

PARLIAMENT OF KENYA

THE SENATE

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 17th July, 2013

*The Senate met at the Kenyatta International
Conference Centre at 9.00 a.m.*

[The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kembi-Gitura) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL AT COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kembi-Gitura): Order, hon. Senators! Do we have a quorum?

*(The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kembi-Gitura)
consulted the Clerk-at-the-Table)*

I am informed we do not have a quorum. Please, can the Division Bell be rung?

(The Division Bell was rung)

Hon. Senators, you will realise that we still have no quorum.

An hon. Senator: Bw. Naibu Spika, si ungoje kidogo!

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kembi-Gitura): *Si jambo la kungoja kidogo lakini ni kufuata kanuni za Seneti.* The rules are clear!

I order that the Bell be rung for another five minutes. After that, if we do not realise a quorum, it is mandatory that the House must be adjourned. So, I hope that we will get a quorum in the next five minutes.

(The Division Bell was rung for a further five minutes)

Hon. Senators, to me, it appears that we still do not have a quorum. I would like hon. Senators to, please, consider the provisions of Standing Order No.35 properly. It says it is mandatory that after the Division Bell is rung for a further five minutes and we do not raise a quorum, we adjourn. We cannot continue if we do not have quorum.

Hon. Senators, Standing Order No.35 (2)(a) says:-

“If on the count under paragraph (1) a quorum does not appear to be present, the Speaker or the Chairperson shall cause the division bell to be rung as on a division, and if no quorum is present at the expiration of the ten minutes-

(a) If the Speaker is in the Chair, the speaker shall adjourn the Senate until the next sitting without question put;”

Hon. Senators, the next sitting, of course, is at 2.30 p.m. today.

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kembi-Gitura) Hon. Senators, there no being quorum, the Senate is adjourned to the next sitting, today, Wednesday, 17th July, 2013 at 2.30 p.m.

The Senate rose at 9.25 a.m.