

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 5th March 2025.

The Assembly met at 10:35 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha) in the Chair]

PRAYER

STATEMENT

APPROVED BUSINESS FOR THE PERIOD TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 TO
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025.

Hon. Hanna Wairimu: Hon. Speaker, I beg to issue the following Statement; that pursuant to Standing Order 46 (2) (a), the House Business and Rules Committee at its last meeting approved Business that will come before the Assembly from the week commencing Tuesday March 11, 2025 to Wednesday March 12, 2025 as per the attached programme.

On Tuesday morning that is March 11 2025, we shall have a Paper to be laid on report on national values and principles of governance of public service in Murang'a County Public Service for the period ended December 31, 2024 by Chairperson Governance.

On the same day we shall have a Paper to be laid on the report on Murang'a County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2025 which will be laid by the Chairperson Budget and Appropriation Committee. We will also have a Paper on Murang'a County Debt Management Strategy Paper 2025 which will be laid by the Chairperson Finance and Economic Planning Committee. The same day we will have a notice of Motion on adoption of a report on Murang'a County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2025; it will be issued by the Chairperson Budget and Appropriation Committee.

We will also have a notice of Motion on adoption of Murang'a County Debt Management Strategy Paper 2025 which will be issued by the Chairperson Finance and Economic Planning Committee. We will also have a Motion on adoption of a report on Murang'a County Debt Management Strategy Paper 2025 it will be moved by the Chairperson Finance and Economic Planning Committee.

On Tuesday afternoon same day March 11,2025, we will have a Paper on Murang'a County Multisector Food and Nutritional Policy which will be laid by Chairperson Health Services Committee. We will also have a Motion on adoption of a report on Murang'a County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2025 which will be moved by the Chairperson Budget and Appropriation Committee.

On Wednesday March 12, 2025, morning sitting we will have a Paper on report on vetting of private sector nominee to the selection panel for members of the County Public Service Board which will be laid by the Leader of Majority Party. We will also have a notice of a Motion on adoption of a report on vetting of private sector nominee to the selection panel for members of the County Public Service Board which will be issued by the Leader of Majority Party.

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The same day we shall have a schedule of Statement on approved Business of the Assembly from the week commencing Tuesday April 1, 2025 to Wednesday April 2, 2025 which will be laid by a member of the House Business and Rules Committee.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

MOTION

APPROVAL OF REVIEW OF PLACEMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY.

Hon. Kibe Wasary: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion; -

That pursuant to provisions of Standing Order 165 (1)(f), 166 (1) and 198 (2) this Assembly approves review of placement of members of the Assembly to the House Business and Rules Committee, Selection Committee and The Committee on Appointments as enumerated;

Hon Speaker, House Business and Rules Committee, we added two members to this Committee. The two members we added are Hon. Gathe Wa Njeri and Hon. John Kamau Mwangi. We retained the other membership that includes; -

Hon. Johnson Mukuha

Hon. Moses Gachui

Hon. Francis Kibe

Hon. Morris Thuku
Hon. Liz Muthoni
Hon. Steven Muigai
Hon. Elizabeth Wambui
Hon. Antony Marubu Kibe
Hon. Hannah Wairimu Kamau
Hon. Peter Murigi
Hon. Grace Nduta
Hon. John Kamwaga
Hon. Esther Kamindo
Hon. Pauline Njeri
Hon. Julian Njiri
Hon. Priscilla Njeri Mwangi
That is the membership.

