

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Tuesday, July 24 2018

The House met at 2:44 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

NOTICE OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF YOUTH, CULTURE, GENDER AND SOCIAL SERVICES
 COMMITTEE ON MAINSTREAMING CHILD PROTECTION IN THE DEVOLVED
 SYSTEM OF GOVERNANCE

Hon. Joel Murigi: I beg to give this Notice of Motion;-

That, this House adopts the report of the Youth, Culture, Gender and Social Services Committee on Mainstreaming Child Protection in the Devolved System of Governance laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday July 24, 2018.

MOTION

FORMULATION OF AN INDUSTRIALIZATION POLICY

Hon. Jecinta Ng'ang'a: I beg to move the following Motion;-

Aware that industrial development is one of the four pillars of the National Government, further aware that the National Industrialization Policy Framework's 2012-2030 mission is to promote and sustain a vibrant, globally competitive and diversified industrial sector for generation of wealth and employment through the creation of an enabling environment, cognizant of the fact that most of the industries in Murang'a County produce semi-finished products which are exported as raw materials and do not fetch optimum prices, recognizing the need to consolidate Government services and incentives to attract investors; this House urges the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Trade and Industrialization to;

1. Establish an industrial park in the County to act as the production value addition and marketing centre in the County.
2. Formulate a County Industrialization Policy that encompasses all stakeholders.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to highlight the following points; industrialization is a key pillar that any government can dare ignore at its own peril, it is too vital that it is the epicentre of any given economy may it be micro or macro.

For this country to make sound economic progress then frameworks promoting both local and mega development must be put in place, It is worth appreciating the fact that Kenya as a country has made progress from an under developed category to developed countries, for this country to graduate further to the industrialization stage, then efforts must be made by all of us. This will be achieved by passing such Motions and even overseeing their implementation.

Mr Speaker, one of the key challenges that we are facing as a country is unemployment, many of our skilled youth are still struggling to make ends meet as they can't secure a job. Through industrialization we can increase the level of employment and I am sure we will have solved the problem half way if not fully.

Mr. Speaker, every one of us will agree with me that we have a very able Governor that has both political will and ability to support the industrialization in this County; a clear indication is the milk processing industry that is coming soon in Maragua.

, therefore, request these honourable members to support this Motion for the benefit of Wanjiku. I now call upon Hon. Karigi (Joel Murigi) who is a member of Trade Committee to second the Motion.

Hon. Joel Murigi: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, as a youth leader I wish to thank the Mover of this Motion for the good motive she has for this County. If this Motion is implemented it will make sure that we create jobs for jobless youth we have in Murang'a and in the long run it will ensure that our economy grows. I second the Motion, thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Lilian Kabaya: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am a nominated Member of County Assembly (MCA) and a Member of the Trade, Industrialization, Co-operative Management, Tourism and Wildlife Committee. I rise to support the Motion because all efforts that are geared towards encouraging investment are a very good idea.

This being an agricultural County, and we spur creation of industries that can process the raw materials that we produce like coffee and tea, it will lead to increased income for our farmers which they very badly need, especially because we know that they earn very little from what they produce and yet the persons who process the final products are making a killing out of it. You can see the growth of coffee houses in this country.

This will also lead to creation of jobs for our youth as Hon. Karigi has mentioned. Finally, it will be a source of income or revenue for our County. I therefore support this Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Yes, go ahead.

Hon. Kibe Githuka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the MCA for Kihumbu-ini Ward. First, I would like to congratulate the Committee, mostly the Chair, for coming up with that brilliant idea. This is because if you look at all the exports that we do as Murang'a which is composed of farmers as the majority, the prices that farmers get is relatively low; it is below 20 percent of what the raw materials could be fetching if they are processed.

Mr. Speaker, sometimes the resources may not be enough. Therefore, as we put the policy, I would request the Executive to consider where we can have private public partnership whereby an individual or a company which does not belong to the County can get involved because, we have some members of this County who have the idea and the resources, however, the resources may not be enough and they can partner with the County. The other thing, if you look at a County like Makueni, it is a good example of what the Chair is talking about, in Makueni, they are processing mangoes. A mango that goes for less than Kshs3 here, it is above Kshs27 in Makueni.

I think as we are creating jobs, it is also good to consider the wealth. We can only get the wealth if we expand our ideas. In most cases we are talking of finished goods, now in most cases we are talking of semi-finished goods, now in Murang'a we are talking of raw materials because we do not have most of the goods which are semi-finished. So I stand to support the Motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): There seems to be no other contributions, so I will ask the Mover to respond.

Hon. Jacinta Ng'ang'a: Thank you Mr. Speaker once again, maybe I would wish to respond to Mrs. Kabaya who has told us that we need to encourage investors so that they can join us.

..... *(inaudible interruptions)*

(Honorable Jacinta Ng'ang'a apologizes for referring to Hon. Lilian Kabaya as 'Mrs. Kabaya')

Hon. Jecinta Ng'ang'a: Sorry, sorry, sorry Miss Kabaya, I am sorry. Thank you Honorable Kabaya.

(Laughter)

Hon. Jecinta Ng'ang'a: Thank you Honorable Kabaya for your contribution, you have told us that through encouraging investors to join us that we can create wealth and also this is a sign of increase in our income, our income will definitely increase. There will be creation of jobs and mostly maybe to the youth which today they are rendered jobless. By this we shall see many of the youth getting involved in doing business and also there will be sorts of revenue income.

The other point is also from Honorable Githuka who has talked of export in prices. We shall also have increase in prices due to the process of the finished goods. Also he has talked of partnerships, whereby we can have investors who will partner with the County Government whereby we shall also have creation of wealth and at the same time we shall also have creation of jobs to the needy people. He has also talked of the semi-finished goods whereby we are all witnesses that we visited Makueni although when we visited Makueni it was on the other side of agriculture but this time *mheshimiwa* (honourable) is talking about the processing of mangoes of which definitely very soon as Trade, Industrialization Co-operative, Wildlife and Tourism Committee we shall have a chance to go and visit what they are doing in Makueni. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): The House stands adjourned until tomorrow 2:30p.m.

The House rose at 3:00p.m.