is not a Church where you come in and ask people to close their eyes and say amen. No, we can never close our eyes. We will keep our eyes open at every moment and every time.

These divisions are the very principle of democracy. Somebody said in the United States of America (USA) that demonstrations are part of democracy in America.

As I conclude, I am now talking as Sen. Orenge, free speech is a central pillar of our democracy, inside and outside the Senate. I am hoping that everybody who wants Kenya to move forward, the medicine of bringing law and order is not to curtail free speech.

In order to bring democracy in this country, when somebody says something that you do not agree with, you should have more free speech since that is the only way of resolving issues.

In this Kenyan tent, we need to think about other things that are happening because if we do not have free speech, which is central to operations of Parliament, we will be moving backwards. However, I am glad that at least President Uhuru Kenyatta has looked over this particular issue and said we must come up with a formula that is good for all Kenyans.

I also thank my party leader because without his interjection, probably getting there would have been extremely difficult. I say that without fear of contradiction because it reached a moment of trying to find out what we should do.

I said at the beginning that we were quarrelling over a squirrel because we had Kshs316 billion to divide. My proposal was that we should get Kshs400 billion. The governors failed to get one shilling more, but the Senate has been able to get Kshs53 billion more. Siaya County will get more than Kshs1.1 billion, more. Next time the

Senate calls governors to come here for accountability, they had better come running because the money that we give to them is not for them to use the way they like.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I was trying to find out. Each county has a Fund and an account at the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) because it is provided for in the Constitution. The Judiciary also has a Fund. Do you know that Parliament is supposed to have a Parliamentary Fund, but it has not been put into effect? We do not have such a Fund. We are just getting money anyhow. In fact, that constitutional arrangement is not complete until we get a proper Parliamentary Fund.

When we wanted funds for oversight, we did not go on strike or shut down our operations. I cannot believe that a governor who has five vehicles and five homes can tell us that they will shut down because they cannot get extra money. Now they have got COVID-19 money on top of the money they want us to give them. I think governors have a lot of explanation to give.

I hope that in the time to come, the question of accountability will be taken as seriously as the question of allocation. I have CPAIC reports about governors in volumes. Every time they do not get some little money, they run to the Senate, but when we want them for accountability, they say they cannot come.

There are governors who said they will shut down their counties. It is only the Governor of Mandera who said he will not shut down. That is a Kenyan patriot.

I thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): Hon. Senators, I would like to give Sen. Haji the first opportunity before we continue.

Sen. Malalah, what is your point of intervention?

Sen. Malalah: Madam Temporary Speaker, I do not wish to delay Sen. Haji further. However, because it is getting late and due to the gravity of this matter, I request that we limit our time to five minutes each.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): Is that the mood of the House?

Hon. Senators: Yes!

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): Then we will reduce it to five minutes after Sen. Haji.

Sen. Haji: Madam Temporary Speaker, I thank and salute you for giving me this opportunity. This is the first time for me to talk about the issue of the revenue formula which has been going on for the past one month. The only time I spoke about it is when we held a press conference at the gate of the Senate.

At that time, I said that while it is quite in order for people who need to be given more money because they have to give more services, at the same time, there is nowhere in the Bible or the Quran where it is stated that you should take away from the poor.

This has been proven by the fact that our 12-Member Committee has tirelessly worked and met more than 17 times for this to be achieved.

(Loud consultations)

They are disturbing me, Madam Temporary Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): What is your point of intervention?

Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr.: Madam Temporary Speaker, the Senator for County 007 rarely comes to the Dispatch Box. He does not have the gift of a loud voice like some of us. I urge that you direct that this gentleman be heard in silence.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): The unfortunate thing is that everybody is coming in front so that they are given an opportunity. I will strictly go by the list.

Sen. Haji: Madam Temporary Speaker, if we pushed and pulled each other--- In my community, we have a saying that if you see people quarrelling over inheritance, you do not need to ask what they are to each other. It is because they are related. We are related as brothers and sisters in Kenya. This House is known for its impartiality and doing its work diligently.

I appeal to my colleagues, now that this issue is a thing of the past, we should not antagonise each other by saying that there are winners and losers. We are all winners because we have broken the eyes of suspicion and disagreement.

In the same breath, I would like to thank the leadership of the country. I should be forgiven, but I am not criticising anybody. I just want to give advice. The leadership of the House should carry out its responsibilities by doing public relations between the Senate and the Executive.

If the President was given a good explanation on this matter, I am sure we would have resolved this issue early. I am saying this because I know the President is a kind and good-hearted person and he always gives consideration to the voice of leaders.

Colleagues, I thank you very much. Unity is the pillar of any nation. We have shown that we are united in considering the welfare of Kenyans all over this country, irrespective of population or land mass, and ensure that everybody gets at least something.

My county was going to lose Kshs900 million. Now they will get Kshs1.8 billion. On behalf of the people of Garissa, I thank you for doing that. I encourage you to continue with the spirit.

Madam Temporary Speaker, since Senators have said that we should limit ourselves due to time, once again, I thank you.

May God bless Kenya. Long live Kenya!

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): Sen. Haji, go ahead.

Sen. Haji: Madam Temporary Speaker, I have been away for the last one year on the business of the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI). I thank Sen. Iman who stood in for me while I was away. I want to appeal to the people of Garissa, that come next general elections, she should be given the vote for Women Representative.

(Applause)

(Loud consultations)

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): Hon. Senators, kindly keep order. We are taking a lot of time instead of listening, so that we finish and dispense of this matter and go home.

Sen. (Prof.) Kamar: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. Like Sen. Haji, I think I have spoken to this only once. My speech will be very short.

I want to agree with the majority of us that this is a great day. When I saw Team Kenya and Kenya taking a photograph together, I felt that there is something that has changed in this House. I felt very delighted because if there is anything I was dreading it was this weekend. I asked myself: “What will happen to us this weekend”? We were expecting that at funerals and weddings, this would all be anti-Senate. We were expecting a lot of people to talk against the Senate.

It is a great day and I really want to thank God that his far we have arrived as a Senate. It is my prayer that there will be unity of purpose from now onwards because united, we will be able to change this country.

I want to give a special word of appreciation to the leadership that went to negotiate; the Majority Leader, Sen. Poghiso, the Minority Leader, Sen. Orengo, Majority Whip, Sen. Kang’ata, Minority Whip, Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jr., the Deputy Majority Whip, Sen. Dullo, the Deputy Minority Whip, Sen. Kwamboka and the peacemaker Sen. Mwaruma.

I really want to appreciate them for the way they negotiated. In the Bible, according to the book of Proverbs, it takes a very wise negotiator to touch the heart of a Head of State like you did. We want to congratulate you for bringing this to our table and we hope that in the future, everything will be negotiations only because we had reached a point that was very uncomfortable.

There is one person I must mention Sen. Petronilla Lokorio Were because she saw, before any of us saw that the route for us to go is to increase the allocation. It looked impossible, it looked like we were not going to go anywhere with her proposal, but it then turned out although she was asking for Kshs48 million, we could even get more.

I want to thank you, Sen. Were, for fighting hard in the social forum and insisting that this is the way to go. We really must thank you for that. You have always played a mediator; I wish you had joined Sen. Mwaruma in that trip because you have always played the middle in-between the two sides of the House and we cannot take that for granted.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I just want to add one more thing. First, I must recognize the work that was done by the Head of State. The President did us proud by solving this impasse because it would have taken us a long time. We really thank him. Without the Kshs53 billion, there was no way we were going to have no loser if any county was going to win. Although, I have always believed that we must have resources following functions, the way the Constitution states, sometimes we must **stumper** some of what we are discussing with kindness, so that we do not shock one another. That was why my sister, Sen. Dullo, was very passionate that there is no way she can go home with less.

Yes, it is something that we must always stumper with kindness because if do not do that, then when you go home, everybody will think you have done the worst. I think we have done very well.

Madam Temporary Speaker, we thank the President and the leadership for doing what they did, including the former Prime Minister for being part of this. However, what happens when the resources reach the counties? We have a major responsibility. We have fought over the money and released the money. After releasing the money, we are left with money going into hands, where we have already lined a good number of Governors to come here to answer to accountability.

Madam Temporary Speaker, we have been talking about being funded to go and oversight. I am starting to think differently. We need to have a structured way of doing oversight. We can do so using the resources that we have because if we wait, we will finish the remaining two years without doing anything.

Madam Temporary Speaker, we have made savings because of COVID-19. We need to ask ourselves in a retreat set up, which I hope the Speaker allow us, so that we reorganize and ask ourselves how we are to do oversight. This is because we may be remembered for a long a time for releasing this money, but we will be remembered more for not taking the accountability part of our role seriously. We need to think of other ways; whether we use our Committees or ourselves, but we need to have concerted effort.