Hon. Kibe Wasary: Committee on Selection. We added Hon. Caroline Wairimu and we maintained the other membership that includes; -

Hon. Francis Kibe
Hon. Morris Thuku Gathoni
Hon. Liz Muthoni Mbugua
Hon. Steven Mungai
Hon. Simon Mwaura Wamwea
Hon. Alex Ndunda Makau
Hon. Gerald Wambugu Mwangi
Hon. Charles Machigo Karina
Hon. Chefman Isaac Njoroge
Hon. Grace Nduta

Committee on Appointments, we added Hon John Munyua. The other membership that was there includes; -

Hon. Johnson Walter Mwangi
Hon. Francis Kibe Kamau
Hon. Bernard Ruiru Njeri

Hon. Stephen Muigai Kimani

Hon. Peter Murigi Ngugi

Hon. Naomi Nyambura Maina

Hon. Edwin Mwangi Wairagu

Hon. Moses Macharia Mirara

Hon. John Munyua

Hon. Speaker, I call Hon. Machigo to second the Motion.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker. I stand to second the Motion and also urge the members to support the same. I assure members that during our review, we reviewed the nomination of the members of the sectoral and the select Committees as the chairman has said as per the SRC provisions that is four sittings per week for each and every member. Hon. Speaker, we also aligned the members of the Committee as per the clusters that no members that will serve in two Committees in the same cluster which sit at the same time Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, we also observed that all Hon Members are qualified to serve in any Committees. So, Hon. Speaker, I urge the Hon Members to adopt this report so that members can be able to perform their duties and the mandate bestowed on them. Thank you, Hon Speaker I second the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Thank you Leader of Majority, thank you Hon. Machigo

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): In absence of debate, I call the mover to respond. These machines look faulty, just get another microphone.

Hon. Kibe Wasary: It is okay.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): You are good to go now, you are audible.

Hon. Kibe Wasary: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I will urge the Honourable House, the Honourable members to support this Motion that we have several adjustments in the select Committees. I urge the members to support the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Thank you Hon. Kibe

(Question put and Agreed to)

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SELECTION ON REVIEW OF NOMINATION OF THE MEMBERS TO THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

Hon. Kibe Wasary: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, the Committee on Selection establishment and mandate is rooted in Standing Order number 166 with its responsibilities clearly defined by Standing Order 167. The Committee undertook a workshop that took place on 26th to 28th February 2025. The workshop served as a pivotal moment for scrutinizing the Assembly Committee membership. Mostly the placement was done to consider seven members who had four Committees and we felt that we should be included so that they can have at least five Committees.

Number two, we did new placement of members because Hon. Alex was selected as the chairperson on Delegated County Legislation Committee and initially, he was the vice-chairperson of the Finance Committee and we needed to move a member to the Committee on Finance that is Hon. Edwin Wairagu, who we anticipate will be given the position of the vice chairperson.

Other Committees that we affected include ICT Committee where we added two honorable members; that is Hon. Laban Chomba and Hon. Moses Muchiri. Committee on Public Works we added Hon. Alex Wainaina who we moved from the Finance Committee to the Public, Works Roads and Transport Committee in the same cluster. Committee on Finance we added Hon. Edwin Wairagu and we removed Hon. Alex. The other Committee that was affected was Committee on Powers and Privileges where we added Hon. Jane Mukami. I call Hon. Machigo to second this Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I am a member of Committee on Selection and is and to second the Motion and I urge the members to adopt the same.

(Question Proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Hon. Wairagu.

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: I will stand here first of all to support the Motion as it is. I am glad and I smiled if you saw me when the Leader of Majority said he is anticipating that Hon. Wairagu will be the vice-chairperson Finance Committee, I like that. I feel like what we all

reincarnation like a rebirth because once been in the darkness for some substantial time and after some time you realize there is light along the tunnel, I feel that this where I belong.

I would commend the Selection Committee for realizing that Hon. Wairagu is equal to the task particularly in the mathematics docket. I am so wordy because that is my training but I am sure my chairperson finance is a mathematician will be able to take me through calculus and I will be able to understand what mathematics is all about I never passed mathematics but I passed other subjects.

