

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 11th June 2024

The House met at 10:00 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha) in the Chair]

PRAYER

PAPER

REPORT OF GOVERNANCE, LABOR, JUSTICE, AND LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON
A STUDY VISIT TO THE SENATE

Hon. Jeremiah Gichobe: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today, Tuesday, June 11, 2024;-

Report of the sectoral Committee of Governance, Labor, Justice, and Legal Affairs on a study visit to the Senate.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Hon. Jeremiah Gichobe laid the Paper on the Table)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Next order.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF GOVERNANCE, LABOR, JUSTICE, AND LEGAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE ON A STUDY VISIT TO THE SENATE

Hon. Jeremiah Gichobe: Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Motion;-
That, this Assembly adopts a Report of sectoral Committee of Governance, Labor, Justice, and Legal Affairs on a study visit to the Senate laid on the Table of this Assembly today, Tuesday June 11, 2024.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Next order.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF SLAUGHTER HOUSES

Hon. Caroline Njoroge: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the Chairperson Agriculture Committee and I wish to give the following Motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts a Report of the sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on the status of slaughterhouses and abattoirs in Murang'a County laid on the Table of the Assembly.

Hon. Speaker, there is a Motion that was laid in the previous Assembly, and I believe Hon. Members were able to go through the said Motion, but I would wish to take them through again so that they can understand it better. I would wish to go straight to points number two on the status of slaughterhouses in Murang'a County and give just a brief introduction that the Committee in first quarter set out part of its program to conduct investigation and inquire into the current status of slaughterhouses/abattoirs in Murang'a County and undertake the evaluation of key challenges facing development of slaughterhouses in the County and recommend the way forward.

Murang'a County has two categories of abattoirs- down there- category b, process meat to be used in the whole County and category c meat for local slaughterhouses under its jurisdiction. All abattoirs in the County, apart from Kangema slaughterhouses, are privately owned but under control of County Government through the department of Agriculture, Livestock, Veterinary services, and Fisheries. The state of abattoirs and slaughterhouses within the County has been wanting with complaints with residents over their poor hygiene, dilapidated infrastructure and lack of proper wastage disposal hence emanating foul smell to the neighborhoods. The source of animals that are slaughtered in the abattoirs have been of concern to residents. It has been alleged that stolen animals have been slaughtered and sold to residents for consumption.

Number three, submissions by the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) was able to give the submissions to the Committee and gave the following; the CECM for Agriculture submitted written submissions to the Committee and informed members as follows:-

1. That the operation of abattoirs and meat inspection are regulated under CAP 356 of Meat Control Act.

2. On the number of operational County slaughterhouse /abattoirs in Murang'a per Sub-County, the County has 109 slaughterhouses classified as follows; one, Category B- 5. Remarks; process meat to be used in the whole Country. Two, Category C, they are 104. They process meat for local market. The categorization of slaughterhouses controls the distribution of meat to designated markets.
3. On the number of officers stationed on the said abattoirs and physical locations of slaughterhouses/abattoirs is indicated in the table below.

Hon. Speaker I would wish to request Members to go through on their own and they will be able to see the name of their slaughterhouses per their Sub-County, the ownership, if it is privately owned or its publicly owned, the class that it is classified, the operational status, whether it is operating or it's not operating, the officer in charge and the contact. And this is very important especially to the Members representing the Ward, the Ward Representatives. It is very important, so that incase there are issues, you can be able to lay them to the Committee. So, I will go straight to number 4 on page 10.

4. On borders/entry points for inspection of both animals and meat entering the County, he informed the Committee that currently, the department do not have officers stationed on border points for the purpose of inspection of meat entering the County. Meat in transit is accompanied by sanitary documents that act as evidence of inspection of meat.
5. On current County legislation governing management of abattoirs and animals entering Murang'a County, he submitted that there are no County regulations governing the management of abattoirs and animal movement in the County. There only exist legislations that were developed by national government before devolution and the department currently rely on them on the said matter.
6. On a joint approach that should be adopted by neighbouring counties of Murang'a to control movement of animals across borders to foster business and relations. He maintained that apart from regulations contained in disease control act as were developed by national government before devolution and the regular communication between officers in neighbouring counties are informal.
7. On the challenges facing development of slaughter houses/abattoirs in Murang'a County and measures put in place by department to improve the management and the performance of

the said slaughter houses/abattoirs he submitted as follows: - challenges facing development of slaughter houses/abattoirs in Murang'a County, Mr. Speaker.