One thing about the Senate is that it is not every Senator taking care of his or her own county, but the interests of the 47 counties. Sen. Murkomen always reminds us that we are responsible for the whole country, and not one individual county. We need to have a way in which all of us can oversight the whole country. It is my plea that we change our strategy. Let us not continue to plead for this money that does not seem to be coming, but use the resources that we have and ensure that we do proper accountability as far as the resources are concerned.

To the governors, I was very shocked by my friend and former colleague in the Cabinet, Governor Oparanya. I was shocked because he drank the same tea that our leadership drank in State House. He went for the meeting and thereafter, he flipped.

I want to plead with our governors that they must take accountability of the resources very seriously. They should not take advantage of any--- It is done.

Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jr. Your time is up. The way you always switch off our microphones---

Sen. (Prof.) Kamar: Well, I always switch everybody off. So, I better give him in---

The Temporary Speaker (Sen Nyamunga): Thank you, Deputy Speaker, for that understanding.

We want to give the next opportunity to the Co-Chair of this Committee. Sen. Sakaja, kindly proceed.

Sen. Sakaja: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I will just beg you, since you have been lenient with the previous two speakers, to give us some time.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I am trying to catch your attention. I have seen that you have been lenient to the Deputy Speaker and everybody else. Allow some latitude to the Co-Chairpersons because we did not move the Report. Can I get a response? I am making a request.

I am sorry you are being distracted. I have seen the previous speakers got some more time. Since we did not move the Report, we are giving some background and we are pleading that you be lenient on us. I am not asking for 10 minutes, but some leniency. I am sure you are kind.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I want to start by noting that this is a special day that good things normally happen. I wish the Speaker, hon. Lusaka was here, because it is also his birthday tomorrow. The first time we all met was during induction on his birthday and there is usually some magic that happens around that date. Happy birthday to our Speaker and maybe that is why we got some good luck.

I want to join the Senators who have spoken to thank all of us, as a Senate. This has been a tough period, tougher for some than for others. At the end of the day, we have come out strong, united and as one Senate; the Senate of the Republic of Kenya.

When we started this debate, we insisted that Kenya must remain one indivisible country. The result we have today is a Kenya that is indivisible with no A or B. This is the resolution of the Senate. We insisted that the victory we are looking for was not for any political side because in the midst of our work, people insinuated that there are political issues and ambitions.

The victory we have today of an extra Kshs50 billion is for devolution and Kenya. Of all the Senators, I want to note that I feel what Sen. Malalah, Sen. (Dr.) Lang'at, Sen. Murkomen and Senators from counties who were allegedly gaining have gone through. They were told that they are selling out these counties. If anybody thought that the Senator of Kakamega was making his county lose Kshs1 billion, they should know he has gotten Kshs2 billion. If anybody thought that the Senator of Bomet was selling out his county that was getting Kshs700million, they are getting Kshs1.1 billion. If anybody thought that the Senator of Elgeyo Marakwet, the indomitable effervescent, undisputable and '*unbwogwable*', Sen. Murkomen, was making his county lose because his county was getting Kshs300 million, they should know that Elgeyo-Marakwet has left with Kshs747 million.

There are people who put up billboards across this City saying that I am a traitor. Hired bloggers tried to arrest me and gave me names because Nairobi City was getting Kshs100 million and a formula that says Nairobi City County is not the top 20 gainers, yet it has the biggest population, at number 28 is a fraudulent formula. Let them know today that the highest allocation we have found is Kshs3.5 billion for the County of Nairobi City.

As a leader, when you do something, never be afraid to be misunderstood. If your conscience is clear and you are doing the right thing, do it and they will understand it later. I hope those who put up billboards will put one saying: "Thank you for the Kshs3.3 billion". Those who said that I thought there was no poverty in *Korogocho* can say, thank you. It is not hubris, but we must acknowledge the strides we have made for this country. We said no county should lose as a principle and no county has lost. We said $Y = A+B$ and that is the case now.

Madam Temporary Speaker, that is what we have ended up with, because we have said that we will hold what counties would have got at Kshs316 billion, and no county will ever get below what they got. Kenya is indivisible. Let there be no one who ever thinks that there is a part of Kenya that does a favour to another part of Kenya. Devolution is not a competition amongst counties; it is cooperation for us to move forward together.

As I move towards finishing, I want to remind my colleagues of the words of the Bible in Philippians 2:3-4 that says-

"Let nothing be done out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind, let each esteem each other better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interest, but also for the interest of others."

Madam Temporary Speaker, I think only my friends and family know how it has been a tough one or two months, but I thank God that we have emerged victorious. After this, Members, let us finish this debate. We have other things to get into. There are other

things that are coming, but let us always remember to remain together. There are Members here who were possibly not seeing eye to eye. Please, let us restore those relationships.

Finally, we prayed for a unanimous vote, and we have gotten one. Let us have the same vigour as we oversight the counties. I want to make a special mention to the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) of the Parliament of Kenya; Mr. Martin Masinde, Ms. Amran Mursal, and the entire team. The three of them presented to us and gave us better options than the entire Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) and the National Treasury. They worked day and night, and they never got the credit that they deserve.

We must thank them, and the Secretariat led by Mr. Nyegenye. I want to thank Mr. Mogere who has done an amazing job throughout this process. On behalf of the Committee of 12 who have met 17 times, we want to thank Mr. Mogere, Mr. Nyegenye and the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) for what they have done for this country.

Let it be known, remembered and go down in history that the Senate of the Republic of Kenya in 2020 stood up for the rights of this country and believed that every Kenyan, no matter where they are, invariably wants the same thing; no matter your race, colour or tribe. Every Kenyan wants the same thing; to go about their lives peacefully, make something out of themselves and guarantee their children a future. Today, the child in Manderu will sleep as soundly as the child in Kakamega.

I thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker, on behalf of everyone. God bless this country.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): Senate Majority Leader.

The Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Poghio): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I will try to kill two birds with one stone and say that our business for next week on 22nd, 23rd and 24th September, 2020 will be the County Allocation of Revenue Act (CARA). We have not finished CARA, and we will finish it then. We have some 20 Bills, which are due for Second Reading, and 17 that are due for the Third Reading on the Committee of the Whole.

Madam Temporary Speaker, let me now use this opportunity to thank the Members of this House for being so steadfast in considering and passing the critical business relating to financial matters, namely, the Third Basis for Revenue Allocation among county governments and the County Allocation of Revenue Bill that we have started today.

I am very grateful that when the chips are down, the Senate is one. Even if the last few weeks, to some extent have been a study on human behaviour, it has taught us that Senators will always be Senators. Out there, they say boys will always be boys.

Although there came a time when Kenyans thought Senators were fighting each other, as has explained, it finally bore fruit that we were not able to be “yes” and “no” people, but it was one fight for devolution.

It is very clear now that the Senate has the highest interests in defending devolution. It is higher than any other person who claims that they do. It is very clear now that the naysayers and those who have been trying the Senate now can reverse what they have been saying about the Senate.

It is also very clear that the Senate is now a household name in Kenya. I thank those Members who every day and evening always kept the world talking about the Senate.

(Applause)

Madam Temporary Speaker, the use of the grouping as this team or that should now be dropped. We are one Senate Team. It must be said that this victory belongs to the Senate and to all of us. If we have to be grateful, all of us have to, and not just one wing or the other.

We send a special vote of thanks to the leadership of the country, especially to His Excellency the President of the Republic.

(Applause)

It agonizes the President when he sees that sometimes it has been misunderstood that the meaning of the one-man-one-vote-one-shilling would deprive others of their rights. That should not be the aim of that slogan. It is very clear that no county should be left behind or lose any money. That is what the President used to allocate Ksh53.5 billion. He said it very clearly that we make sure that no county loses a shilling.

When we started seeing counties in permutations beginning to gain slowly at Kshs50 million or Kshs100 million going upwards, we realized we were now getting somewhere. Eventually, it was very clear that we all need each other. The populated counties, those with large sizes of land have peculiar problems and needs. Those are the things we needed to address.

I thank the President and the former Prime Minister, hon. Raila Odinga, who took the initiative and presented the situation as we saw it and worked with the President. By the time we went there, our negotiation was easier.

(Applause)

I thank my colleagues who came along and those who led the team, Sen. Orengo and I. I also thank the Chairperson of the Council of Governors (CoG) who was there.

(Loud consultations)

Madam Temporary Speaker, I am only thanking him for being there. I have to thank him for having been there.

(Loud interjections)

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): Order, Members.

The Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Poghio): Our friends - the governors- have put so much pressure on us. Now we tell them, the funds can come your way. You have not shown that those funds are safe when they get to you. You have not proved to us.

If everybody was to take care of those resources, there should be no reason for shutting down services. We believe that something is going wrong which is why we must now use our opportunity as Senators to oversight these resources.

I thank you Senators and the Committee of 12 led by Sen. Wetangula and Sen. Sakaja who were Co-Chairs. Thank you very much for the work that you have done and, of course, the other 10 Members. I shall not endeavour to name all of them because they are well known.