Having said that I would say that we are moving to the right trajectory, this is the way. Sometimes we do a lot of scholarly work and there is another guy who is Spanish, a classical theorist his name is Kutti Lewis, in his proponent in social perspective he talked about the change the freezing. In this case all of us know what a fridge is. When someone is in the darkness the blood does not move so well. I want to apply that theory because it has affected every member of this Assembly because the change has come for us to see things in another perspective such that our potentiality, whatever Petitions we have, can be utilized particularly to the welfare of Murang'a people. Therefore, now to me if we can move the last leg because we are halfway now. For those two and a half years how I wish, and now I pray that the peace--- I saw our beautiful ladies here, Honourable members here, some of them had worn white clothes, dresses and blouses, including Hon. Chefman, somehow white. That one depicts there is peace in this place. Let that peace prevail as we continue with what we are going to proceed

As I do this, I would say that never again shall we go back to the dark days. Never again shall we point fingers. Let us work, let us deliver to the people who really-- you know who really brought us here. By so doing these Committees are supposed to be vibrant. I know they have been vibrant and we have a very vibrant leader of majority. We have a very vibrant, you know whip, we are vibrant leadership. If you cannot beat them, somebody said that you join them. Therefore, we have no choice but to join them so that we have to deliver to the people of Gitugi, I was to say Gitugi but I have realized Gitugi is just a fraction of Murang'a.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker for that. I want to promise that my Committee, leader of majority, my chair and including you, I will deliver to my maximum to my level best. Because I anticipate what the majority said. That 2027 after we deliver, we shall be back here. Some of us, all of us will be back here to continue with delivery of that work.

Last but not least, I am not able to invoke the Standing Orders because I thought it is 135 but I am not sure because I don't have it here. I would say that if we go this way, let us try to, now we are in the laundry machine, our clothes have been washed. We are clean, we are clean as white as snow. That is how it is. But again, also let us try now to keep on streamlining our issues because if you look Hon. Speaker or invite your eyes. If you go in front of you, really did you used to have this kind of a screen running the way it is. That tells you there is life right now. We are able now to no need what is happening right now, up and down. We still have our children up there. They can see how our assembly is very beautiful and you are training and teaching them so tomorrow they will be honourable speakers. Tomorrow they will be leaders of majority, tomorrow they will be standing where I am.

I will say, first let us forgive each other, let us foster forward. Let us move forward and we are going to deliver to our County and Assembly as a whole. Thank you and God bless you all.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Thank you, Hon. Wairagu. I had the grace to give you all the time, I don't have the grace to give Hon. Chefman all the time. So can you take three minutes.

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: Thank you Hon. Speaker. first and foremost, let me take this opportunity to go to congratulate Hon. Wairagu being a vice chair of the finance docket. So, I know the issue of the mathematics, he will assist our chair there---

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Has he been ratified as the Chair?

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: I had him saying so.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Get the record straight, he has not been ratified.

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: I was also referring to what he has just said in the House on the Floor.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): So, it is not accurate.

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: I stand guided. First of all is just to support the Committee, and assure members that under the Committee of Selection once and while, in case it is need be, it does what is necessary to do and to make sure the harmony of the Assembly goes around, under the spirit of coming back to home, that is unity and love to each other, I think is a continuous process of doing what is supposed to be done in the right way the manner. As my learned fellow has just said, it is a healing process of where we are coming from, is a way of appreciation and is a way of going through of it.

I really appreciate and ask members it is a continuous process and we shall continue uniting and doing the right thing. However, Mr. Speaker, allow me, if possible, to appreciate and recognize the students from Kambiti ward, whereby they are here to see what we are doing as an Assembly. It is high time, if you allow me Mr. Speaker, to say that they are not children, they are students from a certain secondary school; children is a demeaning word but I think it's good to recognize that they are students of from Kariaini secondary school. It is a good time for them to come and learn. We'll be having in future years to come, we'll be having good MCAs, we will be having good members of Senate, good governors in future. It is high time they learn and they're learning the right correct way. What and how the Assembly runs and I wish all them the best as they learn. I wish also members of The County Assembly to also be calling some of the students from our area. So, they can understand legislation of our area.

