
REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Thursday, 4th May 2023.

The Assembly met at 2:55 p.m.

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu) in the Chair]

PRAYER

STATEMENT

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS FROM TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023 TO THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023.

Hon. Hanna Wairimu: Hon. Speaker I beg to issue the following statement;-

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 for the week commencing Tuesday, June 6 to Thursday, June 8, 2023 as per the attached program.

On Tuesday morning June 6, 2023, morning sitting, we shall have a Paper on Report on the status and distribution of dams and water pans in Murang'a County. We will have a Motion on adoption of a Report on the departmental work plan for FY 2022/2023.

Tuesday afternoon we shall have a notice of Motion on report on the status and distribution of dams and water pans in Murang'a County.

Wednesday afternoon sitting June 7, we shall have a Petition, Petition on the dilapidated state of Igikiro shopping centre - Gikungu shop - Kabogoro road in Kamahuha ward.

Thursday afternoon June 8, we shall have schedule of statements. Statements on approved business of the Assembly from the week commencing Tuesday, June 13, 2023 to Thursday, June 15, 2023. On the same day we shall have a Motion on Report on the status and distribution of dams and water pans in Murang'a County.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE ON BENCHMARKING VISIT TO RUNG'ETO FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

Hon. Caroline Njoroge: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I beg to move the following Motion; -

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on a benchmarking visit to Rung'eto Farmers' Co-operative Society in Kirinyaga County, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

Honourable Members, I would wish to state that this was a visit that was undertaken by our Committee and you have the Report on your files. I would wish to ask that you allow me to just highlight and do a highlight of this Report.

Hon. Speaker, coffee is undoubtedly one of the most important agricultural commodities in Kenya. As the fourth largest foreign exchange earner, the coffee sector is important to the national and the County economy. The sector is a source of livelihood for many people through its linkages in production, processing, milling, marketing and consumption. Over the years the sector has been facing various farm level, production, processing and marketing challenges. To address these problems, a number of reforms have been undertaken in the last two decades to try and improve the sector. Some of the major reforms included; liberalization in production and marketing, removal of licenses and controls in production and minimization of government involvement in the coffee industry. Even with these reforms, the coffee sector continues to be under great stress and most of the anticipated gains from reforms have not been realized.

Hon. Speaker I wish to take members to page---- in the Report you can see what we were able to observe and learn from that farm. I wish that you allow me to go to page 10 where we highlighted the challenges facing coffee sector in Murang'a County. Hon. Speaker, the Committee established that the coffee sector has a huge potential but there are challenges that affect its performance. The following are the main challenges and problems that affect the sector;-

- 1) Over-reliance on inorganic fertilizers and other commercial inputs in the production of coffee.
- 2) Delays in payments to growers leading to poor producer incentives.
- 3) Low farm productivity, which leads to low farming earnings.

- 4) Poor delivery of extension services leading to; poor adoption of improved technologies, weaknesses in grower education, lack of price advisory information to the growers and lack of timely dissemination of the of policy changes affecting the industry.
- 5) Declining land-holding sizes, aging coffee plants and competition with other agricultural enterprises.
- 6) Capacity bottlenecks due to old, obsolete and inappropriate processing machinery. This has led to wastage, loss of quality and high processing cost.
- 7) Lack of standardized production procedure manuals to guide processing and quality control at the various processing levels.
- 8) Lack of a mechanism for quality feedback from buyers.
- 9) There are no set policies to guide borrowing and debt management.
- 10) The farmers and societies do not get statements of their coffee deliveries and the payments do not go directly to the farmers` accounts.

Honourable Members, these are also things that are faced everywhere across the County where this farming is undertaken. We go to page 11 where the Committee had their observations or what we observed as a Committee. Hon. Speaker, the Committee observed that the implementation of the new Constitution to devolve key functions means that the coffee sector now falls entirely under County Government. With this view, the County Government must enact legislation and policies geared towards revamping the sector. The Committee recommendations. Hon. Speaker, the Committee made the following recommendations;-

- 1) That, the County Government should collaborate with Agrevive ltd and promote use of organic fertilizers e.g., use WonderGro and other alternative inputs in the production of coffee.
- 2) That, the County Government to pursue private - public partnerships approaches in driving the process of value addition is highly desirable as long as farmers interests are not infringed upon.
- 3) That, the County Government to identify specific farm level interventions to support farmers in adoption of technologies; the County Government to enact legislation to guide payments to the farmers for coffee deliveries.
- 4) That, the County Government should conduct an audit and needs assessment of machinery of all the union and all societies.

