

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 21st June 2017

The House met at 2:36 p.m.

(Temporary Speaker Hon. Bernard Kariuki in the Chair)

PRAYERS

MOTION

SETTING UP ICT CENTERS IN SHOPPING CENTERS IN MURANG'A COUNTY

Hon. Rebecca Mwigigi: Mr. Speaker, I am a nominated Member of County Assembly. Allow me to move this motion;

Aware that Information Communication Technology is one of the conduits of Kenya's economic growth, recognizing that ICT plays a fundamental role in our day to day lives, noting that one of the challenges of ICT development is lack of skills, alive to the fact that a large number of our youth at the grassroots in Murang'a do not have a source of income and are not computer literate, noting with concern that most of these youth are not able to access available job opportunities advertised via the internet, recognizing that some of these youth also lack skills to innovatively use ICT as a platform to earn a living through networking or marketing of products; this Honorable Assembly urges the County Executive Member in charge of Education and Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and E-Government;

1. To set up 40 feet containers as IT centers in all shopping centers at the grassroots and equip them with at least five computers and skilled personnel to manage them.
2. To also partition the containers into shoe shining spaces and confectionary shops, so that our youth can earn income, stay occupied and become productive.

Mr. Speaker, when I was thinking about this motion, I thought about our youth who are not computer literate because they did not have the opportunities to learn the skills of operating a computer. With the Vision 2030, it is important that everybody of this generation will be computer literate. It is very interesting that you find life very hard if you do not have these skills, that is why people advance in age are trying to learn the computer and the ICT to be literate.

Mr. Speaker, as I said, a 40 foot container provided by the county government will create jobs for about 20 to 25 youth and by so doing and five computers are installed in that container, people will be trained on ICT and there will be a teacher.

If one computer is operated by one person, five to six people will be employed by that computer center. You heard that the government gave the directive that everybody who is registered and has a PIN must file their returns by 30th of this month, that means that the youth will be earning some income through filing of the returns for everybody who has a PIN because almost everybody who has an Identification Card (ID) has a PIN; it is a must who does something registers a PIN.

Mr. Speaker, even if they charge a 100 or 200 per person that is money which the youth will earn from there when they are computer literate and they have a computer center.

A village with five computers and they train people up to 14 hours, almost 20 to 25 people would be computer literate per month. Again, our youth have embraced the agricultural farming, if they are computer literate, they will know how the market is behaving, what should be taken where and they will not be cheated by the brokers about what the market is dictating and how much the product is costing.

Mr. Speaker, these days, everything is being computerized, including job applications, and you are supposed to apply using E-communication. If you are supposed to go and apply, you cannot request someone to apply for you because for sure they cannot write what you were to write.

Being computer literate, these youth will acquire jobs in government. Tenders are being put on the web and need to be applied there; if they are computer literate, I am sure they will get the jobs.

Mr. Speaker, the children of today are being given some Ipads and if you don't know how to assist your child, they won't do their homework. I beg Murang'a county to start the computer schools in the containers so that our people will be able to help their children.

Even in marketing, people are buying from others through the internet. Not being computer literate, you won't sell anything in the local and international market because you won't know how the market is doing.

Rearing of chicken and growing of flowers is being done with the aid of computers, the computer will notify you on how the horticulture is doing in the garden. Like in Netherlands, and I am lucky am talking to people who have visited Netherlands, you saw computers showing the amount of warmth and cold in a greenhouse and by that you are able to harvest the maximum.

Communication and dissemination of information is very important, because if you want to share information as a group, you create just a WhatsApp group and everyone will get the information.

People are raising funds during weddings, chamas, burials and even medical bills through e-communication; some of the youth will be lucky they will be travelling on aeroplanes and trains and you only book your ticket online through e-communication. One saves a lot on energy used in running around and time.

Those who are lucky to have children living abroad communicate very easily, like WhatsApp calls are free, and make the parents and children happy. Easing people with high blood pressure when they communicating directly without people who translate what they should do. With that I ask Hon. Jimmie Kagoni to second the motion.

Hon. James Kagoni: I stand to second this great motion and support it fully as it is. I really urge the house to support the motion. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bernard Kariuki): If there is not debate I will put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

BILLS

MURANG'A COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL NO.2 OF 2017- SECOND READING

Hon. Joseph Muchina: I want to move the motion;-

That, this Bill be read a second time.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bernard Kariuki): Move the motion as it appears on the order paper for specific purposes, those members have to know which Bill you are moving.

