

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Thursday, 13th February 2020

The House met at 2:32p.m.

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Alex Ndunda) in the Chair]

PRAYER

NOTICE OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF TRADE, CO-OPERATIVE MANAGEMENT, TOURSIM
AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE ON A STUDY TOUR TO KENYA WILDLIFE
SERVICES.

Hon. Elizabeth Wambui: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I beg to give Notice of the following Motion;

That this Assembly adopts the Report of sectoral Committee on Trade, Co-operative Management, Tourism and Wildlife on a study tour to Kenya Wildlife Services laid on the Table of the Assembly on Wednesday, February 12, 2020.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF COUNTY DELEGATED LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
ON SENATE COUNTIES STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS BILL 2018

Hon. Duncan Muturi: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I beg to give Notice of the following Motion;

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of select Committee on County Delegated Legislation on Senate Counties Statutory Instruments Bill 2018, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Wednesday, February 12, 2020.

Thank you.

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING
COMMITTEE ON MURANG'A COUNTY GOVERNMENT QUARTERLY REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE 2019

Hon. Wangari Kigo: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I beg to give Notice of the following Motion;

That, this Assembly adopts the Report by the sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on Murang'a County Government quarterly report and financial

statement for period ended June 30th 2019, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Wednesday, February 12, 2020.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENTS

APPROVED BUSINESS OF THE ASSEMBLY FROM THE WEEK COMMENCING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 TO THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020

Hon. Moses Murigi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 46 (2) (a), it is notified that the House Business and Rules Committee, at their last meeting, approved the following business that will come before the Assembly from the week commencing Tuesday, February 18 to Thursday, February 20, 2020.

On Tuesday there will be a Paper on the Report on visit to Bradegate farm Nyeri, Murang'a County Government quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2019. Paper on Murang'a County Assembly quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2019, by the Chairperson, Finance and Economic Planning Committee. There will be a Paper on the functions of the board for the period ending 31st December 2019 by the Chairperson, Governance, Justice and Legal Affairs Committee.

Notice of Motion on the visit to Bradegate farm Nyeri by the Chairperson Agriculture and Fisheries Committee. There will be a Statement on the illegal occupancy of Ngurwe-ini market in Gaichanjiru ward by the Chairperson Land and Housing Committee.

On Tuesday 18th February 2020, afternoon sitting: there will be a Petition; a Motion on the adoption of the Senate County Statutory Instruments Bill 2018.

On Wednesday February 19, 2020, in the afternoon sitting there will be a Petition; Motion which will be laid by the Chairperson, Finance and Economic Planning Committee.

On Thursday 20th February 2020 in the afternoon sitting, there will be Petition; a Statement approved business of the Assembly from the week commencing Tuesday February 25 to Thursday February 27, 2020. Lastly there will be a Motion presented by the Chairperson, Trade, Co-operatives, Industrialization and Tourism Committee.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF TRADE AND CO-OPERATIVES MANAGEMENT, TOURISM AND WILDLIFE OF REPORT ON A STUDY VISIT TO THE KENYA WILDLIFE SERVICES

Hon. Elizabeth Mwangi: Thank you Honourable Speaker. I am the Vice-Chairperson to the Committee on Trade and Co-operatives Management, Tourism and Wildlife and I beg to move the following Motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the sectoral Committee on Trade, Co-operative Management, Tourism and Wildlife on a study visit to the Kenya Wildlife Services, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Wednesday, today February 12, 2020.

The Committee conducted a tour to the Kenya Wildlife Services (KWS) with an objective to study on conservation of wildlife and its habitat and how to manage human-wildlife conflict. The mandates of KWS include the following among others:

1. Conserve and manage national parks, wildlife conservation areas, and sanctuaries under its jurisdiction
2. Collect revenue and charges due to the government from wildlife
3. Develop mechanisms for benefit sharing with communities living in wildlife areas as part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).
4. Promote and undertake extension service programmes intended to enhance wildlife conservation, education and trainings.

Kenya Wildlife Services has a Problem Animal Management Unit (PAMU) that solves human-wildlife conflict and even compensates communities that are affected.

