

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 24th February, 2016

The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 9:30 a.m.

The Deputy Speaker, County Assembly of Samburu (Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya) on the chair

PRAYER

PAPERS

MCA Poro Ward, (hon. Lazaro Letiktik): Thank you hon. Speaker, on behalf of the chair and the vice chair of Privileges Committee I wish to table the report of the Samburu County Assembly Powers and Privileges and Immunities Bill No. 5 of 2016.

NOTICES OF MOTION

MCA Poro Ward, (hon. Lazaro Letiktik): Pursuant to Standing Order No. 44, I wish to give a notice of motion that this House debates and approve the report on the Samburu County Assembly Powers, Privileges and Immunity Bill No. 5 of 2015 by the Select Committee on privileges.

MCA Ndoto Ward, (hon. Raisy Letura): Hon. Speaker, I wish to seek your guidance whether there was a *coupe de tat* that was done to my department, as I am seeing in the notice of motion, is the vice chair for Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development and as per the record of the committee, the hon. Leader of majority still remains the vice chair Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development but I am seeing hon. Osman Dube, the MCA as the vice chair and assigning the same notice of motion, hon. Speaker, I seek your guidance.

The Deputy Speaker, (hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): The Clerk says it is a typing error and the member can still read on behalf of the county.

STATEMENTS

MCA Poro Ward, (hon. Letiktik): Thank you hon. Speaker, mine is a response for the statement brought by hon. Lesoipa, response of the statement No. 001 2016 from the chair on Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries regarding the vaccination against PPR, CCPP and FMD disease in Loongewan and Loolmolog area of Suguta Marmar ward by hon. Shadrack Lesoipa, Member for Suguta ward.

On 17th, the veterinary officers are on the field already and as we speak, they are at Suguta Marmar and Loolmolog today, so I seek your advice hon. Speaker.

MCA Ndoto Ward, (hon. Letura): Thank you hon. Speaker, we have not been supplied with the responses and the statement for the members to fully affirm themselves with the said response of the hon. Chair for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries though I will try to catch up with the pieces as the hon. Chair has tried to put it.

The hon. Chair is seeking advice and I thought we are the ones to get advice from him on what transpired. Therefore guidance should come from the chair rather than from the speaker. He should give the House detailed information on what is happening on the ground.

Again, I wish to tell the chair that professionally I am a medic and when we vaccinate an already viral disease, we cause more harm to those animals. I do not know whether the department has got a work plan and also a cycle of recurrent of the same condition yearly basis so that we avoid being reactive and be proactive.

On several occasions we have seen statements in this House when damages have already been done. We have seen complains when the animals are already affected or infected. So, I do not know what the chair holds with the department to say that such recurrences of the same mistakes do not happen in future. This condition of PPR has been reported severally in Ndoto, Loolmolog and any other place year in year out.

Right now, several camels are dying in my pace in Lesirikan, Tankar and the rest of Ndoto areas but the department is doing much less than they should do. I think the situation in this department has been reactive and we need a proactive situation whereby we can actually prevent the deaths and do vaccination so that we prevent deaths in future and the animals develop immunity such that such condition do not again occur in future.

The hon. Chair should therefore be very clear on the statement sought by hon. Lesoipa and say the preventive measures they are undertaking so that such situations do not happen again in

future. This response seems to be very superficial and we need some deep issues that need to be touched by this response so that we prevent the local farmers from going into losses, thank you.

MCA Suguta Marmar Ward, (hon. Lesoipa): Thank you hon. Speaker, I also echo the same sentiment by hon. Letura starting by thanking the chair concerned. The veterinary officers are already in the field. They are through with Lodokejek and they are going to Suguta. From my statement I did asked the measures the department is taking to prevent the contagious disease that has been a menace and it is very clear that the department has no any measure in place to prevent such a disease from spreading.