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- 5) That, the County Government to assist the union in the establishment of a modern model coffee processing factory to act as bench mark to the others.
 - 6) That, the County Government to support a factory modernization program to address capacity needs and bottlenecks.
 - 7) That, the union with the support of the County Government to develop standard production procedure manuals to guide processing and quality control at the various processing levels.
 - 8) That, the County Government to enact legislation on the roles and functions of the stakeholders in the sector and establish a clear industry structure that eliminates the role of intermediaries.
 - 9) That, the County Government to establish a security system to address coffee thefts and security of coffee factories and its assets and a mechanism for monitoring of performance.
 - 10) That, the County Government to develop clear guidelines and criteria for asset management, acquisition and disposal, disposal of the loss making and non-core assets.
 - 11) That, the County Government to initiate forensic investigation on all loans and debts to establish their credibility and authentication, and establish a mechanism for settlement of the outstanding debts for the union and societies.
 - 12) That, The County Government to enact legislation to govern the composition and eligibility of stakeholders in the union board, the process of corporate governance restructuring to be in line with Chapter six of the new Constitution to ensure that election or appointment of officers representing any interests in the sector will be officers with high integrity and competent skills.
 - 13) That, the County Government should facilitate capacity building of the stakeholders especially the staff and management committees of the societies.
 - 14) That, in implementing the Report, the County Government should explore opportunities for collaboration with the neighbouring counties like Kirinyaga.
 - 15) That, Ethiopia being the largest producer of coffee in Africa with over 120 species and contributes about 26% of GDP, the County Assembly Committee on Agriculture,

Livestock and Fisheries should conduct a benchmarking visit to Ethiopia to learn on best practices.

Conclusion, Hon. Speaker, it is hoped that implementation of this Report will revitalize coffee sector for the benefit of the farmers and other stakeholders. Towards this end, the County Government should establish an implementation framework for this Report. In implementing the Report, the County Government should explore opportunities for collaboration with the neighbouring counties. That marks the end of this Report I now call my able vice- chair to second the Report. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Gathe Wa Njeri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to second the Motion and give maybe one or two things which we learnt. One is to commend the Committee for good work and the visit to the Rung'eto farm. We were able to see and question the management on how they have been dealing with coffee since they started from 1997. We saw the increase in production and even the amount of money they are paying to the farmers. We were able to get experience from farmers and we also visited few farms around and we saw that some of the input they are using increase production such as wonder grow. It is one of the fertilizers. Through the challenges that are cited here and recommendations, if they are taken seriously, maybe we can have our black gold here in Murang'a and also try to get to that level of Rung'eto society.

Mr. Speaker, I also wish to commend the Committee on how they were able to represent our County back there and we saw through experience and we were also given some of the input to come with them here and see how they work. I must say that I tried myself personally to use Wondergro fertilizer which we were given to supplement, I have seen change in my two plants of coffee which I have back there at home. With all these challenges and recommendations, I am sure we can improve our coffee sector. Mr. Speaker thank you, and I stand to support the Motion.

(Question proposed)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Honourable Members, the Floor is open for debate. Yes, Hon. Mirara continue.

Hon. Moses Musa: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to tell this House that I have seen the recommendations although us in Kangari we don't farm coffee. I want to implore to the Committee that the problem with the coffee sector is not even with the farmer, the problem is with the

intermediaries, the agents, the brokers that hold to that coffee sector. It is upon them now to recommend that the County Government with the help of the County Assembly, we find a way to eliminate the intermediaries that get to reap where they have not sown and it is not within the recommendations that they recommended. I support because I see they are good recommendations but I would wish them to add that. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Thank you. Honourable Member for Kahumbu Hon. Chefman Njoroge.

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker sir. I rise to support the Motion and also the recommendations from the Committee, for the job well done and for the benchmarking which they went. However, I reserve few comments regarding the same and especially the inclusion of the youth in terms of the farming of coffee.

Mr. Speaker you are aware that our youth don't value the issue of coffee but our elderly people are the ones who are more the owners of coffee. I raise the Committee to look a way for emphasizing our youth to know that as per the recommendation which I heard from the vice- chair of the Committee regarding that coffee is our black gold so our youth there should be a policy, there should be a way that we should educate our youth to know and understand that this crop is a good business. They should not just do away with it. We should look a way to incorporating the parents and the youth and the community in terms of bringing them on board. So that the issue of negligent in farming the coffee should be a thing of the past. The reason I am saying this is because from where I come from in Kahumbu ward, you will find majority of the youth don't know what coffee is all about.