Honourable Speaker, the Committee recommended the following:

1. That the County Government should collaborate with Kenya Wildlife Services to ensure the following mandates of the Kenya Wildlife Services are executed in the County:
 - a) Conservation of wildlife through protection and preservation of biodiversity
 - b) Provision of technical support to the County through establishment of a national reserve that will in turn earn revenue and impact positively on the County residents
 - c) Provision of security to the county communities hosting endangered species like elephants and dangerous species like hyenas, cheetahs, monkeys and hippopotamuses.
2. That the Kenya Wildlife Services through its Problem Animal Management unit should ensure a swift response to human-wildlife conflict incidents in the County especially the attacks by cheetahs, hyenas and elephants.
3. That the Kenya Wildlife Services in conjunction with the County Government should ensure that financial compensation to the affected community members by the wildlife conflict is timely done.
4. That the Kenya Wildlife Service should conduct visits to the target groups of various wildlife areas
5. County Government should conduct community education awareness to sensitize the public on how to respond to human-wildlife conflicts and management of wildlife resources.
6. The Kenya Wildlife Services (KWS) in conjunction with the County Government should translocate the monkeys and other stray animals to the protected areas where they will not pose danger to crops and human beings.

Those were the recommendations that the Committee came up with and I now call upon Hon. John Murigi to second the Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Joel Murigi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I am the Member of County Assembly (MCA) for Kariara Ward and I stand to second the Motion. It is due to an outcry by the people of Murang'a on the invasion of their livelihoods by the monkeys, hippopotamus, elephants and cheetahs, that the Committee conducted a study tour to the offices of the KWS. The County residents have suffered destruction of crops and loss of animals and lives without swift response or compensation for the losses incurred. The implementation of this Report will solve the human wildlife conflict in the County. I second. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Alex Ndunda): Hon. Members, the House is now open for debate. Hon. Kamote?

Hon. Kamote Waciama: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I represent Wangu Ward and I am a Member of the Trade Committee. As I support the debate, I congratulate the team through its able Chairperson for coming up with this good Report. I would like to go to recommendation number three which talks about compensation. There is an animal that has been attacking sheep in my Ward and other neighbouring Wards. There was an animal that was moving around where there were sheep and eating them. They used to call it a cheetah though no one has really ever seen the animal. In fact, we see in other Counties that farmers are compensated but in Murang'a, there is sincerely no compensation. We have proposed that we should call the Director for the Wildlife Services in Murang'a to tell us what really happens because there is that money for compensation.

Still on recommendation number six, I want to talk about the vervet monkeys. In fact, there is a lot of menace of this animal within Murang'a County, especially in my Ward where my farmers suffer a lot because whatever they plant in their *shambas* (farms), especially maize and beans, is all uprooted by these animals. And when it comes to even the mangoes and other fruits, they really eat them.

The Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) in Murang'a have really let us down because our farmers are crying; although their branch was not there it came just the other day. This Report has been an eye opener to this Assembly. In the last Assembly we cried about monkeys but the Governor came later on to assist the farmers but the animals are still there. I support the Motion, thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Alex Ndunda): Member of County Assembly Kihumbu-ini Ward.

Hon. Kibe Githuka: Thank you Temporary Speaker (Hon. Alex Ndunda), as I rise to support the Motion. In recommendation number 1(v) to identify user right and advice the Cabinet Secretary there on. A time like now in our Sub-County Gatanga, the KWS are in the ground trying to kill the monkeys but when the people try to kill or trap the monkeys they are advised not to do so because the KWS does not allow but when KWS come they do so. The Committee should advice the Cabinet Secretary concerning the farmers. They should be trained

on how to chase those monkeys and those other animals and also how to kill them because if you kill a monkey without permission you are prosecuted while KWS are not prosecuted. Farmers from Murang'a region should be given mandate and should be trained on how to chase and kill those monkeys. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Alex Ndunda): I now all the mover to respond.

Hon. Elizabeth Mwangi: Thank you Temporary Speaker (Hon. Alex Ndunda). I wish to thank the members who are in this Assembly for supporting this Motion on wildlife. Honourable Kamote thank you for supporting. We discussed this morning on inviting the Wildlife Director so that they can come to our Committee and respond to various questions concerning the questions. Honourable Githuka, thank you for supporting. It is also important that we emphasize on recommendation number five, for our County to conduct community awareness to sensitize our people on how to respond to those animals. When such a thing happens it is also good to respond because the role and the responsibilities is not to kill but to have them in a conducive environment. It is important to sensitize our people and you the honourable members who represent those people to create that awareness. Thank you everyone, thank you Mr Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

PAPER

REPORT OF MURANG'A COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD ON THE EXTENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL VALUES AND PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE

Hon. Kamote Waciama: I beg to lay the following Paper;-

That, the Report of Murang'a County Public Service Board on extent of compliance with the national values and principles of governance in the Murang'a County Public Service for the period ended 31st December 2019, be laid on the Table of the Assembly today 13th February 2020.

Temporary Speaker (Hon Alex Ndunda): The House stands adjourned until Tuesday February 18, 2020 at nine. Thank you

The Assembly rose at 2:55p.m.