



PARLIAMENT WEEKLY SUMMARY
1– 5 October, 2018

DATE	MOVER	SUBJECT	BRIEF ABOUT SUBJECT	SPEAKER'S/HOUSE DECISION
02 Oct. 2018	Hon. David Bahati (NRM, Ndoorwa West), Minister of State for Finance (Planning)	Statement by Minister on the status of Uganda's public debt.	Uganda's public debt stood at Shs41 trillion (US\$10 billion) by the end of 2017/2018 financial year, having increased from US\$2.5 billion in the 2006/2007 financial year; Says domestic debt stands at 32.4 per cent, most of which is drawn from local commercial banks; says much of the debt finances the Energy, Works and Agriculture sectors, which are critical in spurring economic growth.	Deputy Speaker refers Statement to the Committee on National Economy to consider and make recommendations to the House.
02 Oct. 2018	Hon. Pius Wakabi (NRM, Bugahya)	Urgent Questions Under Rule 46: about four missing people at Murchison Falls National Park who were allegedly killed by game rangers.	The Minister of State for Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities, Hon. Godfrey Kiwanda, answers: says the Department/Ministry has investigated the matter and found no truth/evidence in the allegation; Asks the MP for contrary evidence and have it investigated by the Police for possible prosecution.	

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02 Oct. 2018	Hon. Bintu Jalia Lukumu (NRM, Masindi District)	Question for Oral Answers under Rule 42: On the national rollout of Social Assistance Grant For Empowerment (SAGE).	Minister of Gender, Labor and Social Development; Peace Mutuuzo answers: says consultations on the rollout are ongoing, and that the issue will be discussed when the House Committee on Gender presents its Report on the issue to Parliament.	The Chairperson Committee on Gender, Hon. Alex Ndeezi (NRM, PWDs) says the Committee Report is ready, awaiting for commitment from the Minister of Finance on funding; promises to present Report next week, for the Minister of Finance to answer in the House.
02 Oct. 2018	Hon. Okin P.P. Ojara (Ind., Chua County West)	Question for Oral Answers under Rule 42: Question on the grabbing of 692 acres of land in his constituency by some members of the UPDF.	Minister of State for Defence, Hon. Charles Engola, answers: says following the allegation, the UPDF constituted team to investigate the issue and that the Report showed no evidence of the land grabbing in the area.	

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02 Oct. Sept. 2018	Hon. David Bahati (NRM, Ndorwa West), Minister of State for Finance (Planning).	Bills Second Reading: the Excise Duty (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2018.	The object of the Bill is to amend the Excise Duty, 2014 to limit the taxable mobile money transactions to withdrawal and reduce the duty payable; the Bill seeks reduce tax on mobile money from 1 percent to 0.5 percent applying to withdrawals only. Minister says that the tax seeks to raise Shs 115b to finance expenditure priorities appropriated by the House.	Bill passed at Third Reading
03 Oct. 2018	Hon. Jacob Oulanyah, Deputy Speaker	Designation of a member to a Sectoral Committee	Christopher Kipterit Akorikimoi (Ind., Upe) was originally designated to the Committee on Education. He however wrote to the Speaker indicating his wish to serve on the Committee on Agriculture. Deputy Speaker designates him to the Committee on Agriculture.	House approves redesignation
03 Oct. 2018	Hon. Rosemary Nansubuga Seninde (NRM, Wakiso district), Minister of State for Primary Education	Statement by Minister: on the World Teachers Day Celebrations	World Teachers Day, an international day created by UNESCO, is celebrated worldwide on 5 October each year to recognize the pivotal role teachers play in shaping the lives of the young generation. Minister says that the Ministry of Education and Sports in collaboration with UNATU leadership are organizing the day's celebrations on Friday 5 October 2018 under the theme: the Right to quality education means the right to a quality teacher. National celebrations will be held	Statement is made to provide information to members about the upcoming Teachers Day

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			at St Leo's College Kyegobe playground, Fort Portal Municipality in Kabarole district	
03 Oct. 2018	Hon. Hellen Grace Asamo (NRM, PWD Eastern)	Presentation of a petition by the Uganda National Association of the Deaf (UNAD) and the Initiative For Social And Cultural Rights (ISER)	Petitioners make five pleas to government including: that the Ministry of Education and Sports ensures that the budget for the Education Sector for FY 2019/2020 complies with the PWDs Act to provide 10 per cent of the sector budget allocation towards the education of PWDs; and that the Ministry collects and keeps data on access to education by PWDs	Deputy Speaker, Jacob Oulanyah, refers petition to the House Committee on Education; asks Committee to consider petition and report back expeditiously
03 Oct. 2018	Hon. Matia Kasajja, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development	Motion for reconsideration of the Tax Procedures Code (Amendment) Bill, 2018 as returned by H.E. the President in accordance with Rule 142	The Bill seeks to amend the Tax Procedures Code Act, 2014, to provide for due dates for filing returns under the Lotteries and Gaming Act, 2016; to provide for the Minister to pay taxes on behalf of a person; to waive all unpaid taxes due and unpaid by Government as at 30th June 2018; to provide for electronic receipting and invoicing; and to provide for penal tax relating to electronic receipting and invoicing; President returned the Bill for reconsideration by Parliament.	Bill is referred to the Committee on Finance to consider only those areas rejected by the President; Committee given two weeks as provided by the Rules of Procedure

