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REPORT ON THE PETITION SEEKING THE RECOGNITION OF  
GRADUATES OF THE RANGE MANAGEMENT COURSE TO TREAT  
LIVESTOCK DISEASES AND OFFER RELATED EXTENSION SERVICES

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**ABBREVIATIONS**

AHITI - Animal Health and Industry Training Institute

AI	-	Artificial Insemination
COG	-	Council of Governors
CPD	-	Continuous Professional Development
KVB	-	Kenya Veterinary Board
OIE	-	World Organization for Animal Health
TVET	-	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
VSVP	-	Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-professionals
WTO	-	World Trade Organization

## **PREFACE**

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

### **Establishment of the Committee**

The Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries was constituted on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 during the Fourth Session of the Twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) Parliament pursuant to the provisions of standing order 187 (1) of the Standing Orders of the Senate which states:

*“Unless otherwise provided by any written law or these Standing Orders, the Senate Business Committee shall, in consultation with Parliamentary Parties, nominate Senators who shall serve on a Select Committee.”*

### **Mandate of the Committee**

The Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries is mandated under the Second Schedule of the Senate Standing Orders to consider all matters relating to agriculture, irrigation, livestock, fisheries development and veterinary services.

### **Oversight**

In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the following Government Departments and agencies, namely-

- i. The State Department of Agriculture;
- ii. The State Department of Livestock;
- iii. The State Department for Fisheries; and
- iv. The State Department of Irrigation.

### **Membership of the Committee**

The Committee is comprised of the following members-

1. Sen. Peter Njeru Ndwiga, EGH, MP - **Chairperson**
2. Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP - **Vice-Chairperson**
3. Sen. Kipchumba Murkomen, EGH, MP
4. Sen. (Canon) Naomi Jillo Waqo, MP
5. Sen. (Dr.) Michael Malinga Mbiti, MP
6. Sen. (Eng.) Ephraim Maina, MP
7. Sen. Justice (Rtd.) Madzayo Stewart Mwachiru, MP
8. Sen. Issa Juma Boy, MP
9. Sen. Boniface Kabaka, MP

### **Secretariat of the Committee**

The Committee secretariat is comprised of –

1. Ms. Carol Kirorei - Clerk Assistant
2. Ms. Sombe Toona - Legal Counsel
3. Ms. Regina Munyao - Legal Counsel
4. Ms. Caroline Njue - Research Officer
5. Ms. Njeri Manga - Media Relations Officer
6. Ms. Mary Nyawira - Audio Officer
7. Mr. John Pere - Serjeant-At-Arms

### **Acknowledgement**

The Committee wishes to thank the Offices of the Speaker of the Senate and the Clerk of the Senate for the support extended to it in the consideration of the Petition seeking the recognition of graduates of Range Management Course to treat livestock diseases and offer related extension services.

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

It is my pleasant duty, pursuant to Standing Order 232 (2), to present the Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on the Petition seeking the recognition of graduates of the Range Management Course to treat livestock diseases and offer related extension services.

Signed.....



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Date...3/08/2020.....

**SEN. PETER NJERU NDWIGA, EGH, M.P.**

**CHAIRPERSON**

## CHAPTER ONE

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.0 Background

A Petition by Mr. Isaack Mwangi Mugo and Mr. P. Njiraini Wanjohi (hereinafter referred to as the petitioners) was reported in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. Pursuant to standing order 232(2) the Committee was required to respond to the petitioner by way of a report addressed to the petitioner or petitioners and laid on the Table of the Senate not more than sixty calendar days from the time of reading the prayer.

The Petitioners claim that –

- (a) since the passage of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-professionals Act in 2011, graduates who had undertaken training in Range Management and Animal Production at the Government run Animal Health and Industry Training Institute (AHITI), have been discriminated against through non-recognition of their qualification to treat livestock diseases and offer other related extension services;
- (b) the Board has discriminated and continues to discriminate against the graduates of Range Management and Animal Production Course by denying the graduates the opportunity to treat livestock and run businesses related to the training they received;
- (c) the said graduates have also been discriminated against when it comes to accessing continuous professional development (CPD) opportunities for professionals serving in the veterinary field, thus impeding their career growth and progression;
- (d) the said graduates are not represented on regulatory bodies such as the Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB), which has further extended their marginalisation;
- (e) that there is a huge shortage of agricultural extension officers in counties and correcting the anomaly in the law to recognise the academic qualification of these

graduates will enable them to secure employment with county governments and thus, address the said shortage; and

- (f) the issues raised are not pending before a court of law, constitutional or any other legal body.

In light of the above, the petitioners pray that the Senate—

- (a) amends the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals Act in a bid to ensure that the graduates of Range Management and Animal Production course —
  - (i) are considered on the same footing as those that trained in Animal Health and Production; and
  - (ii) are represented in the membership of the Board.
- (b) advocates to have the Director of Veterinary Services (hereinafter Director) to permit graduates who have graduated in Range Management and Animal Production Courses to treat livestock diseases, provide livestock insemination services and provide extension services. This will also cure the shortage of veterinarians and extension officers in the country;
- (c) advocates to have the Kenya Veterinary Board (hereinafter the Board) to permit all graduates trained in livestock disease and related fields access the continuous professional development course; and
- (d) advocates to have the Board reduce the cost of the continuous professional development course and make it optional.



## CHAPTER TWO

## SUBMISSIONS ON THE PETITION

### **2.1 Meeting with the Petitioners**

At its 90<sup>th</sup> Sitting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, the Committee met with the petitioners Mr. Isaac Mugo Mwangi and Mr. P. Njiraini Wanjohi. The Petitioners presented their Petition and stated that-

1. The Petitioners attended a two (2) year certificate course in Range Management at the Animal Health and Industry Institute (AHITI) in Kabete which is related to the Animal Health and Production Course offered at the Institution. However, since the enactment of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-Professionals Act, 2011, they are not allowed to treat animals as they are no longer recognized as veterinary para-professionals;
2. That they had not attended any CPD sessions and did not undergo the internship programme as these became a requirement after the enactment of the Act and they were no longer recognized as veterinary para-professionals. In addition they were unaware of the cost of CPD sessions;
3. That upon graduation from the Range Management Course, they treated animals. However, when the new law was enacted they were not allowed to practice yet they had previously practiced for more than twenty (20) years;
4. That they were not allowed to participate in the legislative process and were not given sufficient opportunity to transition to the new requirements of the law once it was enacted;
5. That the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-professionals Act, 2011 needs to be amended to recognize graduates of Range Management Course to treat livestock diseases;

6. That about twenty (20) to twenty five (25) persons graduated in the Range Management Course annually over the years prior to the enactment of the law in 2011; and
7. That following the enactment of the law, the affected graduates met with the Director Veterinary Services and wrote to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in 2019, however, their concerns were yet to be addressed.