- i. Limited budgetary allocation- in the current budget (FY 2023/2024). Meat inspection which is the major activity in abattoirs and the highest revenue earner from this department was not given any development budget.
- ii. Limited staffing levels-most of the staff multitask between meat inspection, disease surveillance and some even artificial insemination and thus not enough to man border points. Those who have retired have not been replaced leading to a very thin man power.
- iii. Poor facilitation-veterinary work is majorly field based and the department lacks vehicles at County and sub-County level, this limits surveillance. Veterinary department doesn't have a single vehicle.
- iv. Weak legal backing-though at national level there are regulations being developed by national government at County level the department have not developed some yet.

Way Forward:

- i. The County Assembly/Committee on Agriculture need to assist the department to develop/domesticate policies, regulations and acts to govern veterinary public health
- ii. Facilitation of the department especially with vehicles for field work.
- iii. Hiring of staff need to be prioritized in the next financial year.
- iv. Top county management need to initiate a dialogue with neighbouring counties on collaboration in veterinary work

Inspection site visit Kangema slaughter house

The Committee visited the slaughter house where Members had an opportunity to be taken around the house by the director of veterinary services and officer in charge of the slaughter house stationed at Kangema sub- county. The Committee found out as follows-

- i. The facility is in a deplorable state, for instance, floors have holes, open drainage, it has no running water, and solid waste (garbage) is not collected.
- ii. The facility has only one veterinary officers despite the heavy work load of meat inspection; in fact, there was no evidential proof that meat sold is inspected.
- iii. Members of public were allowed to collect blood and pieces of meat from the floors of the slaughter house despite the poor hygienic condition of the floors.

- iv. In the slaughtering area, the carcasses were being washed on the floor without consideration of proper hygienic and health measures.
- v. Meat off-loaders/handlers do not maintain proper hygiene; there were doubts on whether they are medically fit to handle meat. Further they wore dirty clothes (aprons).
- vi. Individuals are allowed to bring cattle to the abattoir for slaughter at a fee.
- vii. The abattoir required refurbishment of its floors and slaughtering areas to improve its hygiene.

Slaughterhouse systems and equipment

The slaughter process of animals involves a series of steps that are designed to ensure the humane treatment of the animals and the production of safe and wholesome meat products.

The main steps in the slaughter process are as follows:

1. Rendering and bleeding
2. Scalding and skinning
3. Evisceration of internal organs
4. Washing
5. Chilling and cooling
6. Packaging
7. Washing

The Committee, Hon. Speaker, was able to come up with the following observations and recommendations: -

1. That the County lacks a state-of-the art slaughter house to supply meat and meat products affordable to most Murang'a residents. Most slaughter houses are in a deplorable state with the County government having limited control over them since they are under private ownership.
2. A majority of meat consumed by Murang'a County residents is not inspected raising doubts on whether it meets required health standards. The animals (meat) are usually transported from outside the County, particularly Kiambu and Nairobi Counties and with the overwhelmed veterinary department, they are rarely inspected.
3. Kangema slaughterhouse remains in a deplorable state with a potential of either spreading or causing waterborne and other diseases. The slaughter lacks meat

storage facilities and it's in a pathetic hygienic condition which requires urgent action by the County Government.

4. Some of slaughter slabs in neighbouring counties violates the Meat Control Act by selling meat beyond the designated locality of sale.
5. The lack of awareness in planning and designing of slaughter houses cause the various health and environmental issues to the society. Slaughter houses due to ignorance of their location and unhygienic conditions affect severely on human lives. They pose major environmental hazards and health issues due to discrete disposal of waste and highly polluted effluent discharge
6. Compliance to regulatory provisions may be achieved through sensitizing the owners of the slaughterhouses and other value chain actors through regular extension services and disseminating information on importance of meat safety and hygiene, origins and consequences of meat hazards, the importance of good meat handling practices, detailed meat inspection, appropriate carcass decontamination interventions and proper handling of waste and contaminated materials.