Two, we have a lot of factories even the land for the factories. For example, Kairi factory which is a dead plant whereby the land is there idle and the youth are just there. The farmers are there, they don't know what to do with the land so I request the Committee to check and fact finding in our areas, the coffee areas, what are the current status of our current factories? What can be done so that we can improve the issue of coffee farming, improve the factories, because despite benchmarking to other counties, it is now the reality on the ground. What are our factories doing? What is the relationship between, as per what my brother from Kangari who has said, the issue of the cartels, the agents. I am so sorry to say that the majority of the chairmen of these factories they do not deserve to be there. You find someone has been there for ten years and I will give an example like where I come from, that Kairi factory, it is led by two men show, one is the

chairman and the secretary, the rest of the people either they guide or they are crazy and they are still running that factory which is done and gone out and when you ask about the election they do not have a system of doing that. I am saying that because I had a public participation one month ago regarding the same.

Whereby we need the Committee to go down to those factories, see who are the board managers, what are the loans because now and then we are hearing the government doing what we call the waivers and such but it is not benefitting the ordinary *mwananchi* (citizens) because there are those brokers, cartels who are holding these factories hostage and they are not able to do what is needed. So, I recommend one of the recommendations or my opinion is that they should visit the factories on ground in our Murang'a County especially in areas where people have neglected coffee.

Number two, Mr. Speaker, is also the issue of what are we supposed to plant. As you have heard Ethiopia and Brazil are the major producers of coffee but I have never heard them uprooting the coffee. But what is happening in Murang'a County, why are people uprooting the coffee what are the reasons, why are they doing it, who is putting this unnecessary pressure on our youth, to our farmers, to our County, because it used to give us the revenue to our County. The Committee also should check and get the bottom line of the reason why? Ethiopia does not uproot their coffee, Brazil does not uproot their coffee and they are making good money. Ours is quality coffee because it comes from the highlands but our people are uprooting the coffee. The Committee should look into that and also what are we supposed to plant? We have three varieties of coffee as we speak; we have SL 28 which is the drought resistant coffee plant, we also have the Ruiru 11 and we have the Ruiru Batian and I think the Committee should look and advice the CECM of Agriculture or even give recommendations area wise on which is the best to be planted and also follow the procedure on which is the organic farming so that we have one item in one area or one seedling in that area and also help us about the other issue of planting.

As we speak, there is no coffee seedlings in Murang'a County. As I was doing my public participation, I came to realize that despite having a union for coffee we need to at least have a tree nursery for coffee so that we can have the quality seedlings, when our people are planting so that they can understand and know that this is a quality thing as they do the organic. If you want to plant seedlings today, unless you get the seedlings from Kirinyaga, unless you get the seedlings from Nyeri, in Murang'a we do not have those seedlings. So, it is our responsibilities as a House

to persuade our people, the coffee factories to have a nursery so that our people can be able to get the product easily, it is raining but we are not planting. Before the Report goes down to the drain because that is what happens most of the time when the recommendations are done. As I had earlier say let us also be practical and implement the recommendations of Committees.

Finally, I am also on the side of the issue of coffee land, majority of our people are selling the land and forgetting the value of our land in terms of crops so I think we need to safeguard our land as much as it is an open thing when you want to sell your land but if as our culture what shall we be proud of in terms of farming? If we can be able to secure our agricultural land and people should not just segment the land and sell it at the end of the day we invest heavily as a County Government, we advise as a County Government but at the end of the day there is no land to plant or the seedlings to our farmers, I think we need the Committee to know which areas of our land do we designate for farming and I will give you a leave in the USA whereby in California agricultural land cannot be sold, it is secured for maize plantations and whatever case it is. We need also as a County to know as much as it is a liberal market, as much as you are the owner of land but we need to demarcate and know that this is agricultural land and we should not just sell for the sake of selling.

Finally, as earlier stated I would like the Chair and the Committee to take it seriously about those lands, a good example in my Kahumbu there is a factory land that is lying idle and currently it is being grabbed, the Committee should go to site visits in all wards with coffee factories areas and identify where are these lands are they still idle, can they be turned into lands for planting the seedlings? So that accessibility of these seedlings will be granted. So, with those few remarks I support the findings and the recommendations of the committee, they are good but now the issue is about implementing and checking out what we are supposed to do.