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03 Oct. 2018	Hon. Elioda Tumwesigye, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation	Motion for reconsideration of the National Bio-Safety Bill, 2012 as returned by H.E. the President in accordance with Rule 142	The object of this Bill is to provide a regulatory framework that facilitates the safe development and application of biotechnology; to designate a national focal point, and a competent authority; to establish a national biosafety committee and institutional biosafety committees: to provide mechanism to regulate research. development and general release of genetically modified organisms and for related matters; Parliament passed the Bill, but was returned by the President for re-consideration.	Minister of Finance, Hon. Matia Kasajja, promises to inform the Minister in the department to which the Bill now falls. Consideration deferred to next sitting.
03 Oct. 2018	Hon. David Bahati (NRM, Ndorwa West), Minister of State for Finance (Planning).	Bills Second Reading: the Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2017	Bill intended to correct figures earlier approved by Parliament in Supplementary Expenditure Schedules 1 and 2 of 2015/2016	Consideration of Bill in Committee of the Whole House put off over lack of required quorum
03 Oct. 2018	Hon. David Bahati (NRM, Ndorwa West), Minister of State for Finance (Planning)	Bills Second Reading: the Retirement Benefits Sector Liberalization Bill, 2011	The Bill sought to liberalise the retirement benefits sector; to remove monopoly over mandatory contributions; provide for fair competition among licensed retirement benefits schemes; to provide for mandatory contributions and benefits.	Ministers asks for more time for more time for consultation; moves motion to withdraw Bill; motion passed

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03 Oct. 2018	Hon. Peter Okot (DP, Tochi), Member Committee on Public Service and Local Government	Motion for adoption of the Report of the Public Service and Local Government Committee on the petition on the pending eviction of traders, lock-up owners, special hire operators and taxi owners from Mukono Taxi Park.	Follows petition presented to the House by Mukono Municipality MP, Hon. Betty Nambooze on 26 September 2017; petition was about the pending eviction of traders, lock-up owners, special hire operators and taxi owners from Mukono Taxi Park.	UNRA decided to construct the road using a changed design to avoid misplacement of traders; petition was overtaken by events and Committee saw no reason continuing with investigations; Report adopted

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04 Oct. 2018	Hon. David Bahati (NRM, Ndorwa West), Minister of State for Finance (Planning)	Laying of Papers: Motion for a Resolution of Parliament to authorize government to borrow SDR 29.2m (Us\$40.0m) from the International Development Association of the World Bank Group to support Strengthening Social Risk Management and Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Response Project.	Government intends to borrow US\$40 million from the International Development Association of the World Bank Group to support Strengthening Social Risk Management and Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Response Project.	Motion referred to the Committee on National Economy for consideration.

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04 Oct. 2018	Hon. Charles Illukor (NRM, Kumi)	Questions under Rule 42: Over the stalled operationalization of the Soroti Fruit Factory, leading to wastage of fruits being harvested.	Minister of State for Trade, Hon. Michael Werikhe, answers: says the factory will soon start operations following the installation of boilers.	
04 Oct. 2018	Hon. Bernard Atiku (Ind., Ayivu)	Questions under Rule 42: On the on-going destruction of the Forest Reserve in Yumbe District.	Minister of Water and Environment, Hon. Sam Cheptoris answers: says the Ministry has suspended the cutting, transportation and sale of logs from the forest reserve according to the NFA Act; says they'll need to replace the depleted special tree species.	
04 Oct. 2018		Questions under Rule 42: On payment of gratuity/pension to veterans of World War II.	Minister of State for Veteran Affairs, Hon. Bright Rwamirama, answers: says that the President issued a directive that only the living ex-servicemen be paid ex gratia to cater for their social economic needs.	

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04 Oct. 2018	Hon. Kenneth Lubogo (NRM, Bulamogi)	<p>Questions For Oral Answers: During February 2017, Makerere University graduated students who had completed their studies in June, 2016; and the succeeding lot completed their studies in June 2017. However, up to now, most faculties have not issued documents like transcripts, certificates or testimonials to students who completed more than a year ago yet they need to find employment.</p> <p>Can the Minister clearly state when the students will</p>	<p>Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni, answers: says that the printing of 90 percent of transcripts has been completed, and that the management of transcripts and certificates has improved over the years; says they hope to issue transcripts and certificates on graduation day.</p>	

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Deputy Speaker adjourns plenary to 6 November 2018.

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