Committee recommendations. The Committee recommended as follows:

1. The County Government should fast-track the enactment of a Murang'a County Meat(animal) Control Act which should among other provisions provide for:
 - a) regulation and management of slaughterhouses;
 - b) Movement of animals within the County and across neighbouring Counties of Murang'a.
 - c) location of abattoirs;
 - d) holding grounds for animals;
 - e) laughter of animals and marketing(selling) of meat and meat products;
 - f) Establishment of a County meat control authority.
2. Where animals around in the County will be temporary handled before being transferred to their respective slaughter houses, only those destined to their designated slaughter houses should be allowed to enter the County.
3. A joint approach should be adopted among the neighboring counties on how to control movement of animals across borders to foster business and relation

4. The County executive should employ more qualified veterinary officers to be stationed in all abattoirs and at a border entry point respect both animals and meat entering the County. The inspectorate and enforcement department should ensure that all requirements set for meat control are met and counterfeit animal products are numbed.
5. Corrupt offices should be investigated and prosecuted that Kangema slaughter house requires complete overhaul and County Government should move with speed and ensure that the facility meets food safety standards by providing modern storage facilities and posing more veterinary meat inspection officers who should ensure that specified regulation on meat handling are adhered to. This should apply across all the other private slaughter houses.
6. That the County Government should lease the Murang'a County Kangema slaughter house to individual, companies, cooperatives societies or consocial or and any other legal entity for smooth running of the operations of the said slaughter.
7. The County Government should regularly sensitize the owners of the slaughter houses and other value chain actors through regular extension services and dissemination information on importance of meat safety and importance. Thank you. I wish to thank my Committee for the said Report. I do ask honorable member for Ichagaki Ward to second the Motion.

Thank you

Hon. Hillary Muigai: Thank you Mr. Speaker I a member of Agricultural and fisheries Committee. I second the Motion.

Thank you

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Hon. Moses

Hon. Moses Muchiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, i want to take this opportunity first of all I support the Motion and I also want to thank the Committee on Agriculture for a job well done. I also want to represent my people from Muguru ward where the Kangema slaughter is located. I also want to thank the Committee for doing a thorough investigation as well as identifying all the challenges and the problems that are facing Kangema slaughter house which is the only slaughter house that is owned by Murang'a County government.

I also want to reiterate about the unhygienic conditions in that facility where even the water was disconnected last year and up to date it hasn't been reconnected. We also have a lot of waste and also the floor they have said it has potholes and it is in bad condition. Previously we had two security guards who were guarding the facility and recently they were withdrawn. We do not have security there and members of the public have been stealing equipment from that facility, ranging from water tank to other equipment in that facility.

Also recently as they have said there was an incident a few years ago where a child fell in those holes that are there for throwing away the carcasses and the animal waste and the child died and the County government was charged and was fined a lot of money so it is good for our County government which is led by our able governor His Excellency Dr. Governor Irungu Kangata to allocate money for development of Kangema slaughter house or else if the County government is not in a position to develop that facility we can privatize it so that it can be given to a private company which can develop that property as well as collect the revenue because the County government has been collecting the revenue without developing the facility.

It is good to note apart from water disconnection also the electricity in that facility was disconnected because of the bills yet the county government collects revenue from the facility. I want to correct the Motion and thank the Committee as well as ask the County government to move with speed and help the people of Muguru ward and the people of Kangema by developing that slaughter house that supplies meat not only to Kangema constituency but also some part of Kiharu and Mathioya constituencies. Thank you

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Mover respond.

Hon. Caroline Njoroge: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the whole House for the support to this Motion. I want to assure especially Member for Muguru ward that we are going to move with speed and we have started and he is going to see what is going to be done. We are going to do the best we are going to work together with our Governor to ensure some of these issues that are not looked into and are sensitive are looked into because they are matters to do with health. Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I urge the members to continue supporting the Motion.

Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

[SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER]

PAPER

REPORT OF SELECTION COMMITTEE ON REVIEW OF NOMINATION OF
MEMBERS TO COUNTY ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

Hon. Kibe Wasary: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I beg to that the Report of the Committee on Selection on review of nomination of members to the County Assembly Committees is be laid on the Table today Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

Thank you.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF SELECTION COMMITTEE ON REVIEW OF
NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO COUNTY ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

Hon. Kibe Wasary: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I beg to issue the following notice of the following Motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Committee on Selection on review of nomination of members to the County Assembly Committees.

Thank you.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF SELECTION COMMITTEE ON REVIEW OF
NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO COUNTY ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

Hon. Kibe Wasary: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I beg to move the following Motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Committee on Selection on review of nomination of members to the County Assembly Committees. Hon. Speaker the supplementary older paper was displayed in our notice board in time, that is 1 hour before as per our starting orders.

Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides that the legislative authority of the County is vested in, and exercised by, its County Assembly. A County Assembly may make any laws that are necessary for or incidental to, the effective performance of the functions and exercise of the powers of the County Government under the Fourth Schedule.

Hon. Speaker, Section 14 of the County Government Act, 2012 provides that a County Assembly may establish committees consistent with its standing orders in such a manner and for

special purposes and for general and special purposes as it may consider fit, and regulate the procedure of any committee so established.

Hon. Speaker, it is worthy to note that the review of nomination of Members to various County Assembly committees was occasioned by Election of new chairpersons in various Committees, which resulted in the chairpersons serving in more than one committee in the same cluster. Further, the review is to ensure that all members of the Assembly achieve four committee meetings in a week, as per Salaries and Remuneration Commission guidelines.

The Committee considered and revised membership to select and sectoral committees as follows.

Sectoral committees, water and irrigation;

1. Hon. Margaret Wanjiku Gichia
2. Hon. Kenneth Kamau Mwangi
3. Hon. Dinah Muthoni Kagiri
4. Hon. Samson Mukora Ngigi
5. Hon. Alex Ndunda
6. Hon. John Ngugi Kibaiya
7. Hon. Isaac Chefman Njoroge
8. Hon. Jeremiah Clement Gichobe
9. Hon. Steven Muigai Kimani
10. Hon. Mark Gicheru
11. Hon. Esther Kamindo

Energy and environment;

1. Hon. Dinah Muthoni Kagiri
2. Hon. Gladys Wambui Waikau
3. Hon. Margaret Wanjiku Gichia
4. Hon. John Kamwaga Mwangi
5. Hon. Esther Nyawira Kamindo
6. Hon. Hannah Wairimu Kamau
7. Hon. Edwin Mwangi Wairagu
8. Hon. Naomi Nyambura Maina
9. Hon. Gatheo Wanjeri

10. Hon. Alex Wanyoike Wainaina

11. Hon. John Munyua

12. Hon. John Mwangi Kamau

Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) and e-Government committee;

1. Hon. Peter Murigi Ngugi

2. Hon. Simon Mwaura Wamwea

3. Hon. Moses Macharia Mirara

4. Hon. Bernard Ruiru Njeri

5. Hon. Peter Munga Njuguna

6. Hon. Pauline Njeri Muchiri

7. Hon. Priscilla Njeri Mwangi

8. Hon. Julian Njiri

9. Hon. Mark Gicheru Wainaina

10. Hon. Esther Nyawira Kamindo

11. Hon. Loise Mbogo

12. Hon. Edwin Mwangi Wairagu

13. Hon. Isaac Chefman Njoroge

14. Hon. Alex Ndunda Makau

15. Hon. Gladys Waikau

16. Hon. Keneth Kamau

17. Hon. Samson Mukora

Education and child welfare, research, information technology and e-government;

1. Hon. Naomi Nyambura Maina

2. Hon. Gerald Wambugu

3. Hon. John Kamau Munyua

4. Hon. Hannah Wairimu Kamau

5. Hon. Boniface Ng'ang'a Mbau

6. Hon. Priscilla Njeri Mwangi

7. Hon. Peter Munga Njuguna

8. Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu

9. Hon. Alex Wanyoike Wainaina

10. Hon. Benard Ruiru Njeri
11. Hon. John Mwangi Kamau
12. Hon. Edwin Mwangi Wairagu

Public works, roads and transport;

1. Hon. Samson Mukora Ngigi
2. Hon. Laban Chomba Njaramba
3. Hon. Bernard Ruiru Njeri
4. Hon. Alex Ndunda Makau
5. Hon. Moses Gachui Mungai
6. Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu
7. Hon. Gerald Wambugu
8. Hon. Boniface Ng'ang'a Mbau
9. Hon. Isaac Chefman Njoroge
10. Hon. Dinah Muthoni Kagiri
11. Hon. Liz Muthoni Mbugua
12. Hon. Elizabeth Wambui
13. Hon. Simon Mwaura Wamwea
14. Hon. James Karanja Kabera
15. Hon. Priscilla Njeri Mwangi

Finance & Economic Planning;

1. Hon. John Ngugi Kibaiya
2. Hon. Alex Wanyoike Wainaina
3. Hon. Francis Kamau
4. Hon. Charles Machigo Karina
5. Hon. Morris Thuku
6. Hon. Pauline Njeri Muchiri
7. Hon. Loise Mbogo
8. Hon. John Kamau Munyua
9. Hon. Esther Nyawira Kamindo
10. Hon. Jane Mukami Kigotho
11. Hon. Gladys Wambui Waikau