I want to thank them for the way they have conducted themselves. Usually, in their competitive spirits, they should have rushed to the media and claimed accolades, but they did not do so. They would have probably said that they are the ones who brokered this deal. For those who may want to say so, you are at liberty to say so because you had a role to play as long as you recognise that the whole House is responsible for this process.

Madam Temporary Speaker, we now come back to the issues ahead of us. If we bring ourselves to a place where we do not allow the Senate to be ridiculed or belittled by anyone, we will stand together.

We ask our friends and colleagues in the other House, the National Assembly, that in this process, we should all consider the counties as our responsibility. If it were not for the other House working against the Division of Revenue Authority (DORA), we would be way ahead. There should have been no need for us to haggle over meagre resources when it was possible to get more resources than this.

I remember in the last DORA, governors gave in so quickly and we could not negotiate. Our team that went to negotiate was very disappointed, but through that we got our wish. Therefore, the team led by Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr. that went to the negotiation table have literally succeeded through other means.

I want to thank all the Members as you enjoy this weekend with the promise that we will finish the County Allocation Revenue Act (CARA) on Tuesday. Everything else will move in tandem with our promise that the country will start getting resources very soon.

I will now lay the Business of the Senate for the week.

(Sen. Poghiso laid the document on the Table)

Thank you.

Sen. Kang'ata: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to congratulate fellow Senators.

I will start by congratulating His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta for hosting us yesterday. We had a very good and fruitful meeting together with the Leader of the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM), the former Prime Minister Raila Odinga and my colleagues who attended that meeting.

Through that meeting, we were able to procure Kshs50 billion and we brought it to the Senate. We were also able to break the stalemate that has been in this House. This stalemate started two years ago. Since that period, we have never had a situation where Senators are agreeing on the way forward.

I want to congratulate all Senators, whether Team Kenya or Team Katiba. I understand the pain of losing. I recall the day Team Kenya put Murang'a among the losing counties in the so-called Sen. Linturi formula, I can tell you I felt it. I rarely speak in loud voices. However, when I felt it then I realised that no county should lose. That is when I started coming up with ideas of how we can increase money.

Madam Temporary Speaker, allow me to confess many things in this House. The first confession is that I was the one behind Sen. Were's amendment. When I took that proposal to Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr., he opposed it immediately. I realised that these guys in Team Kenya are training all guns on me. I realised that the best way to reduce the bullets that were being aimed at me was to talk to Sen. Were. Indeed, she was able to bring that amendment. Sen. Were brought that amendment. Based on that amendment, we now moved to the final solution.

Let me also confess that on Saturday, I met with Sen. Omogeni, my brother from Nyamira, at Concorde Hotel and he signed an amendment for Kshs370 billion. I do not understand how he changed because he turned against me the following day.

The good thing is that when Sen. Omogeni turned against me, I had already escalated that idea to my colleagues, in particular, Sen. Orenge and we took it to more senior persons in the Executive. It was on the basis of that agreement we had with Sen. Omogeni that ultimately we were able to come up with the extra Kshs50 billion.

Therefore, in a way, I thank my brother for the discussion we had. I also thank the Senate Minority Leader, Sen. Orenge, because had it not been for that discussion we had at a certain hotel room, we would not be here. I thank them for that agreement which has brought us to where we are.

Another confession is that I was not behind the arrests that happened to Members of this House. I am saying so because there have been a lot of rumours.

I am happy with two things. First, unlike Sen. Linturi's formula, Murang'a will now gain Kshs800 million. According to Sen. Linturi's formula, Murang'a would have lost Kshs15 million. For the first time, we have a formula where Murang'a will gain Kshs800 million. I am so happy about that.

I agree with my brother from Kericho. The CRA formula had proposed Murang'a to lose about Kshs150 million. Therefore, the formula was not good. Sen. Linturi's formula was also problematic. It is only this one that has rescued Murang'a because we will now get Kshs800 million.

Finally, this one is a simulation where no county will lose because every county will gain. On that basis, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta has united Kenya. Now my county is not going to lose money. That is the same case with all the other counties in this Republic. He has ensured that we are a united as a Senate and speak in one voice going forward.

I thank you.

Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr.: Madam Temporary Speaker, this has been challenging. Just like Sen. Kang'ata, let me make my remarks---

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): Sorry Senator, we have reduced the time to four minutes.

Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr.: Madam Temporary Speaker, since Sen. Kang'ata has started, let us all confess our sins or whatever it is. I want to tell you that believing in God helps.

I sat in a committee where some of the people, including Sen. Wetangula who was a Co-Convener of the mediation voted for the contentious formula. I must say that I told the Co-Chair that this is problematic way of doing things. He told me that we needed 24 votes and we will get them. As the Whip, I told him that we will not get the 24. It has come to pass. The arrest of the Senators was challenging.

Let me tell you another confession. I have been admiring Sen. Orengo since I was 17. I used to do my research for the legal cases and petitions where they were against my father, but I used to take notes about what Sen. Orengo would say about my cases because he used to demolish them one by one. When there was something wrong, normally he would not look at you in the eye or talk. I can assure you that Sen. Orengo is one of the Senators and leaders of this country who is pro-reform. That is the reason why this issue disturbed him. I am the one who gave him a tie of Team Kenya. He did not wear it, but he went with it; and he did not return it either.

(Laughter)

Madam Temporary Speaker, if there is one thing we should know is that we are stronger together. We did not know the talents of Sen. Sakaja until he started drafting formulas $ya + yb$, those things. The same applies to Sen. Farhiya and Sen. Wetangula. All this has been realized because we have used all our talents to get this thing together.

There are several Senators who took a political risk. The political risk is this; that you are gaining but you are supporting losers. It is a political risk! Sen. Malalah and the Senator for Bomet are among them. The Governor of Machakos County went bonkers over Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka; we had to take him to a church to commit him there because he went bonkers on him. It is a political risk when you are gaining, to support losers. Some of our Members here who want to become governors were thinking “how am I going to divorce myself from a gain and become a governor?” Therefore, we must congratulate those Senators who took that sacrifice, political risk.

Sen. Sakaja was arrested; there were many things that were happening to him. More importantly, Sen. Malalah said something about the contentious formula. He said to take away money from one county to give to another is ungodly. It reminded me of the verse in the Bible that says, and I wish Sen. Kibiru was here because I would have referred this to him to go and read-

“Those who have more shall be given. Those who do not have, even the little they have, shall be taken away from them.”

It sounded more like that. However, we want to tell the people of Kiambu and Nairobi that we love you more than you love us, because the people of Nairobi host the people of Makueni. The people of Makueni are possibly contributing to the second or third largest tribe outside Nairobi, and the same applies to Taita/Taveta. We must love this nation and love one another.

The church which Sen. Sakaja and I belong to, the African Inland Church (AIC) is the church with the majority followers in Sen. Cherargei’s place. That is why I was telling him to turn to the Lord when he kept on talking about bushes and shrubs. I hope you have turned to the Lord and confessed your sins so that you are forgiven.

Lastly let me say this, I am beginning to wonder because in the mediation committee, the CRA came with an even worse formula than the first one. They created 28 losers. In fact, the formula for Mr. Masinde and Ms. Amran is better than the one for the CRA and the National Treasury combined. The CAS, National Treasury sat here, you know some things in this country are like voodoo. He told us that they cannot guarantee even the Kshs316 billion. The President has given us 53 billion extra and we must thank

him for seeing it fit to support devolution, otherwise there was going to be gnashing of teeth.

Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker.

Sen. Dullo: Madam Temporary Speaker, I must say I am a very happy woman today simply because I remember the last time we were here, most of us were wondering how we would go back to our counties. However today I am really very grateful that I have something to smile about.

Over the last two months we did not know who to trust in this House. We turned either side asking ourselves, is this person going to betray me?

(Laughter)

Fortunately, I must be very grateful to Team Kenya. To Team Kenya, may God bless you. The reason why I am thanking Team Kenya is because this team has stuck together for two months with all the threats and pressure; people writing messages in the middle of the night at 3.00 a.m. Some of them did not sleep. I must be grateful. We must get something out of Team Kenya to take us to the next step.

Secondly, our seven brothers who sacrificed their lives, their families' lives, God will pay you. We will not be able to pay you.

Thirdly, I wish to thank our nominated Senators who stood with us despite the challenges and threats, especially on procedural Motions. Our sisters and brothers, we are very grateful and, more so, to my delegation; my sister, Sen. Abshiro Halake, God bless you. We are very proud as the people of Isiolo to have you in this House. She has undergone threats. *Pongezi kwako*. I hope the people of Isiolo will have something for you in store in 2022.

(Applause)

Madam Temporary Speaker, people will look at those figures and say: "Has Isiolo County really received anything?" Initially, we were losing Kshs869 million, but we managed to retain Kshs869 million and we got Kshs469 million. As far as that figure is concerned, we managed to get Kshs1.3 billion.

