

# MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY

## THE HANSARD

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The House met at 2:42 p.m.

*(The Speaker Hon. Nduati Kariuki in the Chair)*

### PRAYERS

### MOTION

#### REPORT OF LAND, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC FORUM HELD IN KAHURO

**Hon. Duncan Njuguna:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the chairperson to the Land, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement committee and I beg to move the following motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts the report of the Land, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement committee on public forum held in Kahuro, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday, February 23, 2016.

Mr. Speaker, this dispute has been long outstanding, between the plot owners. Some were claiming that they own plots while others were claiming that they were issued with plots but were not shown their locations.

The committee, through the area Member of County Assembly (MCA), who is Hon. Kago, decided to visit the area- Kahuro market to establish the root cause of the whole issue. We made our first visit and found out that the area is undeveloped.

Since we did not have the plot development plan, we decided to call a public forum on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Although the forum was meant for the plot owners, other stakeholders attended and we could not chase them away because we also wanted their input.

The conflict has been there for a very long time; thus causing no development in that parcel of land. For example, a person could say that his plot number was ten only to find out from the ground that the plot belongs to somebody else. The plot owners of Kahuro pay rates to the county government. We therefore established that should it continue as such, they would never develop the area.

Among others, the committee observed that the initial plan for Kahuro that was prepared in 2010 was not good enough because, as I mentioned earlier, there was a mix up of numbers and allocations.

The development plan of Kahuro that was prepared in 2010 was not approved by the ministry as is required by the Act of the then Parliament.

After sub-dividing the plots or re-planning the whole parcel of land, 13 people missed out while three individuals were allocated plots outside the gate of Mugoiri girls. The administration of that school complained that having kiosks outside the institution posed a security risk.

Mr. Speaker, the total number of people who missed the plots in Kahuro market was 13. The plot owners are not sure of the development plan to be adopted for Kahuro. They are therefore awaiting the county government to finalise on the matter.

After the adoption by this House, they will move ahead and re-plan the whole area so that the plot owners can say that they own the plots in Kahuro.

Another observation is that the plot owners are also concerned that there will be changes in sizes of the plots during the re-planning to accommodate the 13 people who were not accommodated in the then re-planning of 2010.

The committee also came up with findings; in 2010, the former county council prepared a plan and the persons who was contracted to do the Partial Development Plan did not submit the Part Development Plan (PDP) for approval and the surveyor cannot be traced to date.

Therefore, there is no existing PDP for 2010. The one that is in the books is an earlier one whereby the sizes of the plots are more than the one done in 2010. Since the plan was not approved, most plot owners do not have title deeds; they only have allotment letters and allocation letters since the time.

We informed them through the public forum, we have been clear and apprehensive that our intention is for everyone who was allocated a plot in the area, we are very apprehensive about the plan which will eventually be adopted as the final plan for implementation. In addition, the implementation of a new plan may lead to changes such as people developing the area economically. Kahuro will therefore grow.

We recommend that the plan prepared by the former county council be availed and properly scrutinised since it was not availed to the county council by the person who had been contracted to do so.

In addition, the anomalies contained in the 2010 plan should be addressed; the anomaly of allocating a plot owner a certain number while on the ground the number is owned by somebody else. Such anomalies should be rectified by the Executive so that the number coincides with the name of the plot owner.

Mr. Speaker, the re-planning of Kahuro should be prioritised and hastened by the department of Land, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement so that the County Lands Management Board will prioritise the processing and issuance of title deeds.

I have also mentioned about fresh planning to accommodate the 13 plot owners who missed out and, especially, the three who were at the gate of Mugoiri girls to move out of that place. The new approved plan should be gazetted and a second public forum convened so that all the plot owners can be sensitised about the changes because the sizes of the plots will change. We have requested them not to create any wrangles or confusion during the process so that they can own plots in that market once and for all.

The report is in the files of the members and the attendance register is in the annex one. Annex two contains the list of Kahuro plot owners who are 89 in number. That is all that the committee found out and recommended to be implemented so that the people of Kahuro can develop because development is concentrated along the road, leaving the bigger chunk of land that has disputes to lie idle without any development.

We will also make sure that the plot owners are not paying land rates or rents without developing or yearning to get any income from those plots. I urge the House to support us on this so that the people of Kahuro, especially the plot owners, can, at least, smile all the way when building or constructing buildings on their plots.