12. Hon. Steven Muigai
13. Hon. Peter Murigi Ngugi
14. Hon. Margaret Wanjiku Gichia
15. Hon. Hilary Muigai Muchoki
16. Hon. Thomas Muteti Mwaura

Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement;

1. Hon. Gerald Wambugu
2. Hon. Isaac Chefman Njoroge
3. Hon. Moses Gachui Mungai
4. Hon. Simon Wamwea Mwaura
5. Hon. Charles Machigo Karina
6. Hon. Francis Kamau
7. Hon. Peter Murigi Ngugi
8. Hon. Alex Ndunda Makau
9. Hon. Samson Mukora Ngigi
10. Hon. Hilary Muigai Kimani
11. Hon. Jane Mukami Kigotho
12. Hon. Priscilla Njeri Mwangi

Agriculture;

1. Hon. Gatheo Wanjari
2. Hon. Peter Murigi Ngugi
3. Hon. John Kamwaga Mwangi
4. Hon. Anthony Marubu Chege
5. Hon. Simon Mwaura Wamwea
6. Hon. Francis Kamau
7. Hon. Liz Muthoni Mbugua
8. Hon. Elizabeth Wambui
9. Hon. Morris Thuku
10. Hon. Pauline Muchiri
11. Hon. Charles Machigo Karina

12. Hon. Moses Gachui Mungai

13. Hon. Hilary Muigai Muchoki

Youth, Culture, Gender and Social Services

1. Hon. Grace Sharleen Maina

2. Hon. Kenneth Kamau Mwangi

3. Hon. Anthony Chege Marubu

4. Hon. Gatheo Wanjeri

5. Hon. Julian Njiri

6. Hon. Naomi Nyambura Maina

7. Hon. Caroline Wairimu Njoroge

8. Hon. Moses Muchiri Maina

9. Hon. John Mwangi Kamau

10. Hon. Mark Wainaina Gicheru

11. Hon. Moses Macharia Mirara

12. Hon. Jeremiah Gichobe Mbatia

13. Hon. Hannah Wairimu Kamau

14. Hon. Peter Munga Njuguna

15. Hon. John Kamwaga

Governance, Labour, Justice and Legal Affairs

1. Hon. Jeremiah Gichobe Mbatia

2. Hon. Pauline Muchiri

3. Hon. Moses Muchiri Maina

4. Hon. Loise Mbogo

5. Hon. Grace Sharleen Wambui

6. Hon. Anthony Marubu Chege

7. Hon. Laban Chomba Njaramba

8. Hon. Bernard Ruiru Njeri

9. Hon. Thomas Muteti Mwaura

10. Hon. Mark Gicheru Wainaina

Trade, Industrialization, Cooperative Management, Tourism and Wildlife;

1. Hon. James Karanja Kabera
2. Hon. Loise Mbogo
3. Hon. Moses Macharia Mirara
4. Hon. Julian Njiri
5. Hon. Moses Muchiri Maina
6. Hon. Laban Chomba Njaramba
7. Hon. Jane Mukami Kigotho
8. Hon. Thomas Muteti Mwaura
9. Hon. Caroline Wairimu
10. Hon. Gladys Wambui Waikau
11. Hon. Grace Sharleen Wambui

Health Services

1. Hon. Boniface Ng'ang'a Mbau
2. Hon. Liz Muthoni Mbugua
3. Hon. Morris Thuku
4. Hon. Elizabeth Wambui
5. Hon. Steven Muigai Kimani
6. Hon. Caroline Wairimu Njoroge
7. Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu
8. Hon. Kenneth Kamau Mwangi
9. Hon. James Karanja Kabera
10. Hon. Julian Njiri
11. Hon. Peter Munga Njuguna
12. Hon. John Ngugi Kibaiya
13. Hon. Moses Macharia Mirara

Select Committees

County Public Investment and Accounts Committee

1. Hon. Alex Ndunda Makau

2. Hon. John Munyua
3. Hon. Moses Gachui Mungai
4. Hon. Loise Mbogo
5. Hon. Thomas Muteti Mwaura
6. Hon. Simon Mwaura Wamwea
7. Hon. Isaac Njoroge Chefman
8. Hon. Gatheo Wanjeri
9. Hon. Steven Muigai
10. Hon. Pauline Muchiri