This is actually a sign to governors who are saying that Senators are doing nothing, but making noise. I remember last night, Sen. Halake was being bashed by Members of the National Assembly saying that Senators were only playing politics. Clearly, it has come out that Senators are not playing politics. This is a signal to the governors; when they will be summoned to come and be accountable to the Senate and to Kenyans, they should prepare themselves to come and be accountable for every Shilling we have worked for today.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I am very grateful to the leadership that brought us together on Tuesday morning. Although I was hesitating whether to go or not, when I woke up in the morning and found a message from Sen. Kang'ata, the first person I called was Sen. (Eng.) Mahamud and asked him: "Are things okay?"

(Laughter)

The second person I called was Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr. I asked him: “Senator, are you going to State House?” He said: “I do not know”. I said, let me just go. In fact, Sen. (Eng.) Mahamud encouraged me to go and see why I was being called. I must say I am grateful because it was my first time to sit down with “Baba” in his office, which I did not know where it was.

To His Excellency, the President of this country, we are very grateful for coming up with the solution.

Finally, to all Kenyans, politicians; I remember the Deputy President was also heard very loud saying that we must share this revenue equally. Thank you so much, to all politicians, all leaders and Kenyans who supported the Senate to have a win-win situation in this country today.

I thank you.

Sen. (Prof.) Ongeri: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. Let me also add my voice. I want at the onset to thank my wife for being a prayer partner.

(Laughter)

We realized that this country was headed for a split and she reminded me of 2007, 2008 when we had similar circumstances. We went to prayer and vividly remembered Philippians 2:13 which states-

“For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.”

The purpose we were praying for is that this country stands united and no one goes home losing. Even if a vote had been taken and had won marginally, the end result would have been that everybody, in one way or the other, would have lost through that formula. God at his own appointed time, when this formula should come to force, has reminded me that in mathematics, and I think Sen. Sakaja knows it, that we will break a small mass; the theory of relativity, which is, $Energy = MC^2$, where Energy is the amount of energy spent to split the atom mass times the speed of the light squared.

When you look at this voluminous energy being spent, I remembered all the parties that were antagonistic to one another; Team Kenya and the other team. There was a lot of energy that must have used up so much energy from you, and I was worried that, health wise, we might suffer some of the elements. However, I thank God that today we can speak of a win-win situation. At that time I said that time is a healer, and I have been proven right that when we are patient, time heals. This is why we can record today in this House that this is the most important occasion that we can delight and glorify God. We have come to a level where there is no acrimony or any other element that will divide us.

Hopefully, God willing, in the same spirit we have moved in uniting this nation together, we shall not lose another opportunity to put this nation together. I want to thank the leadership of this nation, President Uhuru Kenyatta and the former Prime Minister Raila Amollo Odinga for leading the pack. They have shown us the way and we can now add to the formula some of the elements that had not been captured in the Third Generation Formula, like the blue economy, extractive economy, pastoralism and other elements not captured. I hope that henceforth God will stand for this nation, like He stood for it in 2007 and 2008.

I thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): Hon. Senators, it is in my interest that I give all of you an opportunity. However, at the rate of four minutes, we cannot achieve that. Can we reduce it to three minutes?

Hon. Senators: Four minutes!

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): Is four minutes the mood of the House?

Hon. Senators: Yes!

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): We are ending at 8.30 p.m. because the curfew is on. We must end by 8.30 p.m.

Sen. Farhiya.

Sen. Farhiya: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker for giving me this opportunity. First and foremost, I wish to thank His Excellency Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta who made the cake bigger for us to share. Had that cake not been made bigger, the stalemate would never have ended.

I also wish to thank all the leaders who have contributed to ensure that no county is losing in this country. Through increasing the cake, Wajir County moved for Kshs2.04 billion loss to gain Kshs900 million; giving it Kshs2.953 billion.

I also owe special thanks to all the Senators in Team Kenya, especially those seven, as Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr. has said, who took a political risk to support the counties that were losing. My special thanks goes to Sen. Malalah. Since he stood with people who were losing, Sen. Malalah is a gainer of Kshs954 billion because of his stand. This should shame those who thought he was short sighted. I, therefore, thank him for his foresight.

Madam Temporary Speaker, the other Senator I wish to thank is the Senator for Machakos. As a result of his great courage, he is enjoying an extra Kshs1.15 billion that he never had before. Shame on the Governor of Machakos for making life difficult for Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka because he was supporting the losing counties. Someone who is only thinking about his own county is purportedly saying that he wants to be the President of this country. I hope he does not get even the vote of his wife.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I also wish to thank Sen. Murkomen. As a result of his hard work, his county got almost double what it ought to have gotten. He got Kshs427 million instead of Kshs318 million. Sen. Murkomen is our hero.

I also wish to thank Sen. Linturi. Seeing to his steadfastness, from Kshs473 million, he got Kshs1.46 billion. I thank Sen. Linturi for his steadfastness.

I wish to thank Sen. Sakaja, the Super Senator. Now that he stood with the---

(Sen. Farhiya's microphone went off)

The Temporary Speaker (Sen.) Nyamunga): Yes, Sen. Were.

(Loud consultations)

Sen. Were, go ahead.

Sen. Were: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I thank all those who are thanking the people who brought us to this stage. I want to start by stating that when we started this clamour for more funds to the counties, very many people did not believe that it was possible. In fact, at some point I was being called the Kshs348 billion girl.

Every time I passed by Sen. Murkomen or Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr., that is the name they referred to me as. It seemed like something that was so farfetched, but the principle behind that proposal was the fact that the national Government is holding 85 per cent of the national revenue and giving counties only 15 per cent. We need more of the monies from the 85 per cent, following the functions that have already been devolved to the counties.

We have functions that are devolved, but funds are still at the national level. Those are the funds we were targeting, so that they are released. I am glad that the Executive, headed by President Uhuru Kenyatta, has heeded to the call that we need more funds to follow the functions that were devolved to the counties. He heeded that and gave us Kshs53 billion in addition to the Kshs316 billion, to get a total of Kshs370 billion. With Kshs370 billion, we were able to resolve this issue, remove the stalemate, and we got all counties to gain. No county is losing.

Madam Temporary Speaker, because people are thanking others, I want to thank Sen. Kang'ata, with whom we worked on this proposal. I want to thank the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) for going through our figures and approving them before we presented that proposal to the Senate Business Committee (SBC). I also thank Sen. Cheragei who contributed to this proposal.

Most importantly, I failed to get a Secunder to that proposal completely because everyone was stuck to their team. I could not get Senators from Team Kenya. I pleaded with some of them; they refused because they were so tight. I was so impressed by their unity. I ended up getting Sen.(Dr.) Mwaura. Thank you, very much Sen.(Dr.) Mwaura for believing in that proposal that I brought. You seconded me and we named it the Nominated Members' proposal.

(Applause)

Madam Temporary Speaker, I support this Motion, the Third Generation Formula as presented to us by the Consensus Committee of 12 Members.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): Sen. (Eng.) Hargura is not in the House. So, I will give that chance to Sen. (Eng. Mahamud).

(Loud consultations)

Sen. (Eng.) Mahamud: Thank you very much, Madam Temporary Speaker. This is a great day; success for all us, the Senate and this country.

This Senate of the Republic of Kenya has functions given to it under the Constitution. In fact, Article 93 of the Constitution gives the mandate for us to deal with revenue sharing between the counties.

As a former Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Finance and Budget, the process we have gone through has taught me many things. My de-whipping from the Committee and subsequent loss of the chairmanship energized me to fight harder for the downtrodden counties in this country.

Madam Temporary Speaker, when we got the formula from the CRA and we were being accused of sitting on it for one year, there was a reason why we were not dealing with it for over a year. First of all, in the first one year we were dealing with the Division

of Revenue Bill which was very protracted and we were not able to move to anything else apart from it.

We can remember when we were dealing with the Division of Revenue Bill in the Financial Year 2018/2019, we were proposing that we give the counties Kshs335 billion for Financial Year 2019/2020. The CoG who are making noise today were the ones who went behind our back and settled for a figure which was far less.

This House got divided right in the middle. Instead of acting as Senators for Kenya, working for the counties and defending them as per the Constitution, we got divided because we competing among ourselves on very little money that was allocated to counties.

I am happy today as Members of Team Kenya. Let me confess that as the Chair of Team Kenya, we have reached where we are today because our colleagues who were not listening to us have listened. We were able to force ourselves to the table with the Executive to promise some figure.

(Applause)

It might not have been possible if we had all just agreed as the Senate and said, “Yes” and left this to fate. I thank the President for seeing the danger this country is in. He called the leadership and said that money would be allocated. I hope that money will be available. As the Senate, we must ensure we will not pass the next Division of Revenue Bill, without the Kshs53.5 billion.

(Applause)

You have the authority because Parliament makes the budget and is not at the mercy of the Executive. Let us stop being at the mercy of the Executive so as to run away from our responsibilities.