## **2.2 Meeting with the Animal Health and Industry Training Institute (AHITI)**

At its 91<sup>st</sup> Sitting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, the Committee met with the Principal AHITI – Kabete, Dr. Marilyn Karani, who briefed the Committee on queries raised as follows-

### **Whether Animal Health and Range Management is approved by the Kenya Veterinary Board**

1. Prior to 2013, the Range Management Course graduates were not registered by the Kenya Veterinary Board due to the inadequate component of study in Animal Health. Graduates of the course were only mandated to handle animal production aspects and excluded the treatment and insemination of animals;
2. After 2013, the Course was rebranded to the Animal Health and Range Management Course. Graduates of the Course are registered by the Kenya Veterinary Board;
3. However, if graduates of the Range Management Course prior to 2013, desired to be registered by the Board and offer prescribed Veterinary Services, they must take an upgrading course at the Institute which focuses on increased hours in Animal Health.

### **What is covered in the Animal Health and Range Management Course**

4. The Animal Health and Range Management Course syllabus covers-

- a) Animal Anatomy & Physiology I;
- b) Animal Parasitology I;
- c) General Microbiology;
- d) Animal Health Applied Skills;
- e) Animal Anatomy & Physiology II;
- f) Animal Parasitology II;
- g) Basic Immunology and Vaccinology;
- h) Vector Borne Diseases;
- i) Bacterial and Fungal Diseases;
- j) Viral and Rickettsial Diseases;
- k) Reproductive Diseases and Disorders;
- l) General Pathology;
- m) Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology;
- n) Animal Health Applied Skills II;
- o) Metabolic and Nutritional Disorders;
- p) Animal Health Practicals;
- q) Animal Welfare, Ethics and Law;
- r) Epidemiology and Public Health;
- s) Poultry Diseases;

- t) Livestock related Acts;
- u) Zoonosis and one health Concept; and
- v) Field Attachment.

**Whether animal health is sufficiently covered in the Animal Health and Range Management Course or if there is need for a further course on animal health**

5. The enactment of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-professionals Act, 2011 recognized the veterinary para-professionals as defined in the Act. The Act recognized para-professionals who had covered specific hours in Animal Health;
6. Prior to 2013, the graduates of the Range Management Course covered a total of 420 hours in Animal Health. Therefore, they were not qualified to offer veterinary services;
7. After 2013, the course was rebranded to Animal Health and Range Management with the graduates covering 1135 hours in Animal Health thus qualifying them for registration by the Kenya Veterinary Board as per set national and international standards;
8. The disparity in hours of Animal Health study necessitated the need to upgrade the study hours in Animal Health for the graduates of the Range Management Course if they desired to be registered by the Board; and
9. In view of the changing Animal Health aspects the curriculum is reviewed every two years to incorporate the changes.

**Efforts, if any, made by the Institute to have the Kenya Veterinary Board recognize the Animal Health and Range Management Course**

10. In 2013, the Range Management Course was re-branded to Animal Health and Range Management Course due to a realization that graduates trained in Range Management prior to 2013 and were not registered by the Kenya Veterinary Board as per the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-Professionals Act, 2011, were treating animals contrary to the Act;
11. To ensure that the graduates, who graduated prior to 2013 with certificates in Range Management, would be registered by the Board so as to offer the veterinary services legally, AHITI (Kabete) introduced a one year upgrading course to those trained purely in Range Management which covers Animal Health aspects.
12. The Animal Health curriculum required does not only conform to the Kenya Veterinary Board standards but also conforms to International standards by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) on personnel specific to the training given to people who treat animals;
13. The importance of the Animal Health curriculum conforming to the standards set by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) is that the organization works in tandem with the World Trade Organization to set standards for animal trade. Conforming to the standards set is a key enabler for international trade and the competitiveness of the country of which personnel training is ranked at the top.

Further, in response to queries raised by the Committee, AHITI briefed the meeting as follows-

14. That a total of one hundred and five (105) graduates in Range Management Course prior to 2012 have returned to AHITI to undertake the upgrade course, have successfully graduated and are now recognized by the Board. In 2020, AHITI has received over forty (40) applications for the upgrade course;

15. That AHITI maintains a database of all students and graduates in the various courses offered. As such, the Institute has shown goodwill and contacted the graduates of Range Management Course and informed them of the new requirements and the upgrade course. Further, the Kenya Veterinary Board carried out an extensive public awareness campaign of the Act and the new requirements;
16. That a graduate in Range Management Course practicing veterinary services before 2012 did so illegally. They were not allowed to practice veterinary medicine prior to the enactment of the Act. The object of the Act was to minimize illegal practice of veterinary medicine;
17. That the disparity in hours required prior to 2011 i.e. 420 hours and thereafter at 1135 hours was a result of set international and national standards; and
18. That the Livestock Bill drafted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives establishes the Livestock Inputs and Products Regulatory Authority which once enacted shall provide graduates of the Range Management Course prior to 2012 with an opportunity to practice legally.

### **2.3 Meeting with the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock & Fisheries and the Kenya Veterinary Board**

The Committee was scheduled to meet with the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2020. The meeting however, did not take off following receipt of an apology from the Office of the Cabinet Secretary. The Committee, however, received a written response from the Ministry dated 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 which addressed various queries raised by the Committee.