With that, I call upon the vice- chair of the committee, Hon. Samson Kago, who also happens to be the MCA for the area to second the motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Kago Njoroge:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to second the report of the committee which the chair has elaborated very well; the agonies which the residents of Kahuro have been going through.

Some of them were allocated this piece of land around 1999 when the first allocation was done. There were so many double allocations then such that they could not fit in the small piece of land. Due to the poor planning, some of them ended not owning any piece of land. They only own through pieces of paper through the signatures of the authority then; who were the former clerks.

Mr. Speaker, when we came to the council at around 2007, we met the problem in the office and we tried to tackle it; we had gone to as far as planning the area. We however do not know what happened with the office because thereafter, we heard that the surveyor had

disappeared with the surveyed plan and we could not have done anything by the time we were adopting this report because it was too late and time for campaigns. We did not manage to follow up from there. I was not the area councillor by then but when I came in, the owners of these plots who are the people of Kahuro had a lot of hope that, two years down the line, they would own their plots and begin to develop them.

As we speak, the buying and selling of those plots has been going on yet the Executive through the County Executive Committee (CEC) Member for Lands has already said that there should be no more transfers or exchange of ownership documents simply because the sizes of the plots are not known and the ownership documents cannot be verified. The members of the public therefore feel that if the re-planning process is not hastened, they are losing and by the end of the day, the owners may die and leave their children with these problems.

Mr. Speaker, I remember that, we buried one of them the week before last, who had been allocated in 1987 and the children are not in a position to follow up since the ownership documents are not good.

We are therefore urging the county government to hurry up. I remember that when we were passing the budget last time, there was an allocation for re-planning and Kahuro was given Kshs. 1.5 million for that exercise. We do not want this money wasted and we want it to do what it was budgeted for. That is why we are urging the House to pass this one so that the owners can develop and also have their ownership documents.

We should not leave this Assembly having not given those people their right by the time our term ends. The shilling is exchanging at a rate of 101 today. By 2018 when the other Assembly comes, hopefully all of us will be here, it will be exchanging at 120. That means that the cost of development will be higher than today. We will therefore be punishing these people if it will not be done today, not only economically but also socially. They will claim that parts of plots are there simply because there are no beacons.

I, therefore, stand to second and urge the House to support this so that we can keep on going as we have been doing in the other places we have been visiting to solve disputes. This House has been very good.

I cannot also fail to thank the committee because immediately the residents brought the issue in writing, though I had already raised the same matter, they went to the ground and discussed with the members and got to know their feelings.

I am therefore very thankful to the committee for what it has been doing. God will bless them with more energy to continue solving the problems in our County so that everybody will be happy by 2018.

It is also good to understand that land is the only resource which can give counties a lot of money than even the single business permits which they have been issuing.

If you can assume that each member pays Kshs. 3000 per year and they build residential houses, and we start charging that since the Constitution is allowing us to do that, we can be getting a lot of money. The problem of budget constraints will be no more.

We will therefore urge the county government to do its work so that our people will be happy and start investing as they should. I second the motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Martin Mwangi:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I represent Murarandia ward. I stand here to first thank this committee that went to Kahuro and did this wonderful and great work.

I always pass through that town when coming to Murang'a everyday. Kahuro is also my neighbouring town. I support what the Hon. Member of the area has said because this is a

very big problem. This is a very good report because it is addressing the problems which people have been facing. I am sure the Hon. Member of the area has dealt with this issue as I have. We reached where the report is saying--

I was wondering how the private surveyor disappeared yet I see him almost daily in this town. What lacks is goodwill from those who tracking the issue. The report has been brought to this House and I am sure that, once adopted, it will assist the residents of Kahuro so that their rights are upheld. It is their right to develop their land.

Kahuro has been blamed always that it does not develop yet it is the sub-county headquarter and holds all the government departments, including the county government departments. Kahuro cannot grow with all these problems. People were allocated plots and some of them have managed to acquire leases. However, when they tried to develop the area---

**Hon. Kago Njoroge:** On a point of order Mr. Speaker---

**The Speaker:** Yes, what is the point of order?

**Hon. Kago Njoroge:** Is it in order for Hon. Njoroge from Kamahuha to turn this House to be a wardrobe? He is hanging his coat everywhere in this House.

**The Speaker:** Hon. Njoroge, order!

**Hon. Martin Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I was saying that we have many people who are willing to develop their plots and I understand that 80% of those with plots are the entrepreneurs and the people who bought the land from the originally allotted people. These are the people who went to Kahuro to develop themselves and bought these plots.