Thank you very much. Also, the Speaker you are seated, you cannot be able to see where they are but they are upstairs there. It is good to love them, you never know one of them will become a Speaker in future and you need to encourage them visiting us and we like them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Yes Hon. Gachui.

Hon. Gachui Mungai: Thank you Hon. Speaker. As I rise to support, I just wanted to inform the House that in commonwealth parliaments, what the Selection Committee has done periodic rotation of membership is very normal so that the members might not be seeing as if it was something sinister when the members were moved. I wanted to set the record straight, it is normally done to enhance the performance of the Committees.

Hon. Clement Gichobe: I rise to support the Motion and I adopt this Report by the Select Committee and Hon. Speaker because this House is guided by Standing Orders. Standing Order 204(4) states that the mandate of the sectoral Committees is in respect of the subject matter under the second schedule of these Standing Orders shall only be exercised within the limits under part two of the fourth schedule of the Constitution. Hon Speaker, if you allow me to quote it verbatim, "The functions of a sectoral Committee shall be a, to investigate, inquire into and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned ministries and departments, b, to study the program and policy objectives of ministries and departments and the effectiveness of their implementation". I do not want to read all of those functions but hon Speaker we can all agree that the efficiency of our

oversight role as an Assembly lies in the work done in the sectoral Committees and therefore, if we do not have functional sectoral Committees, then the oversight work in terms of looking at what the executive is doing in matters policy and budget performance we will become very ineffective if our sectoral Committees are not working.

Therefore, because we are all learning and as the Hon. for Gitugi have stated, we are now half term towards our second half we must ensure as an Assembly we have very functional Committees, of course there is what we have achieved in the first phase but I believe we have a big room for improvement in terms of how we perform our duties in our sectoral Committees.

Number two, it is known not only in this Assembly, but also in the national Assembly that sometime the management of the affairs of the Assembly in terms of lobbying would want to be attached to how members are attached to certain Committees. I think it is up to the leadership, and this one I will speak direct to the majority leader, as he performs his duties, I pray that God gives you wisdom to balance managing affairs of the Assembly while ensuring the sectoral Committees remain functional.

If we kill these Committees as we manage Assembly affairs, we need to ensure there is a balance so that everything moves in order and I think as a majority leader, we have the best we would have gotten and I believe that going into the future God will guide him to ensure our sectoral Committees remain strong and functional.

Lastly, I want to challenge our members, like I have said, there is a lot of work coming up we have issues of CFSP coming up and all these issues will come to our sectoral Committees, I urge members that if we have dropped the ball anywhere let us pick it up and reignite the fire of the sectoral Committees so that our job as the primary oversight body in the County does not die. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I support the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Mover you can respond.

Hon. Kibe Wasary: I want to thank Hon. Wairagu, Hon. Chefman, Hon. Gachui. Hon. Gichobe, I know and believe with Hon. Wairagu joining the Finance Committee, he will bring more value into the Committee together with Hon. Kibaiya who is our able Chair in the Committee. I know that the Committee will perform very much together with the other members who are in that Committee. Hon. Wairagu has said something about peace and Hon. Speaker, I am for peace, I am for harmony, I am for unity. Hon. Gichobe has insisted on the performance of the sectoral Committee and I can only insist on the same since the business of

this House emanates from the sectoral Committees, so we urge the chairs of various Committees to work with the members assigned to the Committee. Hon Gichobe has prayed a good prayer of wisdom. I can only welcome this prayer and I know through that wisdom which is key and principal according to the book of proverbs, with that wisdom I know together with other leaders we will manage the Assembly in a good way.

Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

BILLS

THE MURANG'A COUNTY FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION BILL NO. 2 OF 2024

[COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE]

[The Hon. Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha) left the Chair]

(The Mace was lowered)

[The Chairperson (Hon. Gachui Mungai) in the Chair]

The Chairperson (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Honourable members, I now call the meeting to order, this Committee of the Whole and as usual I want to have a recap on how Committee of the Whole House, the sequence of serving the Bill. We normally start with clauses as printed, excluding the clause providing for the citation of the Bill, the commencement if any and the interpretation. From that, we will go to the new clauses, if there is. We go to schedules, new schedules if there is, we go to interpretation, then we go to preamble if any; then we go to the title of the Bill and the clause providing for the citation of the Bill. Honourable members, I now welcome our clerk.