The Ministry stated as follows-

1. The Kenya Veterinary Board established under the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-professionals (VSVP) Act No. 29 of 2011 is mandated under section 6 (1) to *“exercise general supervision and control over the training, business, practice and employment of veterinary surgeons and veterinary para-professionals in Kenya and to advise the government in aspects thereof”*
2. In this regard, pursuant to section 6 (2) (b) (c) and (d) of the Act, the Board-
  - a) Prescribes courses of training for veterinary surgeons and veterinary para-professionals in Kenya;
  - b) Approves institutions for training of veterinary surgeons and various categories of veterinary para-professionals; and
  - c) Considers and approves the qualifications of the various categories of veterinary para-professionals for the purposes of registration under the Act.
3. Section 13 (1) of the Act provides as follows-

*“No person shall practice, or hold himself out, whether directly or indirectly, as practicing or being able to practice as a veterinary surgeon or veterinary para-professional or take up employment as such unless he is registered and licensed under the Act.”*

4. The requirements for registration of veterinary para-professionals are stipulated in section 17 of the Act as follows-

*17 (1) A person shall be qualified for registration as a veterinary para-professional if the person—*

*(a) is a citizen of Kenya, and*

*(b) has either—*

*(i) successfully completed a post-secondary school training course in animal health science lasting two years or more at an institution approved by the Board and has obtained a certificate, diploma or degree, and has thereafter served an internship of not less than twelve months under the supervision of a registered veterinary surgeon; or*

*(ii) is qualified in animal husbandry, range management or wildlife health and has undergone a course of not less than one year in animal health prescribed by the Board, and has served an internship of not less than twelve months under the supervision of a registered veterinary surgeon, and*

*(c) is a member of a registered association representing the interests of veterinary para-professionals.*

The Ministry responded to queries raised by the Committee as follows:

**The status of the Animal Health and Industry Institute (AHITI) that falls under the Ministry**

1. There are three Animal Health and Industry Training Institutes falling under the Ministry i.e. AHITI Kabete, AHITI Ndomba and AHITI Nyahururu. AHITI Kabete offers Animal Health and Production, Animal Health and Range Management (previously Range Management and Production Course), Leather Technology and Artificial Insemination courses at different levels (Diploma and Certificate);
2. Initially, the Institutes were established to train frontline officers for the Directorate of Veterinary Services but after the advent of Structural Adjustment Programs (SAPs) of the early 1990s, the government stopped employing the graduates with the privatization of veterinary services; and
3. Following the enactment of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-professionals Act in 2011, all animal health programs offered at the AHITIs seek approval from the Kenya Veterinary Board upon complying with the standards as



set in the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-professionals Regulations, 2013 (Legal Notice No. 48 of 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2013).

Currently all the animal health programs are approved by the Board.

**Whether the Ministry is aware that graduate of the Range Management Course who graduated prior to 2013 are not registered by the Board and are therefore unable to practice.**

4. The KVB was established in 1953 through a Veterinary Ordinance and after independence it became the Veterinary Surgeons Act, CAP 366. The Act was overhauled in 2011 creating the current Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-Professionals Act, 2011;
5. In the Act, a veterinary surgeon is registered by the Board after fulfilling requirements as set out in section 15 of the Act while a veterinary para-professional is one who is registered by the Board after satisfying the requirements as stipulated under section 17 of the Act; and
6. In this regard, the Ministry is aware that the graduates of the Range Management Course did not and do not meet the qualifications for registration as veterinary para-professionals as stipulated under section 17 of the Act.

**Effort, if any, by the Ministry to address the situation in 2 above**

7. During the enactment of the Act, section 17 (1) (b) (ii) was introduced to enable graduates in Range Management to upgrade their Animal Health content in a one year course (Upgrading to Certificate in Animal Health) for them to be registered by the Board;
8. AHITI Kabete introduced the Animal Health and Range Management Course duly approved by the Board. This course meets the threshold of animal health content to enable registration after completion; and

9. Holders of credit pass in Certificate from Range Management Course are eligible for admission to study a Diploma in Animal Health Course.

**Whether each County has an optimum number of livestock extension officers**

10. The Ministry is liaising with the County Governments to collect data on livestock extension officers in the various counties for analysis, determination and advice as appropriate.

With regard to queries raised by the Committee on the Kenya Veterinary Board, the Ministry responded as follows-

**Which courses is AHITI authorized to train?**

11. The Courses approved by KVB to be trained at AHITI Kabete are-
- Diploma in Animal Health and Production;
  - Diploma in Animal Health and Range Management;
  - Certificate in Animal Health and Production;
  - Certificate in Animal Health and Range Management;
  - One year course for Upgrading Certificate in Animal Health; and
  - Four weeks Certificate course in Artificial Insemination (AI).

**Whether the Range Management Course is registered by the Board and the status of graduates of Range Management Course who graduated prior to 2013**

12. The Board approves animal health courses to ascertain compliance with the veterinary standards for provision of quality veterinary services. This is to safeguard animal health, animal welfare and public health, enhance production and productivity in animals and promote livelihoods and trade in livestock;
13. The veterinary standards are set in compliance with the guidelines issued by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) which is mandated by the World Trade Organization (WTO) to set Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standards (SPS) for

international trade. Prior to 2011, Kenya Veterinary Board was established under the Veterinary Surgeons Act CAP 366 which only catered for registration of veterinary surgeons. After enactment of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-professionals Act in 2011, and attendant Regulations in 2013 (Legal Notice No. 48 of 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2013), the Board started registering various cadres of veterinary para-professionals who include all those with animal health qualifications either at degree, diploma or certificate level; and

14. The graduates from Range Management Course are not registrable by the KVB pursuant to section 17 (1) (b) (i) of the VSVP Act. However, pursuant to section 17 (1) (b) (ii), graduates of the Range Management Course should undergo a course not less than one year in Animal Health prescribed by the Board (one year course for Upgrading to Certificate in Animal Health) and serve an internship of not less than twelve months under the supervision of a registered Veterinary surgeon for registration.

#### **Whether the curriculum for the Course is approved by the Board**

15. The Board only approves courses of training in Animal Health offered at institutions approved by KVB and have met the threshold content of 1135 hours. In this regard, the curriculum for Range Management Course had only 420 hours of animal health content hence the need to upgrade. Consequently, the curriculum is not approved.

#### **What the graduates of Range Management Course are required to practice**

16. Section 14 of the Act defines practice in several dimensions, unless and until one is registered under the Act, they cannot practice. In this regard, graduates of the Range Management Course cannot offer any of the services or procedures outlined therein.