We have heard from hon. Letura that once the disease has spread, it will be of no use to vaccinate the animals again. I therefore think that the work plan should be tabled here on a calendar basis such that if it is six months, the medics or the experts will be able to tell us if it is FMD disease, how long it takes to be vaccinated? CCPP is a very dangerous disease and one thing we need to know is that livestock keeping is the backbone of the Samburu people. When it happen that the livestock get swept away by these diseases, then our people will languish in poverty.

We need to have a very substantive calendar that will be showing when the livestock will be vaccinated and the disease in question. It should not be that we run up and down when the disease is already on the ground. This will not help us we ought to have a plan ahead. Anyway, I thank the chair though they are not helping in this situation but at least the officers are in the field. We need to take serious measures on this issue, thank you.

MCA Ndoto ward, (hon. Raisy Letura): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wanted your guidance so that the Chair could respond to what the members are saying... (*Interrupted by the Speaker*)

The Deputy Speaker, (hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Order hon. Letura. Hon. Linda.

Special Elected MCA, (hon. Linda Naserian): Mr. Speaker, I would also wish to give my insight concerning the issue. I happened to be the one who presided over the session when the response

to this statement was brought to the house. I can attest to this house that the response was somehow rude. Because, a whole department cannot say that it is not aware of the outbreak of the mentioned diseases, while a member of this house, a representative of the area residents has brought information that the outbreak is there. It is clear that someone is sleeping on the job and it is not the Chair of the Committee because he has honourably brought a response to the statement in the house.

It sounds ironical for a whole department to write a three page document, as a response to a statement, while it has indicated in the first paragraph that they are not aware of the existence of any disease. The rest is just an explanation of how vaccination is done as if the members of this house don't know how it is done. There is a lot of irony in that. This is a serious issue because if a hon. Member brings a concern and the department says it is not aware, I wonder what might happen. I expected that the department acknowledges the existence of the disease and inform the house what they are doing about it. We know the outbreak is there. They should be reporting to us about it. It is a pity that the hon. Chair has nothing to report on because of the failure of the department to give the required responses. I propose that action should be taken against the department even if it means forcing the department to carry out its responsibilities to our people. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker, (hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Thank you hon. Members. The department has given an unsatisfactory response to the statement. I recall that, last year, the house requested for a statement on vaccination and the number of livestock vaccinated but the department never responded. The response, given today, only tries to silence hon. Lesoipa by indicating that they are vaccinating today in his ward. I instruct the Chair to sit as a committee and get the following responses from the department:

- ❖ The department is supposed to do disease surveillance whether there is an outbreak or not. So, they should give us disease surveillance across the board relating to livestock in the county.

- ❖ They should report on the current status on vaccination of livestock on CPP, a pneumonia that affects goats, PPR, caused by plant poisoning, and foot and mouth disease on cattle which normally occurs in a six months cycle. So, the department should give us a calendar on what measures are in place in addressing the vaccination and the budget that they have.

You will bring the report on Tuesday, next week, at 2.30 pm.

MOTION

Chief Whip, (hon. Benjamin Leitore): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Interim Standing Order number 186 (4), this assembly approves the appointment of the following members to the County Assembly's Public Investments and Accounts Committee for the remainder of the county assembly term:

1. Hon. Raisy Letura – Member
2. Hon. Irene Leshore – Member
3. Hon. Elly Loldepe – Member
4. Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa – Member
5. Hon. Ltipilisa Lekupe – Member
6. Hon. Peninah Lemarle – Member
7. Hon. Benjamin Leitore – Member

I call upon hon. Loldepe to second.

(Hon. Loldepe bows in seconding the motion)

The Deputy Speaker, (hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Thank you hon. Members. I now propose a question that pursuant to the provisions of Interim Standing Order number 186 (4), this assembly approves the appointment of the following members to the County Assembly's County Public Investments and Accounts Committee for the remainder of the county assembly's term:

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(No contributions from the hon. Members)

I now put a question.

(Question put and motion passed)

Hon. Members, the time being 22 minutes past 10 o'clock and there being no other business, this assembly stands adjourned until Wednesday, 24th February, 2016 at 2.30 pm. Thank you.