PART 1 - CLAUSE 3 AND 4

(Question that Clause 3 be part of the Bill proposed)

(Question that Clause 3 put and Agreed to)

The Chairperson (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Yes, you have something?

Hon. John Ngugi: Chair, can we get a copy of the Bill?

The Chairperson (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Serjeant- At- Arms, we do not have copies of the Bill. Let me give you about two minutes you provide, starting with the Honourable member on this side. Kindly pass the Bill and this should have been done prior to the sitting. I understand that the clerk at the Table is informing me that yesterday the Bills were passed to the members. I think we are good to go. I think everybody now has a copy of the Bill. Go ahead.

PART 2 - CLAUSE 5 TO CLAUSE 13

(Question that Clause 5 to Clause 13 be part of the Bill proposed)

(Question that Clause 5 to Clause 13 put and agreed to)

PART 3 - CLAUSE 14 - CLAUSE 21

(Question that Clause 14 to Clause 21 be part of the Bill Proposed)

(Question that Clause 14 to Clause 21 put and agreed to)

PART 4 - CLAUSE 22 - CLAUSE 25

(Question that Clause 22 to Clause 25 be part of the Bill Proposed)

(Question that Clause 22 to Clause 25 put and agreed to)

PART 5 - CLAUSE 26 AND CLAUSE 27

(Question that Clause 26 and Clause 27 be part of the Bill Proposed)

(Question that Clause 26 and Clause 27 put and agreed to)

PART 6 - CLAUSE 28 AND CLAUSE 29

(Question that Clause 28 and Clause 29 be part of the Bill Proposed)

(Question that Clause 28 and Clause 29 put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 2

(Question that clause 2 be part of the Bill proposed)

(Question that clause 2 be part of the Bill put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 1

(Question that clause 1 be the short title of the Bill proposed)

(Question that clause 1 be the short title of the Bill put and agreed to)

LONG TITLE

(Question that the long title be the long title of the Bill proposed)

(Question that the long title be the long title of the Bill put and agreed to)

Hon. Pauline Njeri: Hon. Chairperson, I beg to move that the Committee do report to the Assembly its consideration of Murang'a County Food Security and Nutrition Bill, 2024 and approved thereof without amendments.

(Question Proposed)

(The House resumed)

[The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha) in the Chair]

[REPORT, CONSIDERATION OF REPORT AND THIRD READING]

Hon. Moses Gachui: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I beg to report that the Committee of the Whole Assembly has considered the Murang'a County Food Security and Nutrition Bill 2024, and its approval thereof without amendments. Thank you.

Hon. Pauline Njeri: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move that the Assembly do agree with the Committee on the said Report and therefore call upon Hon. Morris Thuku to second.

Hon. Morris Thuku: Hon. Speaker, I am a Member of Agriculture Committee and also a Member representing Kiru Ward. I support the Motion.

(Question Proposed)

(Question Put and Agreed to)

Hon. Pauline Njeri: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move that the Murang'a County Food Security and Nutrition Bill, 2024 be now read a third time and I call upon Hon. Antony Marubu who is a Member of the Committee to second.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Just press it once and release, you are audible now. Okay, move to the next gadget.

Hon. Antony Marubu: Thank you Hon. Speaker, a Member of the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee and a Member representing the youth. I stand to second the Motion.

(Question Proposed)

(Question Put and Agreed to)

THE MURANG'A COUNTY FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION BILL NO. 2 OF 2024-
THIRD READING

(The Bill was Read for the Third Time)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Hon. Members, there being no other Business, this House now stands adjourned until Tuesday, 11th March 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Thank you.

The House rose at 11:23 a.m.