#### **Whether graduates of Range Management Course can offer AI services**

17. The objective of AI is to improve livestock breeds, productivity and control of breeding diseases. This involves a holistic knowledge inter alia understanding the reproductive anatomy, physiology and pathology besides understanding the technique;
18. In this regard, pursuant to the Second Schedule of the Act as read with Regulation 29 and 30 of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-professionals Regulations, 2013, for one to offer artificial insemination services, they should be registered as veterinary para-professionals. Consequently, graduates in Range Management Course cannot offer AI services.

#### **The Cost of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) sessions**

19. The objective of undertaking CPD is to update knowledge, skills and personal qualities necessary for the appropriate execution of veterinary professional and technical duties. Pursuant to Regulation 17 (2) of the VSVP Regulations, 2013, to be retained in the register, a veterinary para-professional is required to acquire at least fourteen (14) credit points in the year under consideration;
20. The Board coordinates CPD activities through accrediting CPD providers, registering CPD activities, determining their credit worth and awarding points to participants. In essence, the cost of CPD activities is determined by the providers and not the Board.

#### **The number of CPDs that are offered in a year to veterinary para-professionals**

21. CPD activities are offered by accredited CPD providers. Every CPD activity is given credit worth after assessment by KVB and awarded requisite points. A session that meets an educational and developmental need, and provides an effective learning experience for the participants lasting 45-60 minutes earns one (1) CPD point. A CPD activity is a series of CPD sessions awarded a credit worth which can vary with programs;

22. Veterinary para-professionals should acquire a minimum of fourteen (14) points to be retained in the Register. The number of CPD activities to acquire this depends with the duration of the program attended.

## **CHAPTER THREE      LEGAL PROVISIONS TOUCHING ON THE PETITION**

### **3.1      Right to Petition Parliament**

The right to petition Parliament is provided for under Article 119 of the Constitution, which provides as follows-

*“Every person has a right to petition Parliament to consider any matter within its authority, including enacting, amending or repealing any legislation. Parliament shall make provision for the procedure for the exercise of this right.”*

The Petition therefore falls under the Committee’s mandate under Senate Standing Order 218. In addition, standing orders 232 of the Senate Standing Orders outlines the procedure for committal of a Petition to a Committee and transmission of its decision to the Petitioner. Further, the Petition to Parliament (Procedure) Act, 2012 and the Standing Orders of the Senate provide for the procedure to be followed in the submission, processing and consideration of a Petition.

Articles 94 as read together with Article 96 of the Constitution further provides for the role and by extension the authority of Parliament in general and the Senate in particular. Generally, the Houses of Parliament exercise the legislative mandate of the people, deliberate on matters of national interest and oversight the exercise of power by other arms of government.

### **3.2      The Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-Professionals Act, 2011 and Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-professionals Regulations, 2013**

The Kenya Veterinary Board is established under section 3 of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-Professionals Act, 2011 and is mandated under section 6 (b) and (c) to approve training institutions and courses for veterinary paraprofessionals. This is reiterated under Regulation 32 of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-Professionals Regulations 2013.

Section 29 of the Act further makes it an offence for any institution not authorized by the Board to –

- (a) admit persons for training with a view to having such persons acquire a qualification which would render them registrable under this Act; or
- (b) conduct a course of training or administer the examinations prescribed for the purposes of registration under this Act; or
- (c) issue any document or statement indicating or implying that the holder thereof has undergone a course of training or passed the examinations prescribed by the Board for purposes of registration.

Regulation 30 (1) and 32 (3) of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-professionals Regulations 2013 provides that a training institution shall not offer training in breeding services or animal health unless the institution is licensed by the Board. Regulation 30 (4) further provides that the curriculum must be approved by the Board.

The Kenya Veterinary Board is also mandated under section 6 (d) and (e) to register veterinary para-professionals. Section 17 of the Veterinary Act provides that a person may be registered as a para-professional if the person—

- (a) is a citizen of Kenya, and
- (b) has either—
  - (i) successfully completed a post-secondary school training course in animal health science lasting two years or more at an institution approved by the

- Board and has obtained a certificate, diploma or degree, and has thereafter served an internship of not less than twelve months under the supervision of a registered veterinary surgeon; or
- (ii) is qualified in animal husbandry, range management or wildlife health and has undergone a course of not less than one year in animal health prescribed by the Board, and has served an internship of not less than twelve months under the supervision of a registered veterinary surgeon, and
  - (c) is a member of a registered association representing the interests of veterinary para-professionals.

Section 6 (j) mandates the Board to maintain a register of all registered persons. Further, section 25 limits the use of the title “Veterinary Para-professional” to those registered under the Veterinary Act. Regulation 15 of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-professionals Regulations, 2013 provides that a veterinary technologist and technician should have studied animal health. In addition, any person who has undergone a one year course in animal health as prescribed by the Board and has passed an exam set by the Board, shall be registered as a Veterinary Technician.

**(1) Discrimination of graduates of Range Management and Animal Production in regard to access of continuous professional development (CPD) opportunities**

The Kenya Veterinary Board is mandated under section 6 (h) to maintain and improve the standards of practise by registered persons. Regulation 17 (1) of the Regulations requires every veterinary para-professional to undertake continuous professional development activities as prescribed by the Board. It further provides that a veterinary para-professional shall not be retained in the register until he has acquired at least fourteen credit points respectively in the year under consideration.

However, under regulation 17 (3) & (4) veterinary para-professional may apply to the Board for a waiver of some or all the credit points and shall give reasons for the request.

The Board may, for valid reasons such as medical reasons, absence from the country or non-veterinary commitments, waive some or all the credit points for a registered person.