Hon. Gachui Mungai: I rise to support. I have risen to support and make some recommendations on recommendation number 12. According to my English teacher, the recommendations should be reading, and this is for the purpose of record, that the County Government to enact, the County Government to propose a legislation because Mr. Speaker, the issue of enactment which is a process of law making belongs to this Assembly and the County Government cannot be able to enact legislation unless it used this Assembly. The other point I just wanted the Honourable Member for Kahumbu to understand that this Committee is very vibrant and it is going to make a follow-up to what we have recommended because we have a very able

Committee Chairperson to this Committee and Committee Members. The worry maybe for the Member for Kahumbu that this Report is going down the drain should not be there. I understand as a member of the Committee and that is why I have risen to support this Report.

The other point I have heard, maybe the Member for Kahumbu is about the overstaying of the committee management in the co-operatives. There is a Co-operative Act that compels them to have annual general meetings so it is good for the Member for Kahumbu to stand guided by our committee. Thank you Mr. Speaker as I support.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): I will now call the mover to respond.

Hon. Caroline Njoroge: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I first thank my Committee for the visit that they did and I can see they were able to come up with something but I would wish to state that this Report is related to what we were able to find out from that visit because it is allowed for the committee to visit various regions so that when we come here we are able to compare what is being done in those regions doing well in this coffee industry so the recommendations are based on what the committee was able to find out.

That one I would wish to give as a point of information; some of the points that Honourable Mirara from Kangari has pointed out are very nice and very good but Mr. Speaker, I have a cold and I could not be heard very well but some of them are captured and I appreciate that we are able to identify the problems that the coffee farmers are going through in their societies even Honourable Member for Kahumbu, I have taken that positively but I would wish in future members when we bring these Reports and we move these Motions on the Report, it is good to go and read it on yourself and understand because they are usually based on what the Committee saw and then recommend and whatever we recommend. We recommend it to our place because we saw it as the best when it was done there and whatever they did, even if they were using organic farming, we need to check our soils too and all those are captured here maybe I would wish the members take this Report with them and it will help them when they go on the ground and educate their people so these benchmarking Reports are very important even to the other Committees and I must say that I appreciate and it is noted.

It is also good to note that we have a Coffee Bill coming up and those things that we have recommended will be taken care of. The Senate is doing a Bill on coffee, we will have it and we shall notify the Members of this House. Thank you and I urge Members let us support this Report.

Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

[SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER]

STATEMENT

ALCOHOLISM CRISIS IN THE COUNTY.

Hon. Jane Mukami: Honourable Speaker, in exercising the oversight powers of the County Assembly provided for in Article 185 (3) of the Constitution of Kenya, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 46 (2), I hereby seek for a Statement from the Chairperson Health Services Committee on the following; -

One, is the Chairperson aware that control of alcohol is part of the devolved function under part two of the fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya?

Second, is the Chairperson aware that there is a disastrous widespread alcoholism across Murang'a County that is threatening economic growth and social harmony of our communities in rural and urban settings? If so, which emergency measures has the chairperson and the department of health taken to avert the eminent collapse of family structures, public health, economic lifelines and generational responsibilities due to the current alcoholism crisis in the county.

Number three, is the Chairperson aware that there is a Murang'a County Alcoholic Drinks Control Act 2014 and that seeks to regulate liquor licensing in the County while promoting inter-agency co-ordination in the control of alcohol. If yes, can the Chairperson Table in this Assembly, within 7 days, a Report on the implementation status of the Act?

Number four is the Chairperson aware that Section 4 of the Murang'a County Alcoholic Drinks Control Act 2014 establishes an Alcoholic Drinks Control Directorate? Is the directorate still operational? Are there physical offices where the directorate is domiciled? Has the directorate complied with Section 4 (h) of the Murang'a County Alcoholic Drinks Control Act 2014 that requires them to prepare and submit a bi-annual alcoholic drinks status Report to the County Executive Committee and the County Assembly?

Number five, is the Chairperson aware that there are sub-County Alcoholic Drinks Regulation Committees established by the Murang'a County Alcoholic Drinks Control Act 2014 to issue licenses to traders selling alcohol? If yes, can the Chairperson inform this Assembly on the membership of the sub-committees and whether the Committees are operational and if not who is currently regulating and licensing alcoholic drinks traders in Murang'a County.

Number six, is the Chairperson aware of any legal or administrative hurdle(s) that are affecting the control of alcoholism in the County? If yes, which measures has the Chairperson and the department of health taken to address any gap that has precipitated the current crisis?

