

## MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015  
The House met at 2:34 p.m.  
(The Speaker *Hon. Nduati Kariuki* in the Chair)

### PRAYERS

### PAPERS

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE, LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND  
JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, ON THE MURANG'A COUNTY SYMBOLS  
BILL NUMBER 13 OF 2014

**Hon. Anderson Muchemi:** I thank you Hon. Speaker; I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the Assembly today Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015

*(Hon. Gachui Mungai rose on a point of order)*

**Hon. Gachui Mungai:** Hon. Speaker, it seems as if we do not have quorum and the matter that is coming on the floor of this House is of great important for this county and I think I need your guidance.

**The Speaker:** Serjeant -At -Arms ring the bell and see whether we shall achieve the quorum

*(Quorum bell rung)*

*[Several members walked in]*

*(Quorum Achieved)*

**The Speaker;** I understand we have the quorum now, can we move on.

**Hon. Anderson Muchemi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, once again I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the Assembly today Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

That, the report of the Governance, Labour and Social Welfare, and Justice and Legal Affairs committee, on the Murang'a County Symbols Bill number 13 of 2014 be laid on the table of the House.

I thank you Mr. Speaker.

### BILLS

MURANG'A COUNTY SYMBOLS BILL 2014- *SECOND READING*

**Hon. Anderson Muchemi;** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the motion;-  
That, the Murang'a County Symbols Bill, 2014, be now read a Second time.

Mr. Speaker sir, according to the County Governments Act 2012 4 [1] says that every county shall enact legislation prescribing the following county symbols; the county flag, county coat of arms and the county public seal.

Mr. Speaker sir, in our county that is Murang'a, the County government up to now we have not enacted legislation, we have not come up with the county flag, coat of arms and what we are purporting to be using is not legal because it has not passed here.

According to the County Governments Act, 2012, 4 (2), it must be approved by the Assembly and it is this Assembly that is supposed to do that. In November 2013, the committee of Trade, Industrialisation, Tourism and Wildlife drafted a legislation to help in

informing the County flag and the County Court of Arms, but after some time, that work was delegated to the Education and Child Welfare committee. After the new standing orders, it was delegated to the Governance, Labour and Social Welfare Committee.

Mr. Speaker sir, we did the first reading and the Bill was taken to the people. After the public participation, people did some changes with what we had proposed. Initially, we had a symbol that had a cow at the centre, but after consulting the people, they thought that it is good that our slogan, *kamuingi koyaga ndiri* (unity is strength) be at the centre, so, we put *ndiri* (pestle) at the centre. That is what they are calling it. After consultations, we agreed that we adopt the new symbols.

Mr. Speaker, if members accept and we adopt this one, I am sure they are the best symbols that we will have in the whole country. As you know, in every place that you go, people know us as *kamuingi koyaga ndiri*. I am sure that the members have the new symbols and because today is just second reading, and I am just moving the motion, I request Madam Jane to second the motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Jane Ndegwa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker; I do hereby second the Bill to be read for the second time. Thank you.

**The Speaker:** Thank you.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Gachui Mungai:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support. I do not know how we are going to contribute without having a copy of the proposed Bill. We do not have copies in our files, I seek your guidance.

**The Speaker:** I am made to understand that the Bill was sent to the members. I think the Clerk can clarify that. Hon. Members, I am informed that the Bill has actually been with the members as well as on the website of the Assembly. So, we move on.

**Hon. Kago Njoroge:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I totally agree that it has already been sent, but we do not have the report after they went to the public. We need to have that report with us because we are adopting the changes. I have not seen the report of what has been changed or not changed in my file or in my emails. I have only heard of what has been changed today yet I have been going through my emails daily.

So, that is why you see the members not able to, maybe, contribute well. We do not have that report with us. They are the ones giving us the basis of today's reading and of what alterations or confirmations have been done. That is why I personally feel that I may not be able to support or reject it.

*(Hon. Anderson Muchemi rose on a point of information)*

**The Speaker:** Point of information.

**Hon. Anderson Muchemi:** Mr. Speaker, I just want to inform the member that during the Committee of the Whole House is when the amendments will be tabled and that is when we will have the report. Today was just second reading for the Bill.

**The Speaker:** My position is that this is a Bill and not a report. We are not adopting a report. We are reading a Bill for the second time. Since it has been confirmed that the members have the Bill, it does not matter whether they have a report because it is not the report that we are seeking for adoption, so we move on with the bill.

**Hon. James Kagoni:** I have just heard the mover say that when they went through the public participation, one of the views was to remove the cow symbol from the centre to

somewhere north of the coat of arms which is okay Mr. Speaker because initially where it appeared, it looked like a slogan, I am happy with the committee, what they have been able to do so that we can now validate and collect the mistake previously there.

On the issues of hands holding mortar and pestle, I do not know whether it is the graphics but the hands looks like female pictures, I am not sure whether the men are included there. I would wish when we are doing the final one we make it good so that the men will also look like they are also contributing to the slogan of *kamuingi koyaga ndiri*, so that it does not appear like this is a women's county.

When you look keenly, you will realize those are only female hands holding the pestle, the choices of colour and the meaning is okay, from the black our heritage, peace, our philosophy and goals for greatness, I am okay with that so far. This is a coat of arms and a flag that can represent our county very well since it gives a picture of what happens in our county from dairy farming to other forms of farming, horticulture farming and even the cash crops and our spirit of togetherness. Besides not having the Bill in our files, as it appears I stand to support the Bill. Thank you Mr. Speaker

**The Speaker:** If there is no other contribution, I will just ask the mover to respond.

**Hon. Anderson Muchemi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker and the Hon Members, because today there will be no question to be put, I will just ask members when we go to the Committee of the Whole House, we be prepared to amend where we wish.

**The Speaker:** Hon Members this was just the second reading, the Committee of the Whole House will be there where even amendments can be put in place and as usual there will be no voting during the second reading so I will not put the question.

### ADJOURNMENT

The House is adjourned until tomorrow 2.30p.m.

*The House rose at 2:50p.m.*