Under section 17 (7), the Board may discipline any veterinary para-professional who has not acquired the minimum number of credit points by-

- (a) requiring the person to follow a remedial continuous professional development programme;
- (b) requiring the person to write an examination determined by the Board; or
- (c) removing the person's name from the relevant register

**(2) Lack of representation of the graduates of Range Management and Animal Production in the Kenya Veterinary Board**

Section 4 of the Act establishes the Board. The Board members are—

- (a) the Principal Secretary in the Ministry responsible for matters relating to livestock;
- (b) the Principal Secretary in the Ministry responsible for finance;
- (c) the Director of Veterinary Services, who shall be a registered veterinary surgeon under this Act;
- (d) a Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of a public university in Kenya, being a registered veterinary surgeon, or a member of the faculty, who is a registered veterinary surgeon, nominated by him;
- (e) one veterinary surgeon who is a principal of a veterinary para-professional training institute appointed by the Cabinet Secretary;**
- (f) four registered veterinary surgeons elected by registered veterinary surgeons and appointed by the Cabinet Secretary;
- (g) three veterinary para-professionals appointed by the Cabinet Secretary after being elected by registered veterinary paraprofessionals;**



- (h) the chairperson of the Kenya Veterinary Association;
- (i) one person appointed by the Cabinet Secretary to represent veterinary research institutions;
- (j) one veterinary surgeon or veterinary para-professional nominated by the Director of the Kenya Wildlife Service and appointed by the Cabinet Secretary to represent the Wildlife sector;
- (k) two persons, not being veterinary surgeons or veterinary paraprofessionals, **appointed by the Cabinet Secretary from the animal resource industry.**

### **(3) The power of the Committee to amend legislation and represent counties**

Article 93 of the Constitution provides that the legislative authority of the Republic is derived from the people and, at the national level, is vested in and exercised by Parliament.

Standing order 125 of the Senate Standing Orders further provides that a legislative proposal for which a Senator or a Committee is in charge shall, together with a memorandum setting out its objectives and matters specified in Standing Order 131 (Memorandum of Objects and Reasons) be submitted to the Speaker.

Article 96 of the Constitution provides that the Senate represents the counties, and serves to protect the interests of the counties and their governments and participates in the law-making function of Parliament by considering, debating and approving Bills concerning counties, as provided in Articles 109 to 113.

Article 124 of the Constitution provides that each House of Parliament may establish committees, and shall make Standing Orders for the orderly conduct of its proceedings, including the proceedings of its committees.

Standing order 218 of the Senate Standing Orders provides there shall be Select Committees to be designated Standing Committees which shall be nominated by the Senate Business Committee in consultation with parliamentary parties at the commencement of

every Parliament. It further provides that the Standing Committees shall be as set out in the Second Schedule and shall deal with the subject matters respectively assigned to them.

## CHAPTER FOUR COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

The Committee made the following observations:

1. The graduates of the Range Management Course prior to the enactment of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-professionals Act, 2011 treated animals and practiced related veterinary services. However, with the enactment of the Act new requirements as set out in section 17 were introduced, thereby disqualifying graduates of Range Management Course from registration and subsequently, from practicing prescribed veterinary services;
2. During the enactment of the Act, section 17 (1) (b) (ii) was introduced to enable graduates in Range Management to upgrade their animal health content in a one year course (Upgrading to Certificate in Animal Health) for them to be registered by the Board. Subsequently, AHITI introduced the Animal Health and Range Management Course duly approved by the Board which meets the threshold of animal health content to enable registration after completion;
3. The national and international standards by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) recognized as a reference organization by the World Trade Organization (WTO) are dynamic and adherence to these standards is crucial for international trade. These changing standards informed the requirements contained in the Act for registration and practice of veterinary para-professionals;
4. There is sufficient representation of veterinary para-professionals in the Kenya Veterinary Board as provided under section 4 (e) and (g) of the Act which provide for one veterinary surgeon who is a principal of a veterinary para-professional training institute appointed by the Cabinet Secretary and three veterinary para-

professionals appointed by the Cabinet Secretary after being elected by registered veterinary paraprofessionals.

5. Pursuant to Regulation 17 (2) of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals Regulations, 2013, to be retained in the register, a veterinary paraprofessional is required to acquire at least fourteen (14) credit points in the year under consideration. This is a legal requirement and can therefore not be optional. Continuous Professional Development (CPD) seeks to update knowledge, skills and personal qualities necessary for the appropriate execution of veterinary professional and technical duties. With regard to the cost of CPDs, the Ministry informed the Committee that these are set by the CPD providers and not the Board;
6. The Committee appreciates and acknowledges the wealth of knowledge possessed by the graduates of the Range Management Course. The Committee further appreciates the advanced age, the vagaries of life as well as increased responsibilities which may make it difficult for graduates in the Range Management Course to undergo the one year upgrade course at AHITI.

## **CHAPTER FIVE**

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

In light of the observations made, the Committee recommends that the graduates of Range Management Course prior to the enactment of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary par-professionals Act, 2011 be given special consideration by the Ministry for sponsorship through Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) funds to enable them to undergo the Upgrade Course in Animal Health offered by AHITI and subsequent registration under the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-Professionals Act, 2011.

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# APPENDIX I

**Minutes of the Committee Deliberations**

**MINUTES OF THE NINETIETH SITTING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES HELD TUESDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2020 AT 11.00 A.M. ON THE ZOOM ONLINE MEETING PLATFORM**

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**PRESENT**

1. Sen. Peter Njeru Ndwiga, EGH, MP - Chairperson
2. Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP - Vice-Chairperson
3. Sen. Kipchumba Murkomen, EGH, MP
4. Sen. (Canon) Naomi Jillo Waqo, MP
5. Sen. Issa Juma Boy, MP

**ABSENT WITH APOLOGY**

1. Sen. Boniface Kabaka, MP
2. Sen. (Dr.) Michael Malinga Mbiti, MP
3. Sen. (Eng.) Ephraim Maina, MP
4. Sen. Justice (Rtd.) Stewart Madzayo, MP

**IN ATTENDANCE**

1. Daktari Isaac Mugo Mwangi
2. Mr. Peter Njiraini

**PETITIONERS**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

3. Ms. Carol Kirorei - Clerk Assistant
4. Ms. Sombe Toona - Legal Counsel
5. Ms. Caroline Njue - Research Officer
6. Ms. Regina Munyao - Legal Counsel
7. Ms. Njeri Manga - Media Relations Officer
8. Ms. Mary Nyawira - Audio Services

**SENATE**



**MIN. NO. 132/2020      PRELIMINARIES**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 11.15 a.m. followed by a word of prayer.

**MIN. NO. 133/2020      ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Members adopted the agenda of the meeting as presented after being proposed by Sen. (Canon) Naomi Waqo, MP and seconded by Sen. Kipchumba Murkomen, EGH, MP.