They were told of emerging issues when they wanted to develop their plots and told to wait. That is why the report is indicating very clearly that since and before 2010, these plots have been planned and re-planned.

Mr. Speaker, I remember we were there with the Hon. Member of the area in the councils and all those problems have been accumulating. It is therefore my prayer that if this House will adopt this report, it is good that the committee on Implementation works together with this committee so that this can be implemented immediately and the people of Kahuro enjoy the fruits of devolution and develop their area.

The county will also be developed if Kahuro is developed. I congratulate the committee for this good work and I support this report.

**The Speaker:** Hon. Njoroge.

**Hon. John Gitau:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I represent Kamahuha ward and I am the chair to the committee on Education, Child welfare, and ICT. Before I contribute, I wish to welcome a school that is in the public gallery called Don Bosco secondary school from Makuyu ward in Murang'a South sub-county.

Mr. Speaker, I also wish to congratulate this committee on Lands because they are doing superb work. They have done it in Mugoiri, the other day they visited Kamahuha and they left people very happy.

Because we must give justice to our people and this is one area that our people take so dear. Justice also must not be done but it must also be seen to be done.

So these are very good recommendations because in the past we have had the cases where people were allocating land to their relatives, to their brothers and sisters and all that.

If this happens even the people of Kamahuha will start to see what their government is doing for them. There is nothing good like if as a government, we are very young as a government and all county governments started hardly three years ago.

What we are saying is as a county we should have first of all mapped the problems and mapped the resources so that when we start implementing, it will be very easy because we will be moving from one point to the next point. By the end of the term; which is five years; it will be very good if we will have dealt with almost all land problems because there are land injustices even in Murang'a county

I support this report and also encourage lands committee to keep on doing well. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** I ask the mover to respond.

**Hon. Duncan Njuguna:** Thank you Mr. Speaker and I thank the members who have contributed to the report and also the whole house because I believe they are going to support the report so that the people of Kahuro can enjoy doing business at least for once in a good environment.

On re-planning as it has been mentioned by one member, we are kind of re-planning Karinga, Mugoiri, Kahuro, Gitugi, Kandara and also Kirathani before the end of this fiscal year.

The re-planning is being done to enhance revenue collection and I believe as one of the members has mentioned it, it will bring money during physical planning and also the rent coming from those plots.

Kahuro being headquarter of that sub-county it is one area that is very good for developing because it has the administration. We have deputy county commissioner; we have sub-county administrator and other government officers ----

*(The Speaker called for order)*

**The Speaker:** In responding, you are supposed to respond to the issues raised by the members not to repeat the same arguments that you brought while moving the motion.

**Hon. Duncan Njuguna:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, on injustices mentioned by Hon. Njoroge we have the County Land Management board involved so that we can have the whole of Murang'a county where injustices were brought by double allocations or may be other acts checked, it is only yesterday the Land Rating Bill went for second reading.

Otherwise I thank the members once again and I urge them to support our report.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### **BILL**

#### MURANG'A COUNTY TRADE LICENSING BILL NO. 3 OF 20- SECOND READING

**Hon. Charles Kirigwi:** Mr. Speaker on behalf of the committee of Trade, I wish to move the following motion but before I move Mr. Speaker the room is too hot, I notice our visitors are not comfortable and I request the House orderlies to look whether they can quench their thirst. I wish to move the following motion;-

That, the Murang'a County Trade Licensing Bill number three of 2015 be now read a second time.

The Bill that is on order paper is Murang'a County Trade Licensing Bill 2015 which has already gone the first reading towards the closure of the session. I wish to state that this Bill is enacted by the Assembly, it will assist our Finance Act very much for easy implementation.

The Bill is divided into five parts and I want to take the members through those parts so that we can move together. There are those members who are not members of the Trade committee and the essence of second reading is to bring the other members who are not members of a specific committee on board so that they can understand the contents of the Bill.

Part one is basically on preliminaries that has the interpretations of the words used in the Bill. Part two is administration; is where we are talking about where we want to establish the licensing unit and in that same part we have tabulated the implementation of licensing unit.

In the Bill we have proposed to have a position of Chief Licensing Officer whom under him we have other licensing officers who will be seconded to that department by the County Public Service Board.