The Executive is taking us for granted. We, as the Senate, have allowed ourselves to play boys and girls for the Executive. That must stop. The Council of Governors (CoG) was never our partner in budget making. Every time they go to the Intergovernmental Budget and Economic Council (IBEC), they settle for a small figure and we are told: “Governors have agreed”. What is your problem?” We want to tell the governors that their job is to run counties and not to do budget figures for the counties.

I want to thank the Senators who stood with the counties that were losing. The seven Senators, Sen. Murkomen, Sen. Sakaja, Sen. Malalah, Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka, Sen. (Dr.) Langat, and Sen. Cheruiyot. All these Senators put their careers on line and supported us. Some of them had to pay heavily because they were arrested and molested for nothing.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I want to thank Sen. Sakaja for being innovative. Sen. Sakaja is the one who brought the formula of $Y=A+B$ and I want to thank him. I will not forget our nominated Senators, the gallant ladies in this House who have been very strong. They have been intimidated by the leadership led by Sen. Kang’ata and his team. They were harassed for nothing, but they have stood for this country. They have been very useful.

Sen. Murkomen: Madam Temporary Speaker, thank you very much. I am a very happy man tonight. I am happy because we achieved what I told the Speaker of the

Senate: “Do not sacrifice Kenya. Kenya is more important than individual counties or individual citizens.”

We set to fight for a united nation. I joined Team Kenya because I believe in one indivisible country, from Oloitokitok to Lokichogio, from Lamu Port to Got Huma in Homa Bay and from Embobut where I come from, to Holili in Taita/Taveta. I believe in the diversity of this country, its people and its land. I believe that God has blessed this nation with landmass, good beaches, game reserves, game parks, rivers and the sea. My commitment is to fight for a united country. Because of that, I had a simple choice to make.

It may sound very difficult among selfish people who are used to thinking about themselves, but it was not difficult for me to choose the side I was going to be. It was so easy because the choice between Elgeyo-Marakwet as an isolated county and a choice of Elgeyo-Marakwet as part of Kenya was very easy and I chose Elgeyo-Marakwet as part of Kenya. For that reason, I joined Team Kenya.

Madam Temporary Speaker, sometimes we think that the task of building the nation and uniting this country is complete. Sometimes we think that a savior will come from mars to come and save this country. I must remind this House what Tom Mboya once said:

“I have news for you, there is no superman, and it is up to us”.

It is up to those of us who are sitting in this House and those of us who have been given leadership opportunity.

Secondly, as defenders and protectors of counties and their governments, we have succeeded to get an extra Kshs.53.5 billion commitment from the national Government. However, I must hasten to remind the Senate that we should stop sycophancy and vain praises that are intended to attract the attention of the same people that persecuted and sacrificed us.

The Kshs.53.5 billion we got was not because of the generosity of the national Government, the President or an individual. It was because we performed our duties under Article 96 of the Constitution and we suffered through the process. People were arrested and punished. There were prints and placards in Nairobi of Sen. Sakaja looking like he was selfish and betraying a certain community. There were many statements made about me, Sen. Cheruiyot and Sen. (Dr.) Lang’at, where we were accused that we were working at the behest of an individual to deny a certain community resources.

Madam Temporary Speaker, we must say as a nation that the money we got was from a battle. That battle is only one battle that we won. There is war ahead and the war is the Division of Revenue Bill for next year. The war is continuous; to fight for the unity of this country and we must stick together. As we stick together, we must tell the nation the truth.

All the formulas that were brought here with the support of the Government and leaders in this House were supposed to divide this country. They were about win-lose. Today, we have passed a win-win formula because those of us in Team Kenya and leaders who were for win-win have guided us to make the right decision.

I do not know why people fear to say this. The Deputy President was vocal on a win-win formula. The reason we are here is because---

(Sen. Murkomen’s microphone went off)

Sen. (Dr.) Ochillo-Ayacko: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker, for giving me an opportunity to celebrate with the nation, fellow Senators, counties, and all rich and poor as the Senate has finally lived to its expectation.

The history of the oldest Senate in the world was a House of compromise. In fact, there is phrase that is attributed to George Washington and Thomas Jefferson called Senatorial Saucer.

Legislations come from the Lower House. When they go to a House of senior citizens and experienced people, such pieces of legislation are cooled and discussed. Eventually when those pieces of legislation are enacted, they are cool enough to be consumed by each and every citizen of that nation. I saw that moment this evening. I see no anger or frustration. I see joy among our colleagues, county leaderships and all the people Kenya.

This moment has been coming, but with difficulty. We have been polarised, divided and we were fighting. The cause of that division has not been any of us. The cause of the division has been the small cake that we were obligated by law to share through a formula. Basic mathematics will tell you that if you do not change the numerator which is the cake and try to change the denominator which is the formula, I can assure you the results will be different.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I said it and I want to say it again. I thank the President of this country. I also thank each and every one of us. In the acrimony and cacophony of the fight that we had amongst us, the nation and the President became desperate. With a whiff of hand, he promised Kshs50 billion. He invited the leadership and a few witnesses to see the commitment. It is because of the increase in the numerator that we are celebrating today.

We tried it last year but county executives got together and shot it down. This year, we were put into a room and told to come up with a formula, the consequence or logic of which would reduce the allocations of certain counties. That was a ridiculous position and we really fought against one another; a war that was totally unnecessary.

I am happy that out of that contradiction, war, noise and the suffering that arose out of it, today we have a larger cake that we are sharing. Both of us are victorious because without that kind of acrimony, I am sure we would have reached a meaningless compromise to share something too little too late and---

(Sen. (Dr.) Ochillo-Ayacko's microphone went off)

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): Let us listen to Sen. (Prof.) Kindiki.

Sen. (Prof.) Kindiki: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. What does this consensus mean? This consensus means that unity has defeated division. This consensus means that equity has triumphed over marginalization. This consensus means that today devolution has won over centralism.

I will take a very short time. I will only say that Tharaka Nithi was threatened with a revenue loss of nearly Kshs499 million. Today it will gain Kshs289 million, meaning the net gain is Kshs788 million; from Kshs-499 million to Kshs+289 million. The people of Tharaka Nithi will be forever grateful to this House. The people of Tharaka Nithi will be grateful to the seven Senators especially, whose counties were initially

supposed to gain under a flawed formula, but they decided to forego the immediate gratification of their counties for the sake of the unity of our great nation.

I am advised and instructed by the people of Tharaka Nithi to thank in particular, Sen. Kipchumba Murkomen, Sen. Johnson Sakaja, Sen.(Dr.) Langat, Sen. Malalah, Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka, Sen. Cheruiyot and Sen. Linturi who is also my neighbor.

Due to the sacrifices they made today, it is not Tharaka Nithi that has won. Even the people behind the flawed formula have gained much more money than everybody else.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I want to say that I am disappointed with what the Council of Governors (CoG) have done to devolution. The last time we had an effective chairperson of the CoG was when Peter Munya the CS for Agriculture was the chairman.

The pioneer chairman, hon. Isaac Ruto did a spectacular job. As I end the CoG died the day it was taken over by the Governor for Turkana, it was buried by the Governor of Kakamega---

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): Your time is up.

Sen. Olekina: Madam Temporary Speaker, the unity of this nation is rooted in the blood and sweat of great men and women who fight and keep their interests aside for the unity of this country.

In history, the unity and the future of this nation will also be rooted in distinguished Senators, particularly Team Kenya who stood firm and said: "No way Jose" to Sessional Paper No. 10. What we want is to take Kenya as a country that recognizes all 47 counties as counties that are supposed to develop, whether or not they are along the railway line, but counties that Kenyans live in.

Today I want to remind this House that we were not given any gift by the President. No he did not! It is our responsibility as Parliament to divide revenue between the two Houses.

This notion that the President is the one who gave us Kshs50 billion is a lie. It is a fallacy. I want to beseech you, distinguished Senators, that is why you are called distinguished men and women; Senators of the Republic of Kenya - wake up from your dream. You know you are doing your job. I am proud to be a Senator of the Republic of Kenya. I have stood my ground that anything to do with revenue shall be determined by the Parliament of Kenya.

As I end, since my four minutes seem to have evaporated, we must respect separation of powers. I want tell Narok County that, today, we have gained a net of Kshs1.6 billion. We were going to lose Kshs800 million, but we gained Kshs800 million. That is Kshs.1.6 billion, and I am proud to be your Senator. I am proud to be in this House. I thank all Senators because, finally, you have woken up from your dreams.

(Sen. Olekina's microphone went off)

Sen. (Rev.) Waqo: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I will try to be very brief. This evening, I am among the happiest Senators.

Madam Temporary Speaker, the Bible in Isaiah 1:18 says-

"Come, let us reason together. Although your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow".

Madam Temporary Speaker, I want to thank our President, His Excellency Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta. If he had not called the leadership yesterday, sat and reasoned with them, today, we would have been in the same state that we have been in. I want to thank and also congratulate him for unifying our country.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I also want to thank the leadership of the Senate because of guiding us yesterday. On the same note, under this formula, today, we are glad as the people of Marsabit County. For two months we have been talking, crying and saying that we were losing Kshs2 billion but, today, Marsabit County is gaining over Kshs500 million.