**MIN.NO. 134/2020      MEETING WITH THE PETITIONERS ON THE  
PETITION SEEKING THE RECOGNITION OF  
GRADUATES IN RANGE MANAGEMENT AND ANIMAL  
PRODUCTION COURSE TO TREAT LIVESTOCK  
DISEASES AND OFFER RELATED EXTENSION  
SERVICES**

The Chairperson invited the Petitioners to the meeting and invited them to present the salient issues of the Petition to the Committee. Daktari Isaac Mugo Mwangi briefed the Committee as follows-

1. The Petitioners attended a two (2) year certificate course in Range Management at the Animal Health and Industry Institute (AHITI) in Kabete which is related to the Animal Health and Production Course offered at the Institution;
2. That they had not attended any CPD sessions and did not undergo the internship programme as these became a requirement after the enactment of the Act, they were no longer recognized as veterinary practitioners. In addition they were unaware of the cost of CPD sessions;
3. That upon graduation from the Range Management Course, they treated animals until the new law was enacted and they were not allowed to practice, yet they had previously practiced for more than 20 years;

4. That they were not given sufficient opportunity to transition to the new requirements of the law once enacted and that they were not allowed to participate in the legislative process;
5. That the Veterinary Act needs to be amended to recognize graduates of Range Management Course to treat livestock diseases;
6. That about 20 to 25 persons graduated in the Range Management Course annually over the years prior to the enactment of the law;
7. Following the enactment of the law, the affected graduates met with the Director, Veterinary Services however, their concerns were yet to be addressed;

The Chairperson informed the Petitioners that the Committee would invite relevant stakeholders to address the concerns raised in the Petition and invite them to attend the meetings. The Committee sought information as to whether there was evidence that they tendered their views during the legislative process. The Committee resolved to invite AHITI to a meeting on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 at 10.00 a.m. and the Ministry of Agriculture and the Kenya Veterinary Board on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.

**MIN. NO. 135/2020      ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Sen. Issa Boy Juma, MP informed the Committee that mangrove tress have grown all over the gateway into Vanga Village, Lunga Lunga Sub County, such that fishing vessels cannot pass through the gateway. Previously, mangrove would be uprooted by the locals, however, it was currently illegal to do so. Following deliberations, it was agreed that a Petition to the Senate would best handle the matter.

**MIN. NO. 136/2020      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 at 11.00 a.m.

**MIN. NO. 137/2020    ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business the Sitting was adjourned at 12.06 p.m.



**SIGNED:**.....

**(CHAIRPERSON)**

**DATE:**.....27/07/2020.....

**MINUTES OF THE NINETY FIRST SITTING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES HELD TUESDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY, 2020 AT 11.00 A.M. ON THE ZOOM ONLINE MEETING PLATFORM**

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**PRESENT**

1. Sen. Peter Njeru Ndwiga, EGH, MP - Chairperson
2. Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP - Vice-Chairperson
3. Sen. (Canon) Naomi Jillo Waqo, MP
4. Sen. Boniface Kabaka, MP
5. Sen. (Dr.) Michael Malinga Mbito, MP

**ABSENT WITH APOLOGY**

1. Sen. (Eng.) Ephraim Maina, MP
2. Sen. Justice (Rtd.) Stewart Madzayo, MP
3. Sen. Kipchumba Murkomen, EGH, MP
4. Sen. Issa Juma Boy, MP

**IN ATTENDANCE**

1. Dr. Marilyn Karani

**AHITI - KABETE**

- Principal

**IN ATTENDANCE**

1. Ms. Carol Kirorei - Clerk Assistant
2. Ms. Sombe Toona - Legal Counsel
3. Ms. Caroline Njue - Research Officer
4. Ms. Njeri Manga - Media Relations Officer
5. Ms. Mary Nyawira - Audio Services

**SENATE**

**MIN. NO. 138/2020      PRELIMINARIES**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10.05 a.m. followed by a word of prayer.

**MIN. NO. 139/2020      ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Members adopted the agenda of the meeting as presented after being proposed by Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP and seconded by Sen. (Canon) Naomi Waqo, MP.

**MIN.NO. 140/2020      MEETING WITH THE AHITI ON THE PETITION  
SEEKING THE RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES IN  
RANGE MANAGEMENT AND ANIMAL PRODUCTION  
COURSE TO TREAT LIVESTOCK DISEASES AND  
OFFER RELATED EXTENSION SERVICES**

The Chairperson welcomed the Principal, Animal Health and Industry Training Institute (AHITI) – Kabete to the meeting. He then welcomed her to brief the Committee on the queries raised to AHITI regarding the Petition.

The Principal, AHITI-Kabete briefed the meeting as follows-

1. The correct designation of the course is Animal Health and Range Management and not Range Management and Animal Health Course;

**Whether Animal Health and Range Management is approved by the Kenya Veterinary Board**

2. Prior to 2013, the Range Management Course graduates were not registered by the Kenya Veterinary Board due to the inadequate component of study in Animal Health. Graduates of the course were only mandated to handle animal production aspects and excluded the treatment and insemination of animals.
3. After 2013 the Course was rebranded to the Animal Health and Range management Course, graduates of the Course are registered by the Kenya Veterinary Board.
4. However, if graduates of the Range Management Course prior 2013, desire to be registered by the Board and offer prescribed Veterinary Services they must take an upgrading course at the Institute which focuses on increased hours in Animal Health.

### **What is covered in the Animal Health and Range Management Course**

5. The Animal Health and Range Management Course syllabus covers-

- w) Animal Anatomy & Physiology I;
- x) Animal Parasitology I;
- y) General Microbiology;
- z) Animal Health Applied Skills;
- aa) Animal Anatomy & Physiology II;
- bb) Animal Parasitology II;
- cc) Basic Immunology and Vaccinology;
- dd) Vector Borne Diseases;
- ee) Bacterial and Fungal Diseases;
- ff) Viral and Rickettsial Diseases;
- gg) Reproductive Diseases and Disorders;
- hh) General Pathology;
- ii) Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology;
- jj) Animal Health Applied Skills II;
- kk) Metabolic and Nutritional Disorders;
- ll) Animal Health Practicals;
- mm) Animal Welfare, Ethics and Law;
- nn) Epidemiology and Public Health;
- oo) Poultry Diseases;
- pp) Livestock related Acts;
- qq) Zoonosis and one health Concept; and
- rr) Field Attachment.