In the administration, we are advising the Murang'a traders on the requirements for one to be licensed in Murang'a; all that is contained under section ten of the Bill. Also we have guided the traders the processes and procedures of provisions of licences. If you want to do business in Murang'a the procedure of how you can apply for a licence.

In the same part, we have stated very clearly that our rate date of application will be 31<sup>st</sup> of March every financial year and from there on 1<sup>st</sup> of April; that is when you will be violating paying of licensing is when we will start charging you penalties.

Also in the Bill we have indicated the validity of the license, the issues to do with cancellation and withdrawal and may be a trader along the way feels that he wants to do away with trade, we have stipulated very well on issues to do with transfer of licence.

We have noticed that, I know majority of the members here do drive, you know it is against the law not to display your insurance or any other licence. The same in the county we are saying it is also against the law not to display your trading licence.

If a trader is aggrieved, we have given provisions so that he can get reprieve from Court of Appeal and lastly which is very important in the proposed Bill is the collaboration with government agencies whereby we are giving provisions where the county government can collaborate with national agencies like Kenya Bureau of Standards, Kenya Revenue Authority for them to assist us in getting revenues from traders.

Lastly in the Bill, we have stipulated very well that in every financial year, we need to have a report telling us how we have implemented collection of revenue and the challenges that we are having. And during our Committee of the Whole, the committee have some observations on the same.

Finally, we have stipulated very well that before the enactment of this Act any trader who had a licence it will not get lost. All those licences that are there prior to coming into effect of this Act will still be valid until expiry.

Members, I request that you approve motion so that we can have a legal framework of licensing the businesses in Murang'a and I call upon able member in my committee and member for Mbirri Hon. Joseph Njoroge Mwangi to second the motion.

**Hon. Joseph Njoroge:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to second the motion knowing that Trading Licensing Bill in the county will be very helpful; knowing that we have been using the laws used by defunct local authorities.

Now the committee of Trade has come up with a Bill that is covering the whole county and has different parts from preliminaries, trade licencing to general provisions. I stand to second the motion.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. James Kariuki:** Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Trade Licensing Bill 2015 but I would like to air my concern on the principle for setting the licence fee; if the rumours I am hearing on the ground from my people are actually true.

Mr. Speaker there are complaints from boda boda people that Gatanga people are being charged Kshs. 2000 for their licences while Kandara are charged Kshs.2700 and Kangari are not charged anything.

In our Bill, principles for setting licensing fee says very clearly that the license payable under this Act shall be established under principles of equity and fairness and shall promote the establishment of businesses at the county.

I hope that when this Act becomes operationalized, this kind of skewed licensing will not take place. I am yet to get evidence but I think I will struggle and bring that evidence to this House when we will be going for the Committee of the Whole. Otherwise I support the Bill.

**The Speaker:** I ask the mover to respond.

**Hon. Charles Kirigwi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I must thank those who have supported the motion or intend to support the motion and I must point out that maybe what is happening in Kandara and Gatanga is because this law is not there and I am sure as much as we have the Finance Act we have areas where we have unfairness. I have also witnessed it in my place.

I believe with enactment of this Bill, we will harmonize all the fees and charges as directed by the Constitution that we need to have harmonized fees across the county. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I urge the members to support the motion.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

MURANG'A COUNTY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BILL NO. 4 OF 2015- SECOND  
READING

**Hon. Jesse Mburu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker-----

*(Hon. James Kariuki rose on a point of order)*

**The Speaker:** Point of order

**Hon. James Kariuki:** Mr. Speaker, it looks like we do not have a quorum in this House.

**The Speaker:** Sergeant –At- Arms ring the bell

*(Quorum bell rung)*

*(Several members walked in)*

*(Quorum Attained)*

**The Speaker:** If we have the quorum stop ringing the bell.

**Hon. Jesse Mburu:** Mr. Speaker, I want to move the following motion;-

That, the Murang'a County Public Participation Bill number 4 of 2015 be now read a second time.

On behalf of my committee, this Bill is a long one and I want to make the members aware that it is available in their respective files. It is important because it touches on people who voted us in, every member should go through the Bill because it is very important.

The Public Participation Bill includes the processes and the methods that are used to introduce to the public the matters, decisions made by the county government. Any policy that is made by the government, the legislation and progress made by the government in every matter that we undertake

So it is important that we understand and we educate our people when to participate and at what stage. In fact if you read section eight of that Bill, you will note that every member of this Assembly is touched by that section because we are supposed to hold public forums after every six months and then you keep those records and you compile a report bring it into the Assembly which will be debated and passed by this Assembly. So it touches on every member and I urge hon. members to read the Bill.