County Budget and Appropriation Committee

1. Hon. Charles Machigo Karina
2. Hon. Julian Njiri
3. Hon. Francis Kamau
4. Hon. Gerald Wambugu
5. Hon. Grace Sharleen Wambui
6. Hon. James Karanja Kabera
7. Hon. Hon. Jeremiah Gichobe
8. Hon. Naomi Nyambura Maina
9. Hon. Boniface Ng'ang'a Mbau
10. Hon. John Ngugi Kibaiya
11. Hon. Dinah Muthoni Kagiri
12. Hon. Liz Muthoni Mbugua
13. Hon. Samson Mukora Ngigi
14. Hon. Peter Murigi Ngugi
15. Hon. Moses Mirara

The Committee Hon. Speaker is likely to change with additional Members to the Budget Committee.

Committee on Delegated County Legislation

1. Hon. Mark Gicheru Wainaina
2. Hon. Priscilla Njeri Mwangi
3. Hon. Margaret Wanjiku Gichia

4. Hon. Alex Wanyoike Wainaina
5. Hon. Morris Thuku
6. Hon. Bernard Ruiru Njeri
7. Hon. Esther Nyawira Kamindo
8. Hon. Hannah Wairimu Kamau
9. Hon. Gladys Wambui Waikau
10. Hon. Edwin Mwangi Wairagu

Committee on Implementation;

1. Hon. Hilary Muigai Muchoki
2. Hon. Jane Mukami Kigotho
3. Hon. Anthony Marubu Chege
4. Hon. Peter Munga Njuguna
5. Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu
6. Hon. Laban Chomba Njaramba
7. Hon. Elizabeth Wambui
8. Hon. John Mwangi Kamau
9. Hon. John Kamwaga Mwangi
10. Hon. Kenneth Kamau Mwangi
11. Hon. Caroline Wairimu
12. Hon. Moses Muchiri

Powers and Privileges Committee;

1. Hon. Johnson Walter Mukuha Mwangi
2. Hon. Margaret Wanjiku Gichia
3. Hon. Alex Wainaina
4. Hon. Thomas Muteti Mwaura
5. Hon. Gladys Wambui Waikau
6. Hon. Moses Gachui Mungai
7. Hon. Hilary Muigai Muchoki
8. Hon. Jeremiah Clement Gichobe
9. Hon. Boniface Ng'ang'a

10. Hon. John Ngugi Kibaiya

11. Hon. Bernard Ruiru

12. Hon. Morris Thuku

Liaison Committee, Hon Speaker which is also likely to have additional members;

1. Hon. Moses Gachui Mungai

2. Hon. Francis Kibe Kamau

3. Hon. Morris Thuku

4. Hon. Charles Machigo Karina

5. Hon. Alex Ndunda Makau

6. Hon. James Karanja Kabera

7. Hon. Gerald Wambugu

8. Hon. Dinah Muthoni Kagiri

9. Hon. Naomi Nyambura Maina

10. Hon. Samson Mukora Ngigi

11. Hon. John Ngugi Kibaiya

12. Hon. Grace Sharleen Maina

13. Hon. Jeremiah Gichobe Mbatia

14. Hon. Boniface Ng'ang'a Mbau

15. Hon. Hilary Muigai Muchoki

16. Hon. Moses Mirara

Hon. Speaker, I call Hon. Morris Thuku to second the Motion.

Hon. Morris Ngunu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the Motion. I want to congratulate the committee for the work well done in placing members in different committees and also reshuffling members into different committees for different responsibilities.

Hon. Speaker, this is a good chance for members to serve in different capacities reason being Mr. Speaker, in this Assembly everyone has capacity to serve anywhere in the Committee. It is also important for this Assembly to give members a chance to feel the warmth of different Committees and also have hands on experience on how other Committees work and also the mandate and responsibilities of different Committees.

Mr. Speaker, I want to give an example of my placement in the Committee of Delegated Legislation which in my seven years in this Assembly I have never served and it

will be a good opportunity to know how such an important Committee works. And also learning the mandates and also learning how legislation and especially most of the legislative work that is done in that Committee.

Mr. Speaker, it is also important to note that some members had committees that were colliding with each other hence making them lose an opportunity to give their input and responsibility in their committees. And I want to give an example of Hon. Gladys Waikau who was serving in the Committee of ICT and at the same time, another Committee Mr. Speaker I think Implementation which was belonging to the same cluster making her to lose opportunity to serve in either of the Committee.

