

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**THE HANSARD**

Wednesday, 15 August 2018

The House met at: 2.31p.m.

*[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ruoho Wangechi) in the Chair]*

**PRAYERS**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF LAND, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND SETTLEMENT  
COMMITTEE ON THE TRAINING ON INTRODUCTION TO GEOGRAPHIC  
INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC SECTOR REFORMS BY THE REGIONAL  
CENTER FOR MAPPING OF RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT (RCMRD) IN  
NAIROBI, KENYA

**Hon. Gerald Wambugu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker,-

That, this House adopts the Report of the sectoral Committee on Land, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement Committee on the training on introduction to Geographic Information System for public sector reforms by the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD) In Nairobi, Kenya, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday August 14, 2018 afternoon sitting.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**MOTION**

**RABBIT REARING PROGRAM**

**Hon. Ann Kigo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. On behalf of Chairperson Hon. Charles Kahoro Ruga Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee, I would wish to move the Motion on rabbit rearing program;-

Aware that livestock development has been highlighted as one of the priorities in the Annual Development Plan 2018/2019 for the County Government in the Agriculture department, further aware that rabbit rearing is one of the activities that is not capital intensive and is relatively easy to manage, noting that rabbits reproduce quickly hence are easy to keep, recognizing the benefits accruing from rabbit keeping namely source of meat, manure and fur, appreciating that rabbit keeping has the potential to change livelihoods and create employment in our County, informed that one rabbit is sold at about Kshs. 2,000 to Kshs2,500; this Honorable House urges the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries to;

1. Develop and implement a programme on rabbit rearing, marketing and value addition in the County.
2. Conduct training on nutrition, housing, hygiene, record keeping and prevention of diseases.

Mr. Speaker I would wish to bring to the attention of this House that when we talk of rabbit rearing, it is one of the best things that can be done in our County. For example, when we keep these rabbits, one, we shall be doing is to make sure that our people and our farmers get good meat because we all know that rabbit is white meat which is cholesterol free.

Rabbit is also very well to keep that is maintaining. When one keeps a rabbit, it matures in eight weeks and this rabbit can be sold at between Kshs2,000 to Kshs2,500. I would kindly urge this House to support this Motion with the knowledge that our youths and our women will benefit from this Motion. We can also encourage our groups that are in our homes, that

women and youths will be encouraged to have rabbit rearing in their programs. Mr. Speaker, I call upon Hon. Simon Wamwea to second the motion.

**Hon. Simon Wamwea:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand here to second this Motion because this Motion is good because our young people for creating job. Also it is good for this House to pass this Motion and enable our people to get knowledge of how they can keep rabbit for their businesses and also it is good for this House to pass this Motion to keep our county growing. I stand to second the Motion.

*(Question proposed)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ruoho Wangechi):** Yes, Hon. Chege Mwangi

**Hon. Daniel Chege:** First and foremost, I would like to commend the Committee on Agriculture, on the area of research on rabbit farming, rabbit keeping as it has been captured is an easy to do activity and it has high returns,. It is not just for the benefits, as it has been stated there it is cheap to keep the rabbits and the reselling value is high. If you can start with one rabbit, one female and another male by January 1<sup>st</sup> by the end of the year you will have a minimum of 300 rabbits, from the two.

Since we are talking about agriculture and ways of making the lives of our people easier in the rural areas, rabbit farming has been proven to be a way of acting as fertilizer and pesticide. In another way, it will reducing the cost of production and have a diversified way of enabling our agriculture in all areas.

When we visited Yatta, sometimes ago, we noted that rabbit droppings were used to feed the fish. If you have a fish pond there is no need to feed the commercial feeds provided you are keeping the rabbits, you can be using the droppings and drop in the fish pond and that will be enough for the fish.

In all dimensions, the Motion is correct, that it will enhance and create jobs for our young people. My main question, today in the Implementation Committee, I am a member, just an ordinary member, consequence of a very strong stand on something that happened in this House when I was removed from the chairmanship but in today's meeting, they were discussing on the implementation status of all the Motions that have been passed by this House.

Something came to our attention that among the Motions that the Committee is supposed to pursue and see what status has been achieved so far from the various CECs. I could not fail to note that some of the Motions were not included in the Budget and in the Annual Development Plan (ADP), but this House went ahead and approved that particular Motion.

For anything that we will pass in this House, it will always have what we call financial implications and before we do that we know very well we cannot spend any money before it is approved in the Budget and Budget cannot form itself it has to be informed by ADP and County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP). So as much as we would like to pass this Motion I would like to put it as a question to the mover of the Motion whether indeed this program was included in the budget in ADP and CSFP so that when we pass it will be easier for Committee on Implementation to follow it up. So as I stand I will stop there, I do not know whether to say I support the Motion but I have contributed to the Motion, thank you.

**Hon. Wangari Kigo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would really want to thank Hon. Chege for contributing to this Motion and commending the work that is done by the Committee though he has not said whether he is supporting or not.

I would wish to say one thing on whatever he has talked about, I say rabbit rearing is cheap but I meant it is cheap compared to other livestock. On the issue of rabbit rearing being in the Budget I will say that we can always squeeze this in the Agriculture Committee because this is the one of the things that will help our farmers and rearing rabbit will indeed

make our people have employment and also make sure that our County is moving ahead.  
Thank you Mr. Speaker.

*(Question put and agreed to)*  
*(Applause)*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ruoho Wangechi):** There being no other business, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 2:30 p.m.

*The House rose at 2:47p.m.*