

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 12th April 2022

Assembly Building

The House Met At 10: 50am

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui): In the Chair]

PRAYER

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui): Good Morning Honorable Members. Clerk what is the next order?

PAPER

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE NAKURU COUNTY ANIMAL DISEASE CONTROL BILL
No. 11 OF 2019

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui): We have some Papers to be laid, first is the Report of the Committee on Agriculture on the Nakuru County Animal Disease Control Bill no. 11 of 2019 by Hon. Wilson Mwangi.

Hon. Wilson Mwangi: I beg to table the Report of the Committee on Agriculture on the Nakuru County Animal Disease Control Bill No. 11 of 2019. I beg to table.

(The Report was laid on the table)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui): Thank you honourable the Vice Chairperson for laying the Paper. We also have a Report of the Auditor General on the Nakuru County Emergency Fund for the year ending 30th June 2020. The Leader of Majority will lay this but Honorable Philip Wanjohi will assist.

PAPER

AUDITOR GENERAL REPORT ON THE NAKURU COUNTY EMERGENCY FUND FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 202.

Hon. Philip Wanjohi: Thank you Honorable Speaker, on behalf of the Leader of Majority I wish to lay the Report of the Auditor General on the Nakuru County Emergency Fund for the year ended 30th June 2020. This is in pursuant to the provision of Section 47(1) of the Public Audit Act 2015. I lay the Paper.

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(The Report was laid on the table)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui): That one stands committed to the Committee on Public Accounts and Investment (PAIC) and you can come up with a Report within a period 30 day. Thank you. Continue with the other Report.

PAPER

AUDITOR GENERAL REPORT ON THE CENTRAL RIFT VALLEY WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2020

Hon. Philip Wanjohi: Honorable Deputy Speaker I have a second Paper to lay. This is a Report of the Auditor General on the Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency for the year ended 30th June 2020. This is in pursuant to provisions of Section 47(1) of The Public Audit Act 2015. I beg to lay.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui): Thank you Honorable Wanjohi. This stands committed to the Committee on Public Accounts and Investment (PAIC). I think the Chairperson for the Committee on Health Services will inform the Chairperson for the Committee of PAIC. They should come with a Report within a period of 30 days. You now have a huge task to accomplish but you have to try your best as PAIC Committee. Next order.

BILL

THE NAKURU COUNTY ANIMAL DISEASE CONTROL BILL NO. 11 OF 2019

(SECOND READING)

(By leave of the House)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui): Honorable Wilson Mwangi

Hon. Wilson Mwangi: Thank you Honorable Deputy Speaker, hereby bring the Motion that the Nakuru County Animal Disease Control Bill No.11 of 2019 be now read a second time.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui): Someone to second.

Hon. Wilson Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker sir. We need to have this Bill brought to our County so that we can have the issue of prevention and control of the notifiable diseases that usually occur in so many areas of our County. Having in mind that we have lost so many heads of

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animals do to notified diseases that usually affect our animals and mostly when these diseases have not been notified.

This Bill will be able to have the regulations put down to make sure that any area that has been affected by any of the notifiable diseases, which usually spread very fast, to make sure that we have issues put in place so that we can be able to control the disease. We have been having areas like Bahati and Solai. Last year we had foot and mouth disease that affected do many animals in those areas and at the end of the day most of our farmers lost so many animals of which the disease was not notified by the inspectors.

This Bill will give the space to make sure that the inspectors who are veterinary officers and inspectors of animals will have notified the officers who are on the ground and also our inspectors to make sure that the animals have been injected to stop the spread of the diseases. So, this Bill will go further to make sure that we regulate all the animals that are being brought in our abattoirs and in our livestock yards to make sure that any animal which has a disease cannot be able to be sold for human consumption.

This Bill will also make sure that we quarantine areas that have been affected to make sure that the disease does not spread to other areas. So, this Bill will help our farmers, and as we know Nakuru County is a county of Agriculture so that we can make sure that our farmers get their profits but not incur losses that are brought by the notifiable diseases. This Bill will make sure that all things are put in place to make sure that we control all diseases that may affect our animals. I want to take this opportunity to welcome Hon. Njuguna from Elburgon to second this Bill. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui): Hon. Njuguna.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker sir. Indeed, this Bill is timely. It is a Bill that is coming to create a legal bridge because we have been having a vacuum in terms of legal instruments that can facilitate our livestock department officers to conduct their jobs. Recently, we had Corona and during Corona, the Public Health Department had laws that were allowing them to quarantine people in certain sections and also declare certain areas as a no-go zone because of the diseases.

Equally, you realise that our animals have continuously been affected by the influx of animals from other Counties. We do not have laws that could have been enforced to make sure that at least we have secured our borders as a County so that our animals will not be infested with diseases. Therefore, with such a Bill, I am sure that our farmers are going out to have a better way of survival with the animals in our areas.

This Bill is also creating a framework whereby you find that the insurance companies; farmers can now be able to interact with them because of the inspection of the animals. In terms of animal identification, that is tagging and using the computerised systems of identifying animals. Via the

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Bill, I believe it would be possible. Therefore, allow me to say that this is the Bill that its effect will be applied. There will be sanity in the Livestock Department in our County. Therefore, I beg to second.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui): Thank you Hon. Chair for Health for seconding the Bill.

(Question proposed that the Nakuru County Animal Disease Control Bill number 11 of 2019 be now read a Second Time).

Debate is open for all.

Hon. Cecilia Nyambura: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker sir. I want to say that this Bill is the best because it has come at the right time. Farmers have been experiencing losses due to animals death and due to production and I think this Bill is good. What I can urge the Department is that the way the vaccinations are done, they are usually done halfway and so, no diseases are controlled because if you inject a number of 1000 animals and the number in that area is 20, 000, then there is nothing the Department has done. Therefore, I would urge those concerned to make sure that every animal is vaccinated. Also in this Bill there is vaccination of dogs that is canine and it is very important because the rabies disease is rheumatic and it usually affects human beings. Therefore if it is controlled well through vaccinations, then you would not experience rabies in human beings. Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker sir.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui): Thank you Hon. Cecilia I know you are talking through experience since you had served as a Veterinary Officer for many years and your advice cannot be taken for granted. I know what you are saying you understand it well and surely your advice should be taken seriously. Hon. Wanjohi.

Hon. Philip Wanjohi: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker, I wish to congratulate the Committee on Agriculture for coming up with this Bill. This is not the only Bill they have done. Last week they came up with another Bill on Urban Farming and they did not leave it there, this week they come up with another Bill on Animal Disease Control. Of course it would have been pointless for us to keep the animals in the urban centers and even the rural areas without knowing how we will control the diseases. I think the person with the authority of the diseases has spoken, the Hon. Cecilia, and because she is an expert in this field, those of us who are not very qualified in the area of agriculture will agree with her that this is a very nice Bill; it talks about the animals infected with diseases like what Hon. WA Jeff said, last year we had an issue with animals throughout the County where we had anthrax.

There was a big debate in this House where Members argued over its outbreak but now with the coming of this Bill, the Animal Inspectors, will be in a position to answer to say yes there is anthrax or there is that other notifiable disease which has to be treated. Therefore I arise to support this Bill. Thank you.

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The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui): Thank you Hon. Wanjohi.

Now I want to propose a question

(Question proposed that the Nakuru County Animal Disease Control Bill No. 11 of 2019 be now read a Second Time).

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Nakuru County Animal Disease Control Bill No. 11 of 2019 was accordingly read a Second Time)

ADJOURNMENT

Now this House is adjourned until 2.30 in the afternoon.

(The House rose at 11.05am)