I think Mr. Speaker; the chair of Selection Committee has ensured such members are sorted. Finally, we had members who were disadvantaged in far as the number of Committees they were serving. Some had other responsibilities, they were really disadvantaged in how they were placed in the Committees and this Report has ensured that members with such issues have been addressed. Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Moses Muchiri: I stand to oppose this Motion, with the following reasons, maybe to everybody who is knowledgeable and understands what is happening can see clearly this is to remove some members from different Committees so that they can lose. I have been removed from House Business Committee, I have also been removed from Liaison Committee and honourable Speaker I want to state that I am okay with it. We have seen this for the past 10 years this is how the former, the second and the third County Assembly was run, we had a majority leader who could remove members from different Committees at his wish and honourable Speaker, he went for a member of parliament seat and he lost, he is currently doing farming and he is even poorer and those people he was removing from the Committees are in this honourable House. We do not fear, we will not be cowed and honourable Speaker some people are just doing this to add themselves Committees so that they can earn money to help them contest for parliamentary seats which we will campaign against them.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Honourable Moses, I think you are in an honourable House, you cannot say things that you are not factual; about, unless you give facts

Hon. Moses Muchiri: I can give facts, honorable Kamande was a member of this House and a former majority leader, is it that a fact?

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Honorable Moses, please understand me, this is a person who is not in this House to protect himself, so you cannot mention his name, so please proceed and stick to the matters of the Report ahead of us.

Hon Moses Muchiri: I will continue, the other reason why I have been removed from Delegated County Legislation Committee is because of Delmonte land and Kakuzi land which have been ceded to Murang'a County Government, we saw an Act that was passed illegally in this House and it became a law and currently it is waiting for regulations which will be made by Delegated Legislation Committee that will allow scramble and partition of Delmonte land.

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

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Honorable Speaker, I am rising on a point of Order Number 193 which gives the chair or the presiding officer an opportunity to use Standing Order number 117, which states gross disorderly conduct, if you go down there (d) talks about persists in making serious allegations without in the Speaker's opinion substantiation, so Mr. Speaker, I am rising on that Standing Order because the honorable member for Muguru is raising pertinent issues without substantiation about Delmonte land and what have you.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Please honorable Moses, proceed and desist from making matters that are not factual, please stick to the Report that we have and I am giving you another one minute.

Hon. Moses Muchiri: I think I was debating and I think I am allowed to debate in this House whether I raise the point of Delmonte.....*(inaudible)*.....

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Proceed

Hon Moses Muchiri: That was my opinion on why I have been removed from Murang'a County Delegated Legislation Committee which is going to make regulations that will guide the scramble and partition of Delmonte land, but I will continue, I would like to state that there is a story that says that if you sacrifice your head to break a coconut automatically you will not take part in the feast, and I am one of those people who have been fighting for the rights of the members of this House, we came up with irreducible minimum demands where every member is entitled to six days in a week and one international trip and honorable Speaker, there is another story about a

warthog which can die at the fig tree so that its child can feed .And I want to state that there is some Honorable Members who are our good friends who have been added to more than four, five or even six Committees and we are very much okay with it. But the only issue that we will not allow is any law to be passed that will see the scramble and partition of Delmonte land. And I want to urge the Kandara Residents Association to be vigilant, I also want to urge our Governor Dr. Irungu Kangata not to allow scramble and partition of the Delmonte land as well as Kakuzi because his legacy will be destroyed----

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Moses I am on my feet---

Hon. Moses Muchiri: Yes you are on your feet but I also want to add National Land Commission should not allow stealing of Delmonte land.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Hon. Moses please be seated. I think according to Standing Order 117 (1), you are persisting in making serious allegations which in my opinion they the lack adequate substantiation. I have told you twice, three times not to do it, you persist therefore you are out of order and I just request that serjeant at arms get Hon. Member Moses out of this chamber. Proceed Hon. Mirara.

(Hon. Moses Muchiri was escorted out of the House)

Hon. Moses Musa: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I just want to support this Motion; I stand to support this Motion and I must say that I am a victim of a removal on Delegated Committee and that is in order. I do not consider it as a purge but I consider it as the prerogative of the Majority Leader to actually--- as the Chairman of the Selection Committee of the meeting to see on the ways out to be transferred to different Committees. Because he may consider a lot of things and one of them is our strength and another is our commitment to our Committees among other considerations. I want to stand and be on record to say that everything is political influenced and actually and I must say that if maybe there are some Committees which are maybe to him , they are seen to be not to be performing very well and he may consider to use his prerogative duty to transfer. And so I stand to join my Members who have the view that, this thing is normal, it is normal transfers and it is actually good to give other Members opportunities to serve in different Committees. Thank you Hon. Speaker and I stand to support.