The purpose of public participation is to promote public participation in county government decisions. Mr. Speaker there before we were doing things without an Act, without the regulations to guide us but now that we have got a Bill which if passed will become an Act, it means that we will be doing things legally and in the right way.

The ward forums are important because as we go out to hold public participation, you find members of public do not know what they are supposed to do and the way they participate in the exercise is rather poor; and the attendance is also poor.

So this Bill lays all that on the table for us to learn, for us to educate our people and even to educate the members of the public and to know that they are supposed to be part and parcel of decision making in the government.

There is nothing that government is going to do which will affect the members of public and members of public are not aware or have not participated.

So this Bill is important to us, it is important to the public. It brings the members of the public nearer to the government. It also educates members of the public to know that this government belongs to them and they are part and parcel of decision making in the government.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the members to read and if there is any member of public needs a copy of the Bill, please try to avail the copy to them. With that I call one of the able members Hon. Esther Ngugi to second the motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Esther Ngugi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to second the motion. I support the motion and I ask members to support it because public participation is done after Bills are read for the first time and since it includes the processes and methods designed to inform and involve the public or stake holders who will be affected by any decision, policy, program, project to have input in this process.

Therefore members of the public will make informed decisions before the Bills are enacted. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I second the motion.

*(Question proposed)*

**The Speaker:** Martin

**Hon. Charles Kirigwi:** Bwana Spika huu mswada ni----- Mr. Speaker, I must support the motion

**The Speaker:** Can you make up your mind on the language you are going to use

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Charles Kirigwi:** I will use the English language. This is the best Bill that this Assembly will have passed this session. If you look at how it has been stipulated in the Bill, section 5, where we need to have a public participation office in the assembly and the ward forums. Mr. Speaker I think, once we enact this Act, the role of this Assembly in oversight will be more visible to the public. I urge the Budget committee to provide enough budgetary allocation in preparation for this Act.

Mr. Speaker, I was in Kigumo when we were doing the public participation and the public was excited on the forms provided on the last page of the public petition, they were happy that they can now petition our government. This is the way to go. I support

**Hon Martin Mwangi:** Huu Mswada ni wa maana. Katika Katiba ya leo, inasisitiza kuwa jambo lolote linalofanywa na serikali lazima liwahusishe wananchi ili maoni yao yaongezwe kwa yale mambo yanayofanywa.

Hii sheria ni ya maana, inaeleza vizuri njia za kuhusika kwa mambo ya serikali. Mwananchi yeyote wa Murang'a amepewa uwezo wa kuomba kwa Bunge au kwa serikali na asikilizwe na mambo yafanywe kwa njia ambayo ataridhika nayo.

Ningetaka kupongeza kamati hii na mwenyekiti, hili ni jambo ambalo litafanya tufanye kazi vile inavyotakikana. Sheria inasema ni lazima wananchi wahusishwe; unapata tuna changamoto katika hili jimbo letu kwa sababu hata waliochaguliwa na wananchi hawajahusishwa. Kama hii sheria itafuatwa, hizi shida zitakoma. Asante, naunga mkono



**Hon James Kariuki:** Mr. Speaker, if there is any Bill in this House that will change the way we do things, then it is this Bill. It is the most important Bill that has ever been brought to this House. I say this because if you look at our Constitution, it makes it clear that the Constitution belongs to the people; this Bill entrenches this position.

This Bill will help enlightening the members of the public on their civic responsibilities and their rights. It will also make leaders more accountable to the public in whatever they do, this Bill will entrench devolution in a way that it will be impossible for any leader in this country to play around with devolution.

The public has always been ignored in decision making in this county, this Bill entrenches the position that the voter is the most important person. Looking at the Bill and the budget making process; we do not have real value for budget money; the projects are not cost effective.

The forums that we will have will enlighten the people in more than one ways. This is an important Bill that will help the people feel that they are part of the development process, it will lessen politics and people will concentrate on development.

I was told by people who went to Singapore and asked what happened to our country Kenya where at independence we were at one level with that country and today Singapore is a first world country whose dollar is almost equivalent to the US Dollar, the answer they got is that in Kenya we concentrate a lot in politics, it is visible, we are 18 months to elections and we are already campaigning which is nonsensical. This Bill will lessen politics and people will become more development oriented.