Number seven, and the last one is the chairperson aware of any executive position taken by the County Executive Committee towards production, distribution, sale and consumption of alcohol in the County in view of the current alcoholism crisis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Thank you. Can the Chairperson for Health Committee, can you respond?

Hon. John Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have received the allegations but point to note this cannot be done within a period of seven days because it is a problem affecting not only the County, it is a crisis along the country. I urge Hon. Speaker; you give me 21 days we sit down with my Committee so that we can come with the good conclusion. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Thank you Hon. Chair for Health. Hon. Member you will be waiting for your response within the 21 days you have said, thank you. Next Order. What is Hon. Member?

Hon. Jane Mukami: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I understand the Chair of Health Committee, but 21 days is a lot of time we can give him at least 14 day to be precise. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Hon. Member are you okay with the 14 days or we stand with your first 21 days to respond at?

Hon. John Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have said within 21 days so it can be 20 days.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Thank you Hon. Members, let us go with the Chair for Health on those 20 days and I know you will be well composed and you sit down with the Committee so that you come up with the good response. Thank you. Let us go to the Next Order.

MOTION

REPORT OF GOVERNANCE, LABOUR, JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON THE MURANG'A COUNTY INTERNSHIP POLICY.

Hon. Loise Mbogo: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. I beg to move the following Motion;-

That, the Assembly adopts the Report of sectoral Committee on Governance, Labour, Justice and Legal Affairs on the Murang'a County Government Internship Policy 2022, laid on the Table of the Assembly on May 3, 2023.

As a Committee we sat down and we went through the Policy and the purpose of this Policy is to prioritize job creation and increased youth employment by promoting internship for those graduating from training institutions. The internship programme aims at enabling them acquire practical workplace-----we all have the Report so I am going to do a summary----- experience by establishing a mechanism of managing an effective and efficient Internship Programme that aims to bridge the gap between academic and the world of work.

This Policy is therefore part of the County Government strategy for promoting youth inclusion in the workplace experience development programme.

We go back to the recommendation and observation of the Committee. With the policy having been submitted to the Clerk of the County Assembly for scrutiny, the Committee in a series of meetings considered the policy upon committal to the Committee.

The Committee examined the internship Policy against the Constitution, the National Policy Framework as well as relevant legislations and made the following observations;

- 1) The statutory compliance. The Policy complies with the provisions of the Constitution and other relevant legislations.
- 2) Compliance with national policy framework. The internship policy has been formulated in line with the national Policy framework and in particular the Public Service Commission guidelines on internship.

Recommendation; this is the recommendation we found as a Committee. Having examined the Murang'a County Government Internship Policy against the Constitution, relevant laws and the national policy framework, the Committee recommends that the House approves the Murang'a County Government Internship Policy, 2022.

In conclusion, we believe that the effective implementation of this Policy will go a long way in empowering the youth and provide them with employability skills required to navigate the job market as well as creating employment opportunities for them. Further, the Committee acknowledges the role the program will play in bridging the skill gap in the County particularly on the skills- based discipline.

I wish to thank the Speaker and the Office of the Clerk County Assembly for their invaluable support accorded to the Committee in the discharge of this mandate. I also wish to express my heart felt gratitude to the Members and the staff of the Sectoral Committee of Governance, Labour, Justice and Legal Affairs Committee for their commitment on duty.

I now wish to call upon the Members to support the Motion and I call upon Hon. Mark to second the Motion. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Continue Hon. Mark.

Hon. Mark Wainaina: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand here to support the Report on the Murang'a County Government Internship Program. Allow me to touch on three points. One is the purpose of this Policy, and the purpose of this Policy is to prioritize job creation and increase youth employment by promoting internship for those graduating and training institution. We all know that majority of our youth are graduating from schools, they are graduating from colleges and campuses but those chances of getting internship programs are there. So, I applaud the County Government of Murang'a for agreeing to come up with this Policy so that we are able to train the youth. These youth are the ones that are going to bridge the gap of our aging employees in the County. So giving them jobs in internship program is a really good step forward.

Allow me Mr. Speaker to go to the second point which is touching on what will guide this internship programs. On the Report we came up with five points which are, one, allow me to mention them. We need to look at the merit and discipline, gender consideration, ethnic representation, disability status and minority and marginalized. I think the five points are very strong and if the County Government and particularly the Service Board is going to be keen on this issues we are going to get the best for our County.