Madam Temporary Speaker, 86 per cent of Marsabit voters voted for Jubilee, and today, we can be proud of our party.

Madam Temporary Speaker, many months before the stalemate, many counties stopped paying their staff. That is not right. I urge the county executives to plan well for any eventualities. This is because members of staff can only be motivated when they are paid on time. You cannot demand for them to do any good job when you have not paid them.

Madam Temporary Speaker, the idea of shutting down the counties, as we condemned yesterday, is not good at all. Many of our people will suffer because of that.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I want to move fast and say that today, our President together with our leadership have brought unity into our country. We are speaking in the same language because we have fought for that.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I want to congratulate the 25 Senators or Team Kenya because they have been bold and fought for the rights of their citizens. Today, I am proud to be part of that team.

I also want to thank the seven Senators - as you know Seven is a holy number in the Bible - who sacrificed and fought for us.

Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. Today we are one Senate and one Kenya. Thank you, our President and Senators.

Sen. Boy: Asante Sana, Bi. Spika wa Muda, kwa kunipa fursa hii. Kwanza, nataka kusema maneno ili maseneta wenzangu wasikie, kwamba leo ni siku ya furaha kwetu sisi maseneta na hasa nchi nzima. Kila pahali ukipita katika kila kaunti au kila mtu ukimuona anauliza vile mjadala kwa Seneti unaendelea. Msimamo wa Seneti ulipokuja, tumeamua kupitisha Hoja hii na hakuna hata Kaunti moja ambayo imepoteza pesa.

Bi. Spika wa muda, natoa shukrani kubwa sana kwa *Team Kenya* na wale maseneta saba ambao kaunti zao zilikuwa zimepata pesa zaidi lakini wakasimama na sisi imara. Mwenyezi Mungu awabariki na awazidishie imani ili muweze kusimama na sisi.

Bi. Spika wa Muda, nikiendelea mbele, natoa shukrani kwa Rais wetu wa nchi yetu ya Kenya, Rais Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta kwa kuingilia kati ili huu mzozo uweze kumalizika. Amechukua jukumu kuonyesha yeye yuko tayari kuhakikisha kwamba hili swala limemalizika. Aliweza kuamrisha Ksh53.3 bilioni zisaidie kaunti.

Siku mbili sijaweza kulala kwa kuwa sikujua nikitoka hapa niende Kaunti yangu ya Kwale nitawaambia nini watu wangu wa Kwale. Leo nimesimama hapa kwa raha ana furaha, Kaunti ya Kwale ilikuwa ipoteze Ksh1 billioni. Mimi ningesimama vipi? Kuna maseneta wengi hapa ambao 2022 tuna nia ya kupigania ugavana, tutawaambia nini watu wetu?

I am proud, kwa nyinyi maseneta saba na maseneta wengine wote mliohakikisha tumekuwa kitu moja na hakuna ambaye amepoteza. Kwale imepata Ksh469 milioni na ile imerudi ni Ksh1.46 milioni.

Asante sana, Bi. Spika wa Muda.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): Senator for Kericho, Sen. Cheruiyot, proceed.

Sen. Cheruiyot: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I want to celebrate Team Kenya. Let us be honest. I can see that leadership has taken off from this House. I suspect it is because they do not believe the things, they said this evening. The people they were giving thanks to were the reason why for 10 times the Senate could not make a decision. It is unfortunate and the true history of this struggle must be written and documented.

I am a writer and when we will be on recess next, I will explain to Kenyans in detail what happened in this House. There has been intimidation, blackmail and politics of exclusion. It is not easy how we won this victory. The true victory for Kenya belongs to the team of 25 Senators who said yes to devolution. We decided that a time has come to say no to some of our party leaders, who instead of viewing Kenya as one indivisible unit, consider other regions as lesser regions.

The truth of the matter is that we are celebrating, but there are those of us hurting because there were people we held in high regard and thought they were leaders who could take this country forward and help us achieve great aspirations. Any leader who never took their time to tell their Senators individually and cooperatively that you need to find a formula that will ensure all the 47 devolved unites benefit, shame on you! You do not deserve to be anywhere near leadership of this country.

Therefore, as we are gathered here, let us celebrate but always remember that the threat to devolution is alive and eminent. The formula is not the only threat, we are aware that in the coming few days there shall be a launch of the BBI Report. We shall be looking keenly. We want to tell those mandarins that are planning to merge certain counties and constituencies that Team Kenya will defeat you once again the same way they have humbled you in this House. We must respect each other as a people and know that there is no greater or lesser Kenya.

I am happy tonight that this Senate has made a decision that is good for posterity. When I am asked to give an account of my work in the Senate 50 years down the line, I will list this formula as part of the achievements---

(Sen. Cheruiyot microphone went off)

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura.

Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura: Thank you very much Madam Temporary Speaker. I stand here very proud as a Kenyan because of this consensus that has come as a result of two sides that were really antagonistic. We were able to witness the contest between what I call majoritarian overconfidence and marginalization overplay. Some people felt that because they are the majority, they deserve more. Some people also felt that because they are marginalized, they deserve some kind of reparation.

In the actual sense, our conversation was also between nationalism and countyism. Countyism is increasingly going to be a feature of our democracy which will

actually divide people further from the tribe to inter tribal divisions. We, as a Senate, were facing a critical juncture of our history in this national conversation of whether to give a shot in the arm for devolution, which is the revolution, or to continue with some centralism where money from a county such as ours is stolen and taken to Swiss and offshore accounts, to the detriment of our development.

Madam Temporary Speaker, today, this Senate has demonstrated that it has the capacity and the will to believe in the future of our great Republic. We stand here having insisted that we need more monies to the counties because they are going to generate the local economies of our people. We have seen the way devolution has been able to transform counties like Kitui that were erstwhile and had nothing to speak about. We were there during the Senate Mashinani. At the same time, we are also seeing counties that are reeling under the yoke of overpopulation because of the fact that, that is where Government services and amenities are found.

Today, we are not here to say who was right and who was wrong. As Sen. Orengo said, it is friction that makes any motion occur. We stand proud and I want to congratulate President Uhuru Kenyatta for refusing to go by the nationalism that he would otherwise have been able to defend as the head of the national Executive.

(Sen. (Dr.) Mwaura's microphone went off)

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): Sen. (Arch.) Kasanga.

Sen. (Arch.) Kasanga: Thank you so much, Madam Temporary Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to add my voice to today's wins. Let me call them the Senate wins. A hundred per cent consensus is, indeed, a wonderful thing for this country and for us, as the Senate. We can now hold our heads high and say that we have done our constitutional duty by giving Kenyans what it is they are always asking for.

Let me thank the mediation team, Team Kenya, and everybody. I do not want to keep on repeating. Four minutes is a very short time. From the beginning, I wanted this Senate to go back to that basis of the formula which I believe was the problem in the first place when it was presented to the Committee on Finance and Budget.

There are some parameters there that I believe we needed to look back and ask: "How did they come up with this?" For instance, how is it that the agriculture parameter is still based on households and population? I have a bit of a problem with that because Kenyans want a Kenya of freedom. Kenyans want to be free to express themselves freely. I believe today we have given that freedom, but it still means we need to look into these formulas as we go ahead.

Madam Temporary Speaker, we can say today we have freed Kenyans. Today a Kenyan in Kiambu can wake up and go settle in Ukambani or wherever, because we have said, Kenya is one. We have said that every part of this country must be uplifted to middle-income status by sharing these resources appropriately.

I am happy that I am now going to write a paper where I can say: "Senators we have done our bidding". Kenyans have always asked to be free. This is one opportunity we have once every five years as a Senate. Yes, it was very noisy at the beginning, yes, we had differed a lot, yes, we had fought, but even the Bible, when the Lord showed Himself to Elijah, it came in silence. We have to thank the 12 Member Committee for having sat down and come out with this solution that everyone has agreed is a good one.

In the end, as we uphold the Constitution, we must remember that the national Government is not a big *mama* to the county governments, but it is a constitutional mandate for money to be drawn from the national Government to the county government. It is not a favor and we must continue fighting for more money to the counties.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I submit. Thank you, very much.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): Hon. Senators, we are doing very well. The next chance is for Sen. Faki.

Sen. Faki: Asante, Bi. Spika wa Muda kwa kunipa fursa hii. Ninawapongeza Team Kenya kwa umoja wetu na kwa kazi nzuri ambayo tulifanya kuhakikisha kwamba tumeleta usawa katika ugavi wa rasilmali. Umoja wetu ndiyo ulikuwa nguvu yetu na sote tulisimama pamoja kidete kuhakikisha hakuna kaunti ambayo inapoteza pesa zozote.

