

Parliament Weekly Summary

9 March – 13 March 2020

Date	Mover	Subject	Brief about subject	Speaker's/House decision
10 March 2020	Hon. Peace Mutuuzo, Minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development	Statement by Ministers: on the reporting obligations on the status of women in regard to the 64 th Session of CSW and implementation of UNSC Resolution 1325	Statement followed a request by the House ahead of the 64th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women slated for 9 – 20 March 2020 in New York, US; Minister gives the country's reporting obligations on the status of women and on the implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 together with preparations for the Third National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security	Members comment on statement
10 March 2020	Hon. Tom Butime, Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities	Statement by Ministers: on the implementation of the Wildlife Act	Government is engaging activities to implement the Uganda Wildlife Act 2019; working on enabling clauses that provide for the creation of a wildlife compensation committee and compensation; Says that the ministry has begun processes of developing regulations to operationalize the compensation clauses	Members comment on statement
10 March 2020	Hon. William Byaruhanga, Attorney General	Bills Committee Stage: the Administration of the Judiciary Bill, 2018	The policy behind the Bill is to operationalise the Constitutional provisions relating to the Judiciary by providing for the further application and enforcement of Chapter Eight of the	Clauses considered in Committee of the Whole House; consideration deferred to following day

			Constitution; for the administration of the Judiciary by the Chief Justice who may, in consultation with the Judicial Service Commission, create, classify, change and abolish offices within the judicial service for the efficient functioning of the Judiciary	
10 March 2020	Hon. David Bahati, Minister of State for Finance (Planning)	Laying of Papers: The Half-Year Macro Economic And Fiscal Performance Report FY 2019/20	The Report is presented in accordance with provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, giving the fiscal and economic implications of both government decisions and other economic circumstances	Speaker refers Papers to the Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development
10 March 2020	Hon. Lyandro Komakech (DP, Gulu Municipality)	Report of the Parliamentary delegation on the 3 rd edition of the Uganda Community in the Netherlands Convention (UCN) in Amsterdam, Netherlands	Report follows a visit by a parliamentary delegation to Netherlands for the 3 rd edition of the Uganda Community in the Netherlands Convention (UCN) in Amsterdam, Netherlands	Speaker refers the report on the European Union notification of confiscation of imports of produce from Uganda July 2014 to date, to the Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industry, and that a copy be forwarded to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives for information and action
10 March 2020	Hon. Katuramu Hood (NRM, PWD Western)	Report of the Parliamentary Delegation on the 1 st Turkey – Uganda Trade, Business Tourism and Diaspora Awareness Expo in	Trip was initiated by the Speaker; the expo was organized by Turkish Ambassador to Uganda and Uganda's Ambassador to Turkey together with a private group,	Speaker directs the Minister of Foreign Affairs to brief the House on the available

		Turkey	Vijana; it was intended to create a platform for engagement between businessmen and manufacturers of Uganda and Turkey, showcase Uganda's products in Turkey; and mobilise the diaspora to create markets for Uganda's products in the country	international scholarships offered by different countries and international Agencies for the last three years, and the Minister of Education to explain how the scholarships are distributed to the beneficiaries by Tuesday 17 th March 2020
10 March 2019	Hon. Janet Okorimoe, Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries	Motion for the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries on the findings of its field visit to the Musubi Avocado Farm]	The Committee visited the private agricultural enterprise located in Bukabooli Sub County in Mayuge District; the firm is implementing a Hass Avocado Industry by championing the supply of grafted quality avocado seedlings; engaging in commercially viable growing of the crop; and value addition through the production of avocado oil for the export market; the committee gives the benefits of the farm to the community and country and the challenges its facing	Report adopted
11 March 2019	Hon. Mario Obiga Kania, Minister of State for Internal Affairs	Statement by Minister: On Decentralization Of Services of The National Information and Registration Authority (NIRA)	Minister acknowledges significant weaknesses in the provision of services at NIRA, some of these weaknesses are systemic while others are managerial and budgeting; Minister says that a new Board has been appointed and tasked to address the challenges expeditiously at a close	Members comment on statement; Speaker asks the Committee on ICT to meet the National Information Technology Uganda over their

			range and improvement should be seen shortly	preparedness to handle harmonization of information usage
11 March 2019	Hon. David Bahati, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development]	Laying of Papers: Proposal to borrow up to Us\$229.47 million from the African Development Bank (ADB and Euro90 million (equivalent to US\$105 million) from Agence Française De Développement (AFD) to finance the construction of Kampala – Jinja Expressway (EJE) Project	Government seeks to borrow up to US\$229.47 million from the African Development Bank (ADB) and Euro 90 million (equiv. to US\$105 million) from Agence Française De Développement (AFD) to finance the Construction of Kampala Jinja Expressway (KJE) Project; in the document, the Minister says that a high capacity road along the Kampala - Jinja corridor is therefore required to relieve congestion, improve travel reliability, lower the cost of doing business, and transportation costs especially for freight along the northern corridor	Referred to the Committee on National Economy for consideration
11 March 2020	Hon. William Byaruhanga, Attorney General	Bills Committee Stage: the Administration of the Judiciary Bill, 2018	The policy behind the Bill is to operationalise the Constitutional provisions relating to the Judiciary by providing for the further application and enforcement of Chapter Eight of the Constitution; for the administration of the Judiciary by the Chief Justice who may, in consultation with the Judicial Service Commission, create, classify, change and abolish offices within the judicial service for the efficient functioning of the Judiciary	House considers Bill in the Committee of the Whole House; and defers further consideration to next week
12 March 2020	Ministers	Laying of Papers: Ministerial Policy Statements	Ministers present Ministerial Policy Statements and Budget Estimates for the	

			Financial Year 2020/21 as required by the Public Finance Management Act	
12 March 2020	Hon. Gen. Edward Katumba Wamala, Minister of Works and Transport	Responses by Ministers to issues raised	Minister responds to various questions in his docket including the failure by the Ministry to honor their undertaking to rehabilitate several roads affected by rains in Agago District.; floods that destroyed Isingiro-Rugaga-Ntantamuki Road and Kityaza-Bugango Road and delays by Government to release funds to Uganda National roads Authority to pay contractors	
12 March 2020	Hon. David Bahati, Minister of State for Finance (Planning)	Responses by Ministers to issues raised	Minister responds to questions on the status of ex-gratia payment to Councilors of Maracha District; the delayed response by Government to offset the outstanding arrears owed to 18 Presidential Advisors appointed on 19 th September 2019 and the delayed compensation of persons who lost their properties during the insurgency in some parts to Lira District	

Speaker, Rebecca Kadaga, adjourns plenary to Monday 16 March 2020 at 2:00pm.

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