Hon. Joseph Muchina: Sorry for that Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the motion;-

That, the Murang'a County Appropriation Bill no.2 of 2017 be now read a second reading.

Since this the Bill emanated from a report that was unanimously supported by members of this House, Mr. Speaker you would allow me may be to go no further but may be to call

the seconder to second the motion. I would request Hon. Rosemary Wakuthii to second the motion.

Hon. Rosemary Wakuthii: I rise to second the motion.

(Question proposed)

Hon. James Kagoni: I rise to support the motion and I am happy that the budget committee found it wise before we conclude our fiscal year to take advantage of the few days that are there so that we could realign the budget as it is supposed to be.

When you look at the way deductions have been made, this are purely from the votes that were not able to be absorbed completely.

We have had history in this country where then monies were taken back after every fiscal year because the state organ which was supposed to absorb that particular money did not do that for one reason or the other, but I am happy with budget committee here because when it realized that there were votes that were given more money what they realized that we still have a window of doing the supplementary budget.

As we have known and specifically even the County Assembly itself and for that reason we have now been able to absorb that particular amount of money and we will not go into books as a County Assembly or a state organ that actually did not absorb the entire amount of money and had to return its own money when actually our own people needed that particular money for one reason or the other.

For that paramount reason or the other this is why I rise to support this motion and congratulate the committee for budget.

Hon. Joseph Muchina: Thank you to the hon. member who has contributed, and the support on the Bill. I request the members to support the realignment of votes to enable the implementers of this budget to move on as we wind up the financial year

(Question put and agreed to)

(The mace was lowered)

(The House converted into the committee of the Whole House)

(COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE)

(The Chairman Hon. Bernard Kariuki presiding)

The Chairman (Hon. Bernard Kariuki): We will consider the Murang'a County Supplementary Bill number 2 of 2017 clause by clause

(CLAUSE 3)

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(CLAUSE 4)

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(CLAUSE 5)

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(FIRST SCHEDULE)
(Question proposed)
(Question put and agreed to)

(SECOND SCHEDULE)
(Question proposed)
(Question put and agreed to)

(CLAUSE 2)
(Question proposed)
(Question put and agreed to)

(CLAUSE 1 -SHORT TITLE)
(Question proposed)
(Question put and agreed to)

(LONG TITLE)
(Question proposed)
(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Joseph Muchina: I move that the committee reports to the Assembly its consideration of the Murang'a County Supplementary Bill number 2 of 2017 and its approval thereof without amendment.

(The mace was raised)
(The House resumed)

(Temporary Speaker Hon .Bernard Kariuki in the Chair)

(Hon. Duncan Njuguna rose on a point of order)
(Hon. Caroline Njoroge left the chambers)

Hon. Duncan Njuguna: Is it in order for the hon. member for Kigumo who has just left the chambers to remain seated when the chairman was moving from chairing the Committee of the Whole Assembly to the Speaker's Chair?

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bernard Kariuki): That member is grossly out of order; the cardinal rule is to always freeze when the Speaker is standing. The member for Kigumo is out of order and that needs to be noted in the Hansard, thank you.

Chairperson you may report the progress on behalf of the chairman who was chairing the Committee of the Whole Assembly.

Hon. Joseph Muchina: I would like to report that, the Committee of the Whole Assembly has considered the Murang'a County Supplementary Appropriation Bill No.2 of 2017 and approval thereof without amendment.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bernard Kariuki): Yes

Hon. Joseph Muchina: Thank you Mr Speaker, I beg to move that the Assembly agree with the Committee of the Whole House in the said report. I would request hon. Duncan Njuguna to second.

Hon. Duncan Njuguna: Thank you Mr. Speaker I do hereby second.

(Question proposed)
(Question put and agreed to)

MURANG'A COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL NO.2 OF 2017- THIRD READING

Hon. Joseph Muchina: I beg to move that the Murang'a County Supplementary Appropriation Bill No.2 2017 be now read a Third time.

I would again request hon. Duncan Njuguna to second the Motion.

Hon. Duncan Njuguna: I second the motion as read by the mover.

(Question proposed)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bernard Kariuki): If there are no contributions I will put the question

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bernard Kariuki): Honourable members the House is adjourned until tomorrow 2:30p.m.

The House rose at 3:06 p.m.