Pili, ninapongeza Kamati ya Maseneta kumi na wawili ambao walikaa pamoja tena baada ya kushindwa kupata muafaka kwa muda wa mikutano 19, lakini wamekaa pamoja wakapata muafaka. Ndiyo maana leo kila mtu anayetoka ana furaha. Hata wengine wanaweza kwenda kulala na viatu bila kuvivua.

Sisi ni Maseneta wa Jamhuri ya Kenya, wala sio Meseneta wa kaunti zetu. Ninawakosoa wale walikuwa na hofu kwamba mimi nikifika kwetu nitaweza kupoteza kura kwa sababu nimepiga kura na wale ambao walikuwa wanapoteza wakati kaunti yangu inapata.

Kwa sababu hiyo, ninawapongeza wale ndugu zangu saba ambao walisimama na sisi Team Kenya. Kwa kuwa nia yetu ilikuwa safi na ya Kenya, hata wale walikuwa na hofu kwamba kaunti zao zitapoteza wamepata. Tukiangalia, kwa mfano, Sen. Cherargei wa Kaunti ya Nandi, ameweza kupata zaidi ya zile ambazo alikuwa apate awali. Umoja wetu ndio umetuleta hapa ambapo tumefika. Kama Seneti, lazima tuweze kuhakikisha kwamba umoja huu unaendelea kutekelezwa.

Kaunti kama vile Mombasa, ilikuwa inapoteza zaidi ya Kshs800 milioni, lakini kwa ushupavu wetu, tumeweza kuhakikisha kwamba, wameongezewa Kshs500 milioni zaidi. Mapato yetu sasa ni Kshs1.3 bilioni, katika Mwaka wa Kifedha 2021/2022.

Mhe. Bi. Spika wa Muda, mapambano yanaendelea kwa sababu tatizo lililoko ni kuwa, lazima tuondoe suala la ugavi wa rasilmali kutoka kwa Wizara ya Fedha na Mipango na iletwe hapa Bunge. Hapa ndipo pahali maalum ambapo Katiba inasema pesa zigawanywe.

Hatuwezi kuwa tukienda na bakuli kwa Wizara ya Fedha na Mipango kila mara kuomba na Idara ya Mahakama inakwenda pale pia kuomba. Hayo yote ni kinyume cha Katiba yetu. Kutekeleza Katiba kamili, ni lazima tuondoe vitengo vyote vya Serikali katika minyororo ya Serikali kuu ili kuhakikisha kwamba, kaunti zetu zinastawi.

Sen. Omogeni: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. When the people of the county of Nyamira learnt that they were about to lose Kshs545 million from the allocation, there was sadness and grief. There is joy and celebrations in Nyamira County today because we have saved that county from losing Kshs545 million. On top of that, we have added Nyamira County Kshs324 million.

Madam Temporary Speaker, these could never have been possible without the support that we received from Team Kenya, and more so, my seven brothers, namely, Sen. Murkomen, Sen. Sakaja, Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka, Sen. Malalah, Sen. Linturi, Sen. Cheruiyot and Sen. (Dr.) Langat.

Some of us felt orphaned. We were abandoned by our neighbouring counties. We once thought that we will never win the battle without our neighbours. However, our seven brothers came in and lived with the biblical verse that says, "Love your neighbour as you love yourself." They came to the rescue of Nyamira and the larger Gusii region.

Madam Temporary Speaker, as at that time, the only region that was gaining in the entire Gusii region was Kisii County that was going to get Kshs226 million. However, due to this battle that we mounted jointly as Team Kenya, the Gusii Region will gain a total of Kshs1.432 billion.

Therefore, this is a big win for the Gusii Region. Going forward, I want to urge my colleagues to be your brother's keeper; to stand together and not fight for selfish interests, but for the interests of the 47 counties.

Everybody is a winner today. My in-laws are winners, the President of this country is a winner and all counties of this country are winners. That should be the spirit.

As we go forward, we must do an audit on some of the data that we have in this country. It is unbelievable that in Nyamira County, we are told that between 2009 and 2019, our population increased by only 7,132. That could never be possible. Going forward, we must audit the data that is in our Government offices.

I thank Team Kenya and the Senators who stood with us. The people of Nyamira County will forever be grateful.

Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker.

Sen. Halake: Madam Temporary Speaker, thank you very much for the opportunity. I stand up as a very proud Senator. The names that perhaps were known by notwithstanding, I am very proud that we have made sure that the new formula is not going to leave any county behind.

The fact that for the duration of the operation of the Third Basis for allocation of revenue among counties no county shall receive in any financial year an amount of the shareable revenue less than the amount received in the previous year is a win for this country.

So much has been said, but I would like to celebrate leadership today. I am one of those people that have been saying that there is a crisis of leadership. However, I would like to celebrate leadership today. I have always believed in a good challenge and this formula was a good challenge for this House.

What makes it sweeter is that it is a good challenge tackled by good people. I would like to thank especially the seven colleagues, who were winning in the other flawed formula, but decided to stand up for this country instead of selfish interests.

I celebrate Sen. Murkomen, who was the first to stand up and say: "I stand for Kenya." I celebrate Sen. (Dr.) Kabaka, Sen. Sakaja, Sen. (Dr.) Langat, Sen. Linturi, Sen. Cheruiyot and Sen. Malalah.

The celebration does not end there. I celebrate the leadership of my nominated sisters. Two of them are sitting here; Sen. (Rev.) Waqo from Marsabit County and Sen. Iman from Garissa, who already had a case against them. They looked beyond their families and decided to stand with their people. I hope those people they stood with are going to reward them abundantly.

Madam Temporary Speaker, there is a general failure of nerve in leadership. If this formula is anything to go by, when we master our nerve as the leadership and stand

up to whatever is not right, this is the result we get; we all win. Today, not only did the marginalised counties win, even the other counties won much more than they had won.

There is scarcity mentality that was rubbished today. That is to say that there is not enough and that the leadership was not going---

(Sen. Halake's microphone went off)

Sen. Cherargei: Madam Temporary Speaker, from the outset, I thank all the Senators because we have made a milestone today. We had over 12 meetings and the eleventh wonder is that we have passed the stalemate.

I am happy for Nandi because I have been consistent. Initially we had gained Kshs1.4 billion, but now we will gain Kshs1.7 billion. Therefore, our net gain is around Kshs3 billion. We should now see development in Nandi in terms of roads, bursary and many other things being done.

I am happy with my colleagues who together we stood against isolation and bullying by other colleagues in the principle of one man, one vote, one shilling. That principle stands for fairness, equity and transparency when it comes to accountability.

I thank Sen. Kinyua and Sen. Kihika who together we stood against any intimidation from colleagues who wanted to force us to a certain way of thinking. In future, governors should stick to their mandate of developing counties. They should not go behind our backs and connive when we push for more resources to go to the counties.

Thirdly, now that we have added governors money, when we invite or summon them, they should come to account for every penny that we have given them. They must come running to account for the money.

Finally, I thank everybody who participated in this process. Sen. Were was very optimistic. I am one of the people who supported her when she came with the idea of Kshs348 billion. If we want devolution to work in this country, we must push for more billions to go to the counties because we stand for one nation and 48 governments that we have in this Republic. When we will be faced with the next formula, the Senate should stand together for the benefit of this nation.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I am happy that you and I are now in the league of billionaires. We are in the same economic bloc that will transform the western hemisphere of this country. I thank the Office of the Speaker because they have always been there. I do not need to apologise for anything.

As I conclude, the reason the people of Nandi elected me to this Senate is for me to represent their interests first. Other interests can be secondary. I will always push for the interests of the people of Nandi. Other interests will follow.

Let us continue fighting for resources and protect devolution. I am happy that today we will go home relaxed and our counties will move forward.

I thank you.

Sen. Kihika: Madam Temporary Speaker, I also rise to support what my colleagues have said this afternoon. I want to start by congratulating the 67 Senators of this Senate for the hard work and the many sittings we have had in this Chamber. I believe that we have had over 11 sittings and we tried our best, but we could not never really unlock the stalemate.

I also have sat in the special committee that was assigned to come up with a consensus and we had 17 sittings in that committee, where most days we went from 9.00 a.m. in the morning until about 7.00 p.m. We diligently sat here, went through the numbers and at the end of the day, this afternoon, we were able to come up with a consensus that was then also embraced by this House. So, I am extremely grateful.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I would also wish to take this moment to state that there is a fallacy. While there are those who call themselves Team Kenya, which I appreciate, let them not imagine for a minute, that the rest of us are not Kenyans. Let them not imagine for a minute that the rest of us, whatever interests we stand for, emanates from selfishness and greed. We too, were fighting for our people. We too were fighting for the interests of our counties. Looking at the end result and what we have, I believe the one man, one vote, one shilling has also won the day today.

As I conclude, I also take the opportunity to condemn in the strongest terms the very incompetent chairperson of the Council of Governors. That man, hon. Oparanya, the Governor of Kakamega County does not seem to understand his role. I speak as a Senator of this House, that, the next time we call them here as governors for accountability, they must run here. We cannot be sitting here, burning the midnight oil to get them more money and when we call them here for accountability, they drag their feet. That must not happen.