And finally, and as I sit down and as I support this Motion there is one aspect that we also looked in as a Committee whether this Policy is in compliance with the Constitution and the national policy framework, and I would say yes. The statutory compliance, the Policy complies with the provisions of the Constitution and other Legislations and in compliance with the national

policy framework it complies. The internship Policy has been formulated in line with the national Policy framework and in particular the Public Service Commission guidance on internship. So as I stand to second I urge Members to support this Report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Hon. Members the Floor is open for debate. Yes, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Gachui Mungai: Chair as I rise to support, mine is just correction because I understand we are on May 4, today is Thursday on May 4, the Motion is reading May ---3 Wednesday

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Yes, there was a typing error, but we stand to be guided. Yes, Hon. Munyua.

Hon. John Munyua: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am looking at this Report, whether it's a Policy or it's a Report? And I can see there are numbers, I do not know whether the paragraphs were being numbered or what is happening? Or it's a style of coming up with a Report. In the recommendation they are saying, they are recommending that the House approves the Murang'a County Government Policy, is this the Policy? And it is good to advice, when the Policy is being made because I am confused. Kindly recommend that every ward gets a fair share of those who will get a chance. I want to be guided on that but I support the Report. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Yes Hon. Mirara.

Hon. Moses Musa: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I wish to help the Member for Gaichanjiru. I just want to bring him on something as I support this Motion. Because a Policy is developed on a problem that has been identified. On this case the problem in question is how we can help our people get some internship within our County to help them navigate the job market. I think it is imperative that the Honourable realizes that this is a Policy and it has been said that it is in line with the Constitution of Kenya. I do not know if he stands to support it with whatever riders that he wants it to be? Me I will support it because I have seen this one is the best that we can have and it is always said that, this is a very good conversation that the Committee has made and it has been long overdue. It is said that a good conversation is like a miniskirt which is short enough to retain interest and long enough to cover the subject. Thank you I support.

(Laughter)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Yes, Hon. Naomi.

Hon. Naomi Maina: Thank you Madam Speaker. I first of all rise to say that I support the Motion. Supporting it I am pleased because I have gone through the Report and the Report has recommended of us giving our youth internship programs which will be one way of improving the education in our County.

Having gone through the Report on the interns, I have seen the criteria which will be used or the selection which will be used at looking at the merits, the gender, the ethnic representation, they will also look at the minority and the marginalized. I am pleased to note that everyone will be represented and I hope that when we will be doing it, it will be distributed in each and every corner. Now as the Chairperson Education I am pleased to note that the youth in my County will be accommodated and will fit the job market in our County or in our Country at large. So, I support.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Yes, Hon. Kabera.

(Hon. Kabera James did not switch on his microphone)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Use the microphone.

Hon. Kabera James: I just want to congratulate these good people who made all these Reports. As one Hon. Member said, it is good to equalize each and every Ward represented by this opportunity but I also want to be guided. In part 16, it is talking of selection of interns shall be guided by the following, merit and discipline, gender consideration, ethnic representation, disability status, and minority and marginalization. There is one here called disability. Do we really use disability or do we use people with special needs? I just wanted to be guided because, maybe, my English is not all that ...

(Laughter)

Hon. Kabera James: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): I now call the Mover to respond.

Hon. Loise Mbogo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, thank you Members for contributing. Thank you Hon. Munyua, Hon. Gachui the Deputy Speaker, Hon. Mirara, Hon. Naomi, Hon. Kabera and all the Members.

My response to Hon. Munyua, this is a Policy and it was submitted by the Executive and laid on the Table of the Assembly and the Committee considered and scrutinized everything. The observations and recommendations are contained in this Report. Hon. Kabera, we are sorry for the typing error. It is people living with disabilities. Thank you, Deputy Speaker, for the correction, it was a typing error ...

(Consultations)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): What is it Hon. Mirara? You are out of Order.

Hon. Moses Mirara: Mr. Speaker, I would wish to help the Mover of this Motion that Mr. Kabera was very categorical that we do not call these people, people with disability; nowadays we call them people with special needs or enabled differently. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Thank you, Hon. Mirara. Yes, Chefman, you have something?

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: I am just explaining to the Mover that we do not have Hon. Gashui, we have Hon. Gachui. It is good she knows that he is Hon. Gachui because I do not know, at all, if we have an Hon. Member called Gachui.

(Laughter)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Thank you, Hon. Member. He is Hon. Gachui....*(technical hitch)*.....

Hon. Loise Mbogo: Sorry. Okay, thank you for the correction, Hon. Mirara, it is just a ---

(Laughter)

Hon. Loise Mbogo: It is a courtesy language that it is people living with disabilities. I urge all Members to support this Motion. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): What is it? You have a Point of Order?