Hon. John Ngugi: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I stand to support this Motion and agree wholeheartedly with the actions of the Majority Leader are in fact as previously alluded to, we are all able to serve in any Committee in any Committee and we should not feel be lingered that we are moved from one Committee to another.

I was moved from House Business to another Committee and that is a prerogative of the Majority Leader. However, I would want to caution Members of this House not to bamboozle us with scintillating stories of how unfair the Leader of Majority is to them just because they have been moved out of Committees or added to other Committees.

We all know that in this House we have had incidences and I don't think the changes that the Majority Leader is advised by those incidences. I believe that time after time, the Majority Leader of the House leadership will be reviewing this list and I don't even know whether the next time I'll be a culprit of the same. So, I will urge members to take these changes in stride and accept what the Majority Leader has done and also, I might add that if any Member feels that they have been removed from a committee because of actions or lack of that they have taken previously, maybe it is time for them to desist from things that would bring disharmony in this House. We have seen that some of the Chairpersons of the various Committees that we have were the people who were bringing disputes to this House. I think it is the mandate of the Majority Leader to put the House in order. So next time I am involved in such shenanigans, majority leader I would hope that you take an axe and do what is necessary. So, I support and I urge all the Members of this House to support the same. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Hon. Elizabeth.

Hon. Warisper Elizabeth: Thank you ...

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Oh! Sorry, there are two Elizabeth's here. Okay, Member for Kimorori go first and then Member for Kinyona.

Hon. Warisper Elizabeth: Yes, Hon. Speaker, you can also call me Warisper is also an official name. Thank you Hon. Speaker I stand to support the Motion and more so the Honorable Majority for the work well done. I am one of those members who is affected, and I do not feel affected because I am being removed from Youth to Public works, Roads and Transport and I think every member here is suitable to be in every Committee and I am ready to learn from what the public works and roads does. So, I stand to support and congratulate the members for that select Committee. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Member for Kinyona.

Hon. Liz Mbugua: Thank you very much our Speaker, I stand to support the Motion and I stand to agree with the Committee on Selection. I would like to bring a clarification of we are supporting as if it is the Leader of Majority who has brought the changes on this Motion. It is good for all of us to understand that this was done with all the members of the Selection Committee support and it is where the Leader of Majority is but we are here to stand and support. I think everything is subject to change and it is good to serve in different Committees so that we can have experience and also exchange of ideas to various committees. So, I stand to stand support the Motion and to also clarify to my sisters and my brothers, members of this House this is regarding to the Committee on Selection as we read in the Standing Orders 166 it says ...

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): What is the point of order Hon. Kibaiya?

Hon. John Ngugi: Actually, Mr. Speaker it is a point of information, we are referring to the majority leader because he is the chairman to the Selection Committee?

Hon. Liz Mbugua: Thank you Member for Gatanga. He is the chair but he did make the decision alone. It is all about the Committee. That is why I am reading from the Selection Committee through the Standing Orders no. 166;

- (1) There shall be a Select Committee, to be designated Committee on Selection, consisting the Leader of the Majority party who shall be the chairperson, the Leader of the Minority party and not less than seven and not more than ten Members, who shall be nominated by Assembly parties and taking into account the interest of independent Members approved by the Assembly.

I think now you understand Member for Gatanga that we shall be seven to ten Members to agree with the Leader of Majority. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Mover to respond.

Hon. Kibe Wasary: Hon. Speaker, Thank you. I wish to state that in the changes that we have made, there was no biasness at all. We only made changes so that members can experience the different Committees and how they work and how they perform. That is why we made some changes. Hon. Speaker, Hon. Muchiri has opposed the Motion and it is his right to oppose and I wish to state that there is no connection between Delmonte/ Kakuzi land with members placement in different Committees. There is no connection at all. Hon. Mirara, Hon. Kibaiya, Hon. Warisper

and Hon. Liz they have supported the Motion Hon. Speaker and I wish to request the Honorable House to support the Motion. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Thank you Members, Thank you Leader of Majority.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Honorable Members there being no other Business this House now stands adjourned until this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Thank you very much.

The House rose at 11:02 a.m.