As I conclude, I also want to say to Sen. Kang'ata, that a gentleman does not kiss and tell. So you should not have been coming here to tell us that you gave somebody else the Kshs348 billion formula for them to forward.

Sen. Petronilla, I congratulate you for the great work you did. Initially we dismissed you but in the end you did exceedingly well. Today is a great day for the Senate.

Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker.

Sen. (Dr.) Langat: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker for giving me the opportunity to say something. First, I would like to thank God the Almighty for the protection and the guidance that he has given this House up to today that we have resolved a lot of conflicts on matters to do with this particular formula.

I would like to suggest that in future, the leadership and the Executive should be taking a proactive approach. They should not be waiting until the last minute when the country is almost divided in the middle that they come up with a solution.

This particular House has gone through challenges right from last year. Remember when the Executive was telling us, share with the counties the salaries that you are getting. If the Executive had accepted what we had proposed last year, this particular Senate could not have reached the position it reached.

I would like to thank even the community that I come from the Bomet people; the elders and the Bishops who came to my house at one time and told me: "Langat, our community is not a community that takes from the poor. Give the Turkana and the rest their share and bring to Bomet whatever little and honest it may be." Today, the people of Bomet have been rewarded by God. You should have gotten Kshs600 million but because you stood with me and I stood with others in this country, we have gained Kshs1.184 million. So, I want to thank God.

I want also to appreciate leaders who were bold right from the beginning. I want to congratulate the Deputy President of this country, who right from the onset promoted

the win-win formula. He was so bold unlike other leaders who are even aspiring presidential candidates and they were mobilizing us here to go against the win-win formula. I want to congratulate him. He has been so bold. It was not easy but he advised the country and the Senate to go the win-win way.

I want to thank God for this particular day because all of us Kenyans have a reason to smile. I do not know what those Senators who were losing, would have gone home to tell their people. The people down there in the village think that this is something that you come and struggle and when you go home without, you have been defeated. So, there is no one who has been defeated, there is no one who is a loser today.

As I conclude we shall never forget some things. Some of us suffered. Some of us risked our lives. Some of us risked the gains of our counties. We thank God that today, all of us are gainers.

I want to tell those counties we have supported that, "A friend in need is a friend indeed".

(Sen. (Dr.) Langat's microphone went off)

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): I can see the excitement from Sen. Susan Kihika.

Finally, hon. Senators, we are giving the last opportunity to Sen. Wetangula, who will also give a reply to the Motion.

Sen. Wetangula: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. Thank you, Senators. Today is a great day. In ancient Greece, they would say this is a day set aside for heroes, legends and gods.

Today is a day where this Senate has reclaimed its position. This Senate has stood to be counted. This Senate has defined clearly what it was meant to be and what it is.

Patience pays. When we started, if Senators wanted a quick fix, we would have walked away with Kshs300 billion and at the very most at Kshs325 billion. However, people representing their counties, Senators, stood firm. It is not fair to hail one side and leave the other. If Sen. Kihika, Sen. Cherargei, Sen. Kinyua, Sen. Lotiptip, and Sen. Kajwang' wanted a quick win, they would have voted for anything. They stood firm.

I want to hail Sen. Sakaja, Sen. (Eng.) Mahamud, Sen. Murkomen and the team they had for also standing firm. In fact, it is their ability to negotiate from a fixed position contrary to the tenets of negotiation that has brought the Kshs370 billion. There was no way out of this impasse.

Madam Temporary Speaker, if governors were working with this Senate, we probably would have achieved what the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) wants to bring; the 35 per cent of revenue going to the counties.

Madam Temporary Speaker, for the previous years, whether it was the time of the former Sen. Billow Kerow as our Chair, or my brother from Mandera, the distinguished Sen. (Eng.) Mahamud, every time the Senate was pushing for more resources, governors went round the Senate. They went to the Intergovernmental Budget and Economic Council (IBEC), dismissed Senators, cut a deal and put us a *fait accompli*. They would say those Senators do not know what they are doing. When the money does not arrive, they say Senators are blocking the money.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I was shocked when the Chair of the Council of Governors (CoG) directed governors to close down health facilities. Why did they not

think of closing down the endless teas and mandazis they eat every day in their offices? Why did they not think of reducing the convoys that run around the counties creating nuisance?

I have personally seen a pick up using public resources carrying a seat for the Governor of Kakamega to go and sit on at a funeral, 50 kilometers away. I have seen with my two eyes a & like seat from Kakamega town all the way to corners of Kakamega for him to sit on at a funeral. When I turn up as a party leader, Senator and as a Presidential candidate, I sit on a plastic chair that everybody else is sitting on.

These governors must be brought to order. This money---I want to urge the President, because the back of provision of our oversight money has always got stuck at his table, you have done very well in giving this money to go to the counties, but there is a serious deficit of accountability in the counties. There is a serious misapplication and outright theft of resources in the counties. Enable this House to carry out a better oversight role. Enable these Senators, over and above carrying out postmortems on expenditure, to go back to the counties and do budget tracking to ensure that whatever budgets are passed by the assemblies, are being spent in the manner they were budgeted for. Otherwise, we will continue as we have always done. We pass budgets, send money and what we are doing this evening is we have created an increased list of billionaires in Kenya. A few governors will deep their hand in the tin and will be sitting all over boasting how rich they are, knowing very well that yesteryears they were nothing.

I want to urge the office of the Director of Public Prosecutors (DPP), the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), the Controller of Budget, the Auditor-General, the County Assemblies as the primary audit units and, finally, the Senate--- The county Public Accounts Committee (PAC), do not be frightened, intimidated or blackmailed by the outburst of Governor Oparanya saying that you are a cartel. People who do not want accountability will always look for excuses to escape. Do your work, do not wait to be cheered or praised. Let us make every shilling going to the county worthwhile for our being here.

Finally, allow me to salute the team of 12 that I and my distinguished nephew, Sen. Sakaja led. They sat here and were meeting from 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. in the evening. We would leave here sometimes frustrated, but determined that we will get there. At one time, I asked my nephew: 'Are you sure we will get there?' I answered very quickly that I am determined we will get there. When I saw that this has happened by the intervention of the Head of State, I was happy because that is where we would have been long time ago. I want to urge people who work with the President to continue communicating the correct messages at the correct time to him. This is so that wherever it is necessary for him to intervene because he is the Chief Executive of this country, he can do so, make adjustments, sacrifices in one area to give comfort to another area so that this country can move forward.

Madam Temporary Speaker, let me end by urging this House to be eternally vigilant. I dare say without any fear of contradiction that the biggest threat to devolution today in this country are some governors. There are some who are good, we cannot lump all of them together. Nonetheless, the majority of them are not walking the narrow path. They preach water and drink wine and loathe accountability. The majority of them believe that accountability is an option which they can avoid. It is not. When you accept to hold public office where you manage public resources, you must be ready to be asked

questions, provide answers and account. There is no shortcut to this. This House must stand in unison and say accountability! Accountability! Accountability! is the *modus operandi* of each and every governor in this country.

There are counties like Mandera where they saw the first tarmac road because of devolution. We have counties in this country where children were reading about water in pipes in books. We have counties where the first caesarean section delivery could only be achieved because of devolution. Now we can sit back and say, this House makes us equal. This is the House of equity where Lamu, Nairobi, Kiambu, Isiolo, Laikipia and Kakamega each has one vote. It matters not how many Members of the delegation you have. We have equality of counties in this House and, that is the Kenya we want. Tonight, I have no doubt that the forefathers of devolution, Ronald Ngala, Masinde Muliro, and Daniel Moi will be sleeping wherever they are, because this House has given meaning to what they saw in 1963. I urge this House that devolution is a dream come true for every Kenyan. Let us make it work, let us hold it, strengthen it, and let us succeed with it.

Madam Temporary Speaker, let me now turn to the County Allocation of Revenue (CARA) Bill that was at the Third Reading. I beg to reply to all the comments that colleagues have made on the CARA Bill, and move that you postpone the vote on the Third Reading to the next sitting when we shall have sufficient delegations to vote. Long live Kenya and long live the Senate. There is no winner and no loser. We are all winners.

Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): Thank you, Hon. Senators, for the effort that you have put in to come to the end of this difficult Motion that we have engaged in for a very long time. I think that we have been very constructive in the way that we have engaged ourselves. This should be the spirit of the Senate. I urge you to continue with this great spirit that you have displayed to the nation of Kenya.

Hon. Senators, we are not going to put the question. We will defer it to the next time that it is scheduled by the Senate Business Committee (SBC).

(Putting of the Question on the Third Reading to the Bill deferred)

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Nyamunga): Hon. Senators, it is now 9.25 p.m. Having concluded the business of the Senate as earlier approved, the House, therefore, stands adjourned until Tuesday, 22nd September, 2020, at 2.30 p.m.

The Senate rose at 9.25 p.m.