The people will give us chance to perform; at the grassroots, there are many ongoing projects which do not add any value to Wanjiku, no value for money, with this Bill and citizens involvement, this means that these kind of things will not happen because the public will have an official forum, legally binding to ensure these kind of things do not happen.

This will help the public and involve them in all the tasks that happen including the budget making process.

I support and hope that between now and 2017 we will maximally utilize this Bill so that the level of campaigns at the grassroots goes down and the people will know precisely what we want to do. This will make us more accountable, especially so with the executive.

I hope in the next budget we will have enough money to support this Bill when it becomes an Act, Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Rebecca Mwicigi:** I stand support the Bill and congratulate the chair and the committee for the good work done.

I will cite part 2, section 8, sub-section 1, that states that the ward will be holding forums for public participation. We have been going round and I notice that the same people who can afford to come for public participation are the ones who have been coming up to the sub-county level, whatever they say may not really concern the Wanjiku who may not know what is happening in the county.

The people question their leaders on what should be done and what they think it should be their priority when a project is being started.

There are several issues, especially the people with disability, it has been **site** that they will be able to attend, I am sure the members who are here and those who will be there in future will get many agendas from the public because they will have their input on priorities. The public will know what is happening in the county.

This is an important Bill as other speakers have said; let it work before we leave the office because we need others to also benefit from whatever is happening in our county. Thank you

**Hon. Kago Njoroge:** I rise to support the Bill and wish that the members of public in our county and the country can appreciate the contents of our Constitution that has brought to us powers to participate in development.

It is a pity, when we go for public participation, few people come and when they come, like the case in Kahuro, they asked or lunch arguing that they were working for the government. I feel bad when you see the public complaining on social media that the Bill that was passed is not good and yet they did not participate because they do not value participation.

On Monday we shall have public participation on the Finance Bill, instead of the public listening to what is in the Bill, they will come there ready to fight what is in the Bill. I feel even if it is a good Bill we need to sensitize the public more on what is participation, it is not throwing stones to those who are guiding the process.

When we went to Kanyenya-ini, we were running for our lives because the public was after us. I appreciate the Bill and support the members that we need to set aside money to facilitate the process.

When I was left at Kahuro, I got calls on where their sodas were, since they had gotten them last year. As Hon. Ngugi is saying that we need to do away with the dirty politics, we need to make our people aware that whatever we are doing is for the benefit of the people and the wellbeing of the people of Murang'a and the country at large.

I support it, were it not for public participation where some of us educated people on what the Constitution was saying and how we would bring services closer to them, they felt recognized, but it is sad when you call them to be recognized and they then ask for compensation. Otherwise, I support

**Hon. John Gitau:** I rise to support the Bill. If the law was enacted when we came, it would have saved a lot of problems that we have today in Murang'a county.

Although it goes with god will, we are not saying that laws are not followed because we do not have enough of it. We have a budget that we struggle to itemize but the problem is we do not have the goodwill to follow this law. If this is followed, for sure as many have said, we will have many projects done in Murang'a county coming from the residents.

We know what our areas need, our people know what they require to move from point A to B but we are now assuming that we know what our people need, whether they need it or not, as long as there are ways that we are benefiting, we do not care a lot.

I agree with Hon. Kago that there is need for civic education. I wish it was a part of the Bill, our people lack knowledge, up to now, they do not know what their roles are. They will go on expecting lunch from these forums. As an Assembly we should ensure that our people are educated through social media, radio programmes and other means, I support the Bill and hope it will change how things are done in this county.

**The Speaker:** Mover to respond

**Hon. Jesse Mburu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I did not know the kind of work that we have done with our committee until the hon. members rose and told me so, thank you hon. members.

When the hon. members rose to speak, there were a few points that I spotted in areas where the public need to know. Hon Kirigwi talked about the Budget committee whether they can allocate money for public education, another member talked about radio to educate the public. I urge the members of this House to turn themselves into lecturers as permitted in section 8 and dispense the knowledge they have so that they can know their duties.

The citizen's duty is to constructively participate in forums, share information with county government, and make proposals to the government and contribute where appropriate services are supposed to be placed. We have duty to apply this section every six months when we will have forums to educate our citizen. I hope by so doing and telling them through the radio and other means, they will be able to fully participate and attend in great numbers. Thank you and I hope every member will support the Bill. God bless you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**ADJOURNMENT**

The House is adjourned until tomorrow 2:30p.m.

*The House rose at 3:56 p.m.*