Hon. Jane Mukami: Yes.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Which one?

Hon. Jane Mukami: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Hon. Loise, being her first time to stand in front of this House to move a Motion, it is not an easy thing. So, congratulations Loise. It does not matter whether you are confused or not but Members of this Assembly should understand the Hon. Member.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Thank you, it is just a point of appreciation. Hon. Members, there being no further debate, I will now put the question.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Next Order.

BILLS

THE MURANG'A COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2023- FIRST READING

(The Bill was Read for the First time)

MOTION

THE MURANG'A COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2023- SECOND READING

(Order for Second Reading Read)

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion; -

That the Murang'a County Supplementary Appropriation Bill No.1 of 2023 be read for the second time, and I call upon Hon. Naomi to second this Motion.

Hon. Naomi Maina: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise to second noting that the Bill included the scholarship and intervention where the students are considered and the money will be

appropriated to the scholarship program where we have been provided with Kshs48Million for the education sector.

As the Chairperson, Education Committee, I can see that the feeding program has also been considered; more money has been allocated and I am glad to note that the program will be sustained. So, I rise to second. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question Proposed)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Hon. Members, the Floor is open for debate. Yes, Hon. Mirara.

Hon. Moses Mirara: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I am from Kangari and I would wish to support this Motion be read a second time. Having observed that there are usually reasons and conditions for bringing a Supplementary Budget and, among many of the reasons or conditions for bringing a Supplementary Budget is in fact to bring in new expenditure that could be urgent in nature. For this case, we have noted that there is a crisis that is coming of climate change and there is provision for that money within this Supplementary Budget. I think it could be one reason why the Supplementary Budget came to this House, and also point out that this is the second Supplementary Budget that we are tackling in this House, we are debating in this House.

The first reason was to align with the manifesto of the Governor having taken the new office. I think there is also the Bills that were placed in the last Supplementary Budget. As I support, I wish the Chair for Budget to clarify if the pending Bills have been paid because there was a provision for them, I am a person who moves a lot and I know that people are still dying because of this thing called the pending bills. People have not been paid, although I realize that we have some few months remaining for the Financial Year (FY) to end. I rise to support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Thank you, I now call the mover to respond.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I thank the Hon. Members for the way they have supported the second reading and the areas I have mentioned. This is the Appropriation Bill of the Supplementary Budget that we passed earlier. There are only a few amendments that maybe will be done but I want to assure Hon. Mirara that pending bills have been dealt with. There is an agreement with the Controller of Budget (COB) that we pay out some of these pending bills.

So, I assure you that some of these pending bills are captured within this Supplementary. I ask Members to support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

[COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE]

(Order for the Committee Read)

(The Temporary Speaker left the Chair)

[IN THE COMMITTEE]

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

THE MURANG'A COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET 2023

The Chairperson (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Thank you, Hon. Members, we are now in the Committee of the Whole House and I now call the meeting to Order. Yes, *Bwana* (Mr) Clerk.

Clause 3

(Question, that Clause 3 be part of the Bill, Proposed)

The Chairperson (Hon. Gachui Mungai): If there is no debate, I now put the question.

(Question, that Clause 3 be part of the Bill, Put and Agreed to)

Clause 4

(Question, that Clause 4 be part of the Bill, proposed)

(Question, that Clause 4 be part of the Bill, Put and Agreed to)

Clause 5

(Question, that Clause 5 be part of the Bill, Proposed)

The Chairperson (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Yes, Hon. Munyua.

Hon. John Munyua: You see, it is like, yes. I am seeing there are amendments and maybe the Chair for Budget could have explained further why the amendments happened and the rationale behind it.

The Chairperson (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Yes, Hon. Member for Gaichanjiru, the Chair Budget will be able to explain about the amendments as we move on. Yes, any other comment? If you look at the Order Paper, all the amendments are there. They are well explained. They are captured and largely, I understand those amendments did not affect so many figures. It is about the rearrangements of the estimates that we passed.