### **Whether animal health is sufficiently covered in the Animal Health and Range Management Course or if there is need for a further course on animal health**

6. The enactment of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-professionals Act, 2011 recognized the Veterinary Para-Professionals as

defined in the Act. The Act recognized Para- Professionals who had covered specific hours in Animal Health.

7. Prior to 2013 the graduates of the Range Management course covered a total of 420 hours in Animal Health. Therefore, they were not qualified to offer veterinary services.
8. After 2013 the course was rebranded to Animal Health and Range Management with the graduates covering 1135 hours of Animal Health thus qualifying them for registration by the Kenya Veterinary Board as per set national and international standards.
9. The Disparity in hours of Animal health study necessitated the need to upgrade the study hours in Animal health for the graduates of the Range Management Course if they desired to be registered by the Board.
10. In view of the changing Animal health aspects the curriculum is reviewed every two years to incorporate the changes.

**Efforts, if any, made by the Institute to have the Kenya Veterinary Board recognize the Animal Health and Range Management Course**

11. In 2013 the course on Range management was re-branded to Animal health and Range management due to a realization that graduates trained in Range Management prior to 2013 and were not registered by the Kenya Veterinary board as per the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-Professionals Act 2011 were treating animals contrary to the Act.
12. To ensure that the graduates, who graduated prior to 2013 with certificates in Range management, would be registered by the Board so as to offer the veterinary services legally, AHITI (Kabete) introduced a one year upgrading course to those trained purely in Range Management which covers Animal Health aspects.
13. In conclusion, the Animal Health Curriculum required does not only conform to the Kenya Veterinary Board standards but also conforms to International standards by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) on personnel specific to the training given to people who treat animals.

14. The importance of the Animal Health Curriculum conforming to the standards set by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) is that the organization works in tandem with the World Trade Organization to set standards for animal trade. Conforming to the standards set is a key enabler to international Trade and the competitiveness of the country of which personnel training is ranked at the top.

### **Queries raised by the Committee**

The Committee raised the following queries-

1. Prior to 2012, what was the core responsibility of graduates in Range Management Course?
2. Did AHITI, as a demonstration of good faith, make any effort to contact graduates of the Range Management Course and apprise them on the new requirements and the upgrade course?
3. How many students have undertaken the upgrade course since 2012?
4. Noting the vagaries of life, what options did AHITI provide to students to ensure that they could undertake the upgrade course?
5. Whether graduates of Range Management Course were practicing veterinary services legally prior to 2012; and
6. What was the reason for the very large disparity in the number of hours of practice in animal health from 420 prior to 2012 to 1135 hours thereafter?

### **Response from AHITI**

In response to queries raised by the Senators, the Principal responded as follows-

1. That a total of one hundred and five (105) graduates in Range Management Course prior to 2012 have returned to AHITI to undertake the upgrade course and successfully graduated and are now recognized by the Board. This year over forty (40) applications have been received for the course;
2. The Institute maintains a database of all students and graduates in the various courses offered. As such, the Institute has shown goodwill and has contacted the graduates of Range Management Course and informed them of the new requirements and the upgrade course. Further, the Kenya



Veterinary Board carried out an extensive public awareness campaign of the Act and the new requirements;

3. That a graduate in Range Management Course practicing veterinary services before 2012 did so illegally. They were not allowed to practice veterinary medicine prior to the enactment of the Act. The object of the Act was to minimize illegal practice of veterinary medicine;
4. The disparity in hours required prior to 2012 at 420 and thereafter at 1135 hours is a result of set international and national standards; and
5. The Livestock Bill drafted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives establishes the Livestock Inputs and Products Regulatory Authority which once enacted shall provide graduates of the Range Management Course prior to 2012 with an opportunity to practice legally.

**MIN. NO. 141/2020      ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Principal AHITI-Kabete urged Members to assist in pushing for sponsoring of students to enable them to enroll in the various courses available. Following deliberations, it was resolved that the Committee would take necessary steps towards ensuring that AHITI benefits from TVET funds.

**MIN. NO. 142/2020      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 at 11.00 a.m.

**MIN. NO. 143/2020      ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business the Sitting was adjourned at 10.55 a.m.

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**(CHAIRPERSON)**

**DATE:**.....27/07/2020.....

**MINUTES OF THE NINETY FOURTH SITTING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES HELD MONDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2020 AT 11.00 A.M. ON THE ZOOM ONLINE MEETING PLATFORM**

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**PRESENT**

1. Sen. Peter Njeru Ndwiga, EGH, MP - Chairperson
2. Sen. Kipchumba Murkomen, EGH, MP
3. Sen. (Canon) Naomi Jillo Waqo, MP
4. Sen. (Dr.) Michael Malinga Mbitto, MP

**ABSENT WITH APOLOGY**

1. Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP - Vice-Chairperson
2. Sen. Issa Juma Boy, MP
3. Sen. Boniface Kabaka, MP
4. Sen. (Eng.) Ephraim Maina, MP
5. Sen. Justice (Rtd.) Stewart Madzayo, MP

**IN ATTENDANCE**

1. Ms. Carol Kirorei
2. Ms. Caroline Njue
3. Ms. Mary Nyawira

**SENATE**

- Clerk Assistant
- Research Officer
- Audio Services

**MIN. NO. 154/2020 PRELIMINARIES**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 11.10 a.m. followed by a word of prayer.

**MIN. NO. 155/2020 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Members adopted the agenda of the meeting as presented after being proposed by Sen. (Canon) Naomi Waqo, MP and seconded by Sen. (Dr.) Michael Mbitto, MP.

