

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF TURKANA
HANSARD

Wednesday Morning, 25th October 2023.

The County Assembly met at the County Assembly of Turkana Chamber at 9:00 a.m.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Philip Ekuwom) in the Chair.

PRAYER

Deputy Speaker: Honourable Members you may get seated.

BILL

The Turkana County Animal Health Bill 2023

Third Reading

Deputy Speaker: The motion mover, that is the chair of Agriculture, Pastoral Economy and Fisheries.

Hon. Etubon: Honourable Speaker, I beg to move that the Turkana County Animal Health Bill, Bill Number Two of 2023 be now read a third time.

Deputy Speaker: Chairperson or can we now allow the members to contribute after the Honourable Member has read the Bill for the third time.

Hon. Etubon: Honourable Speaker, this Bill has taken quite long and my colleagues have ventilated on it quite well. Therefore, I wish to take this opportunity to first and foremost thank the Honourable Members for turning up in large numbers during the Committee of the Whole House this time around.

This Bill has been with us for quite long, almost a year; it is absolutely necessary because it takes care of some vital issues including ensuring that we have a hygienic way of handling our animals. This Bill ensures that our urban towns such as; Lokichogio, Lodwar, Lokichar and Kakuma have gotten rid of those animals. This Bill is very important because it also introduces fines to curb indiscipline in ways in which people take care of animals in towns like rearing animals closer to the road. It also introduces levies

for certificates, controls introduction of very dangerous animals like snakes to cater for those intending to, this means that they will need to pay 15,000 shillings per year to get a certificate. It also stipulates fines and fees levied on people who rear goats in towns at a lower cost.

Honourable Speaker, we have ventilated on this Bill for long and I wish that we don't take any more time. I know that the Honourable Members are already exhausted. With that, I wish to move and call upon Honourable Alphonse Loteder to second.

Hon. Loteder: Thank you Honourable Speaker, I stand to second this Bill.

Deputy Speaker: Honourable Members I now propose the question. That the Turkana County Animal Health Bill, Bill Number Two of 2023 be now read a third time. Honourable members, this is the last chance we are giving you to make any contribution towards the Bill before we put the question to pass the Bill. Yes, Honourable Alphonse, the Honourable Member representing Katilia ward.

Hon. Loteder: Thank you Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to contribute to the third reading of the Turkana County Animal Health Bill.

Indeed, this Bill has come a long way and members have ventilated on it. We have realized that the Bill carries goodies that will actually improve service delivery for the Turkana people. Mr. Speaker, the Bill talks on animal health, but relatively it actually is cognizant of human health; and that means when the animals consumed by humans are in good health the population will also be in good health.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker the Bill will create employment for the Turkana people. Having attracted the attention of the County Public Service Board; there are vacancies for meat inspectors who will ensure meat inspection exercise is carried out at the local levels; CDRs- the Community Disease Reporters who will be close to the herders or pastoralists themselves, in order to provide relevant statistics about animals, the identification of diseases the animals are infected. The community is going to benefit a lot from the Bill. Thank you Mr. Speaker I sit as a support.

Deputy Speaker: Any other Member? None? Okay. Honourable Members, I now put the question. That the Turkana County Animal Health Bill, Bill Number Two of 2023, be now read a third time.

(Question Put and Agreed To)

Honourable Members, this House has now approved the Turkana County Animal Health Bill, Bill Number Two of 2023; a Bill that will now help our people eat safe meat and create more job opportunities for our people. Thank you, Honourable Members. Clerk read the long title of the Bill.

The Turkana County Animal Health Bill 2023- A Bill For An Act Of The County Assembly Of Turkana To Provide For Measures To Promote Animal Health And Welfare And Control Animal Diseases To Provide For The Establishment Of Legal And Institutional Framework For Promotion Of Animal Health And For Connected Purposes.

Deputy Speaker: Next order!

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: Honourable Members, there being no other business to transact, this House stands adjourned until today at 2.30 p.m.

House Rose at 9:30 a.m.