(Question, that Clause 5 be part of the Bill, Put and Agreed to)

First Schedule

(Question that, the First Schedule be part of the Bill, Proposed)

Hon. Charles Machigo: I propose that the first schedule of the Bill be amended in vote 03 as per the Order Paper

The Chairperson (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Honourable Members, as per the Order Paper the Chairperson Budget Committee is proposing that the amendments to the vote are 03 should be amended by deleting the following subprograms. I wish The Chairperson Budget Committee could have read the subprogram.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Chairman, the amounts are three, the amounts required in the financial year ending June 30, 2023 for the salaries and expenses for the department of finance and economic planning, information and technology it is Kshs24million the other one is financial management programs that is Kshs2million, administrative and support programs Kshs12million, enterprise resource planning that is the amendment and two by amending the net recurrent total by deleting the figure Kshs114,708,419 to substitute thereafter with the figure Kshs112, 750,241 in order to read net recurrent of Kshs112million the other one is the first schedule.

The Chairperson (Hon. Gachui Mungai): You have explained enough. Well, I do not know whether there is further debate on the same Honourable Members as I propose the question is there any other debate on the same. Yes, Hon. Munyua.

Hon. John Munyua: Thank you Chairman, is it to acquire a system because I understand enterprise resource planning is a system to help in management.

The Chairperson (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Before the Chairperson Budget Committee responds, this Appropriation Bill is to allow the government to expend on the estimates that we did. I cannot remember whether it is the day before yesterday we passed the estimates so as to allow the government access the funds. It is exactly what we passed.

(Question that the first schedule as amended be part of the Bill put and agreed to)

Second Schedule

(Question that the second schedule be part of the Bill proposed)

Hon. Charles Machigo: I propose that the second schedule of the Bill be amended as per the Order Paper.

The Chairperson (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Mr. Chairman Budget Committee you can continue and cover the whole thing so that those who could not be having the Order Paper can understand what we are -----

Hon. Charles Machigo: The item of 0042 of the curative health is Kshs20million in order to read that the amount required in financial year June 30 capital and development of health and sanitation Kshs40, 200,000. That is for the preventive and promotive health Kshs.20 million and infrastructure support programs Kshs200million Therefore the curative health is Kshs20 million. The other one is by deleting the entire totals and substituting thereafter as follows, development Kshs280 million reduction and net development total Kshs29,348,000 the grant total is Kshs162 million.

The Chairperson (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Order! honorable member, I am the one to propose. I want to remind members that we are in the Committee of the Whole and any member is allowed to speak more than once unlike in the main House.

(Question that second schedule as amended be part of the Bill proposed)

(Question that second schedule as amended put and agreed to)

Clause 2

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

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

Clause 1

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

(Question that clause one 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 proposed)

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Chairman I now move the Motion, I beg the Chairperson to move that the Committee do report to the Assembly its consideration of Murang'a County Supplementary Bill---

The Chairperson (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Order Chairperson Budget Committee you are supposed to move. I beg to move

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Chairman, I beg to move the Motion that the Committee do-----

The Chairperson (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Order! Relax Chairperson Budget Committee, you should beg to move that the Committee do report that is where we are.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Chairman, I beg to move that the Committee do report to the Assembly its consideration of the Murang'a County Supplementary Appropriation Bill No. 1 of 2023 and its approval thereon with amendments. I call upon Hon. Kabera to second the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. James Kabera: Thank you Chairperson, I do second the Motion.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

[House resumed]

[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu) in the chair]

(Mace was raised)

[REPORTING]

Hon. Gachui Mungai: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to report that the Committee of the Whole Assembly has considered Murang'a County Appropriation Bill No.1 of 2023 and its approval thereof with amendments.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Mr. Speaker I beg to move that this Assembly do agree with the Committee in the Report said by Chairperson of the whole House. I call upon Hon. Elizabeth to second the Motion.

Hon. Elizabeth WaRisper: Thank you Mr. Speaker, for giving this opportunity in support of this Motion. Thank you.

(Question that the Assembly do agree with the said Report proposed)

(Question that the Assembly do agree with the said Report put and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Chairperson, Budget Committee.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg that Murang'a County Supplementary Appropriation Bill No.2 of 2023 now to be read for a third time. I call upon Hon. Elizabeth to second the Motion.

Hon. Elizabeth WaRisper: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to second the Motion.

(Question that Murang'a County supplementary Appropriation Bill No.2 of 2023 be read a Third time proposed)

(Question that Murang'a County supplementary Appropriation Bill No.2 of 2023 be read a Third time put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT**NOTIFICATION OF LONG RECESS.**

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 29 and 30 relating to regular sessions and calendar of the Assembly, the Speaker notifies that upon the rise of the House today at the appointed time, regular sittings will resume on Tuesday June 6, 2023 at 9.30 a.m. This House stands adjourned until notified by notice.

The Assembly rose at 4:25 p.m.