

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday September 16th, 2015

The County Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 2.30 p.m.

(The Deputy Speaker, Samburu County Assembly (hon. Adamson Lanyasunya) in the chair)

PRAYERS

MOTION

The alcoholic drinks control bill public participation report

MCA Lodokejek ward, (hon. Jerius Leshoomo): Thank you hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 47(1), I wish to move a motion that this house debates and approves the public participation report of the Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Services on Samburu County Alcoholic Drinks Control bill, 2015, that was tabled on 15th, September, 2015. I call upon hon. Lemulugo to second.

(Hon. Lemulugo bows in seconding the motion)

The Deputy Speaker, (hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): I now propose the question that pursuant to Standing Order 47(1), I wish to move a motion that this house debates and approves the public participation report of the Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Services on Samburu County Alcoholic Drinks Control bill, 2015, that was tabled on 15th, September, 2015. Before I put a question, it is now your time to make your contributions to the report.

MCA Lodokejek ward, (hon. Jerius Leshoomo): Thank you hon. Speaker, just recently, we had a public participation on the bill. I take this time to briefly present the report before we put some comments. It is my honour to present the report by the Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Services on the Samburu County Alcoholic Drinks Control bill, 2015, tabled yesterday. The bill is for the provision of licensing of alcoholic drinks in Samburu. For the last three years, we have not had any revenue from alcoholic drinks as the county did not pass any legislation or regulations to this effect. We want to pass the bill to enable the government to collect revenue and control the production, sales, distribution and use of alcoholic drinks in the county. The under-age people need to be controlled because without any law or regulation, then this county will be a dumping site for illegal drinks. We know of the '*Lkiroro*' who in December, 2014, cursed the second generation liquors and recently, our president also thought it a good idea to ban the second generation drinks. As residents of Samburu, we should take heed and ensure there is control of sale and distribution of the illicit drinks so that only brands authorized by the Kenya Bureau of Standards can be sold. Why do we need licensing and control of alcoholic drinks in

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our County? We want to protect the health of individuals in our county because, if not taken responsibly, some alcoholic drinks are very dangerous. We also want to control persons under 18 years from drinking and the licensing of the alcoholic drinks so that we can educate and inform our people on the dangers of drinking excessively. Mr. Speaker, having said that, by controlling the licensing of alcohol in our county it will also help us implement effective measures so that we can eliminate the illicit trade in alcohol. We have seen that we are getting a lot of illicit drinks in our county because we do not have any legislation that controls the licensing. We have also lost a lot of revenue for the last three years. If we look at the last year's budget, there was an amount which we are supposed to collect from the alcoholic drinks but because we do not have this regulation/act, we have lost almost khs.50 million for the last two years. So if this House passes the alcoholic drinks bill, it will enable the county government to collect revenue and supplement revenue that we are supposed to generate to the national government as a share of our own county government. I hope this House will help us pass this bill so that this county can regulate and control the drinking and possession of the alcoholic drinks, thank you.

MCA Ang'ata Nanyokie, (hon. John Lemulugo): Thank you Mr. Speaker, it is important for this House to pass this bill which is actually long overdue as it should have been passed a long time ago. The importance of this bill as put by hon. Leshoomo is it will help us control alcohol in this county. We have seen the struggle in the other Part of the country like central part of Kenya how it became so terrible that the illicit brew is taking the lives of those people and it begun as one of the culture in our county whereby you find very young people like under age 18 year olds taking alcohol. Simply because the alcoholic system is not well-controlled and people are selling it cheaply, so everybody can afford. Even at *manyattas*, they are still selling and taking alcohol. So it is very important for this hon. House to pass this bill though it is already quite overdue. Also revenue collection is also another factor and the alcohol business in Samburu is good which will bring the county a lot of revenue. So it is important that we pass this bill, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Deputy speaker, (hon. Lanyasunya): I now put the question,

The question is put and passed

The Samburu County Alcoholic Drinks Control Bill 2015 Samburu gazette supplement number 14 bill number 12, committee of the whole house

MCA Lodokejek Ward (Hon. Jarius Leshoomo): Thank you Hon. Speaker, the committee of the whole house reports the progress and seeks leave to sit again.

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The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Lanyasunya): Just repeat what you have said Hon. Leshoomo, as the chair of the committee, you should report that the committee of the whole house has deliberated on the report on the bill and that it has passed it with the following amendments.

MCA Lodokejek Ward (Hon. Leshoomo): Thank you Mr. Speaker, the Samburu County Alcoholic Drinks bill report was presented to the whole house and I really thank the Members for adopting the report as it is and some few amendments, the two main amendments that we adopted in the report that part 2(9)(4), which reads that the following residents of Samburu following members of the Samburu County Executive process in accordance with the prescribed rules one of which shall be ruled that shall be gender, the other one is in the first schedule whereby we had even adopted to include No.11 in the first schedule that schedule buy or sell of alcoholic drink licenses, with conditions and being on any part of the week. I really thank the Hon. Members for adopting and passing the report, for alcoholic drinks.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Lanyasunya): Thank you Hon. Leshoomo, next order.

The Samburu County Alcoholic Drinks bill 2015, Samburu gazette supplement No. 14 Bill No. 12, third reading.

MCA Lodokejek Ward (Hon. Leshoomo): Thank you Mr. Speaker, the motion on the Samburu Alcoholic drinks 2015 tabled on 15th September 2015, the motion on the Samburu County Alcoholic control bill 2015, Samburu gazette supplement No. 14, bill No. 12 be read the third time.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Lanyasunya): I now propose the motion as read by the Hon. Chair for culture gender and social services, pursuant to standing order No. 132(2), I wish to move a motion that the Samburu County Alcoholic drinks 2015, gazette supplement No. 14 bills No. 12 be read a third time, I now put the question that pursuant to standing order 132(2), I want to move a motion that the Samburu County Alcoholic drinks 2015, Samburu gazette supplement No.14, bill No. 12 be now read for a third time.

(The questioned was put and passed)

The Samburu County Alcoholic drinks control bill 2015, a bill of an act of the County Assembly of Samburu to provide for the licensing and, production and the sale, distribution and consumption of the alcoholic drinks and for connected purpose.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Lanyasunya): Hon. Members the time being 20 minutes past four o'clock and there being no other business, this Assembly stands adjourned until Thursday afternoon on 17th September 2015 at 2:30 pm, thank you.