**MIN.NO. 156/2020****CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

1. The Minutes of the 85<sup>th</sup> Sitting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Acting Chairperson after being proposed by Sen. (Canon) Naomi Waqo, MP and seconded by Sen. Njeru Ndwiga, EGH, MP.
2. The Minutes of the 86<sup>th</sup> Sitting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairperson after being proposed by Sen. (Dr.) Michael Mbito, MP and seconded by Sen. (Canon) Naomi Waqo, MP.
3. The Minutes of the 87<sup>th</sup> Sitting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2020 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Acting Chairperson after being proposed by Sen. (Dr.) Michael Mbito, MP and seconded by Sen. Njeru Ndwiga, EGH, MP.
4. The Minutes of the 88<sup>th</sup> Sitting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Acting Chairperson after being proposed by Sen. Njeru Ndwiga, EGH, MP and seconded by Sen. (Canon) Naomi Waqo, MP.
5. The Minutes of the 89<sup>th</sup> Sitting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Acting Chairperson after being proposed by Sen. (Canon) Naomi Waqo, MP and seconded by Sen. Njeru Ndwiga, EGH, MP.
6. The Minutes of the 90<sup>th</sup> Sitting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairperson after being proposed by Sen. Njeru Ndwiga, MP and seconded by Sen. (Canon) Naomi Waqo, MP.
7. The Minutes of the 91<sup>st</sup> Sitting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairperson after being proposed by Sen. (Dr.) Michael Mbito, MP and seconded by Sen. (Canon) Naomi Waqo, MP.

8. The Minutes of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Sitting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairperson after being proposed by Sen. (Dr.) Michael Mbiti, MP and seconded by Sen. Naomi Waqo, MP.
9. The Minutes of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Sitting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Acting Chairperson after being proposed by Sen. (Canon) Naomi Waqo, MP and seconded by Sen. Njeru Ndwiga, EGH, MP.

**MIN. NO. 157/2020      MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

***Ex. Min. 123/2020      Meeting with the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on Statements***

The meeting was informed that following a resolution of the Committee, the Speaker had approved the request for redirection of the Statement on the summary dismissal of tea pickers from Kipkebe and Kerito Tea Factories in Nyamira County, sought by Sen. Okong'o Mogeni, SC, MP to the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare for consideration.

***Ex. Min. 128/2020      Consideration and adoption of Report on the Livestock and Livestock Products Marketing Board Bill, 2019***

The meeting was informed that the Report was due for tabling on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.

***Ex Min. 145/2020      Consideration of the Meat Control Bill, 2020***

The meeting was informed that a letter had been sent to Speaker of the Senate recommending the Bill for publication and communicating the proposed amendments for consideration of the Sponsor of the Bill.

***Ex. Min. 151/2020      Consideration of the Draft Coffee Bill***

The meeting was informed that the amendments to the Bill proposed by the Committee were being drafted and would be ready for consideration in August.

**MIN. NO. 158/2020      CONSIDERATION OF THE RESPONSE FROM THE  
MINISTRY ON THE PETITION SEEKING THE  
RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES OF RANGE  
MANAGEMENT COURSE TO TREAT LIVESTOCK  
DISEASES AND OFFER RELATED EXTENSION  
SERVICES**

The Clerk Assistant presented the Response from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives on the queries raised in the Petition. The Committee considered the response and noted that the response was clear and reiterated the position of AHITI as presented before the Committee. The Committee resolved that the graduates of Range Management Course prior to 2013 be given special consideration by the Ministry for sponsorship through TVET funds to enable them to undergo the upgrade course in Animal Health and subsequent registration under the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-Professionals Act, 2011.

**MIN. NO. 159/2020      ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairperson urged Members to attend the scheduled joint meeting with the Sessional Committee on Delegated Legislation to consider the Crops (Tea Industry) Regulations, 2020 on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 and Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2020 at 10.00 a.m. respectively. He further urged Members to peruse the Regulations prior to the meeting.

**MIN. NO. 160/2020      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

**MIN. NO. 161/2020      ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business the Sitting was adjourned at 11.45 a.m.

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**SIGNED:**.....

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**(CHAIRPERSON)**

**DATE:**.....27/07/2020.....

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**MINUTES OF THE NINETY FIFTH SITTING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES HELD MONDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup>  
AUGUST, 2020 AT 11.00 A.M. ON THE ZOOM ONLINE MEETING PLATFORM**

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**PRESENT**

1. Sen. Peter Njeru Ndwiga, EGH, MP - Chairperson
2. Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP - Vice-Chairperson
3. Sen. Kipchumba Murkomen, EGH, MP
4. Sen. (Canon) Naomi Jillo Waqo, MP
5. Sen. (Dr.) Michael Malinga Mbiti, MP

**ABSENT WITH APOLOGY**

1. Sen. Issa Juma Boy, MP
2. Sen. Boniface Kabaka, MP
3. Sen. (Eng.) Ephraim Maina, MP
4. Sen. Justice (Rtd.) Stewart Madzayo, MP

**IN ATTENDANCE**

1. Ms. Carol Kirorei
2. Ms. Regina Munyao
3. Ms. Caroline Njue
4. Ms. Mary Nyawira

**SENATE**

- Clerk Assistant
- Legal Counsel
- Research Officer
- Audio Services

**MIN. NO. 162/2020      PRELIMINARIES**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 11.10 a.m. followed by a word of prayer.

**MIN. NO. 163/2020      ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Members adopted the agenda of the meeting as presented after being proposed by Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP and seconded by Sen. Kipchumba Murkomen, EGH, MP.



**MIN. NO. 164/2020**      **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE PETITION SEEKING THE RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES OF RANGE MANAGEMENT COURSE TO TREAT LIVESTOCK DISEASES AND OFFER RELATED EXTENSION SERVICES**

Members considered the Report on the Petition seeking the recognition of graduates of the Range Management Course to treat livestock diseases and offer related extension services.

The Report was adopted as presented after being proposed by Sen. Kipchumba Murkomen, EGH, MP and seconded by Sen. Naomi Waqo, MP

**MIN. NO. 165/2020**      **CONSIDERATION OF A STATEMENT ON THE SUDDEN CLOSURE OF KIBOS SUGAR COMPANY BY NEMA**

The Committee considered the Statement on the sudden closure of Kibos Sugar Company and resolved to hold a meeting with the Management of the Kibos Sugar Company and the Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment.

**MIN. NO. 166/2020**      **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee resolved to hold a meeting with the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives on the following-

1. The status of the locust invasion in various parts of the country and efforts made on the control of breeding grounds in Samburu County, Turkana County and eastern region; and
2. The level of preparedness by the national and county governments for the upcoming planting season in October – November, 2020 in terms of farm inputs and extension services.

**MIN. NO. 167/2020      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

**MIN. NO. 168/2020      ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business the Sitting was adjourned at 11.30 a.m.



**SIGNED:**.....

**(CHAIRPERSON)**

**DATE:**.....3/08/2020.....