

Parliament Weekly Summary

21 January – 25 January 2019

Date	Mover	Subject	Brief about subject	Speaker's/House decision
22 Jan. 2019	Chief Whips: Govt. Chief Whip, Hon. Ruth Nankabirwa; Hon. Ibrahim Ssemuju Nganda (Opposition/FDC), Hon. Andrew Baryayanga (Independent) and Hon. Everlyne Asiimwe (UPDF)	Designation of members to Standing Committees in accordance with Rule 15(10)(C) and Rule 157 of the Rules of Procedure	Standing committees last two and half years; Standing committees to which members are being designated include: the Public Accounts Committee (Central Govt, Local Govt, COSASE, Govt. Assurances); Rules, Privileges and Discipline; Business; Budget; and National Economy; Others are the Committees on Appointments; Equal Opportunities; HIV/AIDS and Related Matters; Science/Technology; and Human Rights	House approves new designation
22 Jan. 2019	Hon. Buturo Nsaba (NRM, Bufumbira East)	Motion for a Resolution of Parliament urging Government to promote	MPs say that morals have been eroded by many unchecked negative vices like	Motion passed; asks Ministers of

		national moral consciousness and social ethical normalcy	corruption, sex for jobs and marks, low levels of accountability, sexual harassment and commercialization of politics; all these have been attributed to a wanting moral upbringing of members of society; mover says that forces of moral decay and depravity had threatened Uganda's potential to take off to a middle-income status	Ethics and Education to respond to issues raised in the motion
23 Jan. 2019	Hon. Jacqueline Amongin (NRM, Ngora district)	Motion for a Resolution of Parliament to pay glowing tribute to Ms. Quiin Abenakyo for her outstanding performance at the 68 th Edition of the Miss World Pageant	In the motion, Parliament also applauds and takes cognizance of the contribution of the Miss Uganda Foundation in organising the annual beauty pageants; and urges the ministries responsible for Tourism and Foreign Affairs to support the Foundation in organizing the pageants in an effort to promote Uganda as a tourist destination	Motion passed

23 Jan. 2019	Hon. Herbert Edmund Ariko Soroti (FDC, Municipality)	Motion seeking leave of Parliament to introduce a Private Member's Bill entitled "the Anti-Slavery Bill, 2018"	Member moves motion to present a Private Members Bill – the Anti – Slavery Bill, 2018; Parliament Rules of Procedure require that leave (permission) be granted through a motion before a private or back bench member can introduce a Private Members Bill; the object of the Anti-Slavery Bill, 2018 is to repeal the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act, 2009, to make provision for the prohibition of slavery, servitude, forced or compulsory labour, forced marriage, sexual exploitation and debt bondage as free standing offences	
23Jan. 2019	Hon. Rosemary Nansubuga Seninde (NRM, Wakiso district), Minister of State for	Response by Minister to a question raised by Hon. Centenary Franco Robert, MP Kasese Municipality [FDC] on the non-payment of stipend to six Ugandan medical students pursuing studies	The Ministry of Education and Sports supports students on Government to Government scholarships abroad with a modest stipend of US\$ 100 per month; it has however not been possible for students in Cuba to open accounts there	

		in Cuba on bilateral arrangements	in their respective countries, because Cuba is under economic sanctions from the United States of America and no intermediary banks operate within the country; the Cuban embassy advised the students to open VISA accounts bank home to which their money would be deposited for them to withdraw it from Cuba	
23 Jan. 2019	Hon. Syda Bbumba (NRM, Nakaseke North), Chairperson, Committee on National Economy	Motion for a Resolution of Parliament to authorise Government to borrow US \$110 million from the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) to finance the upgrading of the Muyembe - Nakapiripirit Road Project under the New Islamic Development Bank Financing Terms	To Upgrade 92 km of the existing gravel road between Muyembe and Nakapiririt towns to asphaltic paved road standard and to improve the 25 km of access road links; the development objective of this project is to facilitate social-economic development by upgrading the existing earthen/gravel road to improve its capacity, serviceability and safety in order to meet the present and future transportation demands	House approves amendment to provide 50 percent of the contingency funds for the construction of sanitary facilities along the roads

			and enhance the overall efficiency of the road transport system	
23 Jan. 2019	Hon. Syda Bbumba (NRM, Nakaseke North), Chairperson, Committee on National Economy	Motion for a Resolution of Parliament to authorise Government to borrow US \$210 million from the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) to finance the upgrading of the Rwekunyè – Apac - Lira-Acholibur Road Project under the new Islamic Development Bank Financing terms	Loan is meant to upgrade the existing 252.5km long gravel roadway to paved asphaltic road standard to reduce the travel time, operational cost and economic losses, increase comfort, protections and reliability during travel, meet current and future transport demands; and help accelerate economic activities by improving access of people to social amenities, market places and business	House approves amendment to provide 50 percent of the contingency funds for the construction of sanitary facilities along the roads
24 Jan. 2019	Hon. Baba James (NRM, Koboko), Leader of Delegation	Presentation of Reports of Parliamentary delegations abroad: Report of the delegation to the 73 rd APU Executive Committee Meeting and the 41 st Conference of National Speakers of the Parliamentary Union (APU), Abuja, Nigeria	The conference was held in Abuja, Nigeria and was attended by Speakers and 25 member countries of the African Parliamentary Union, with Cape Verde and four organizations attended as observers	Speaker asks that the recommendations be presented to the Prime Minister/govern

				ment before a debate is held on report in the House
24 Jan. 2019	Hon. Jacqueline Amongin (NRM, Ngora district), Leader of Delegation	Presentation of Reports of Parliamentary delegations abroad: Report to Parliament by the members of the Pan African Parliament on activities covering the period March to October 2018	The delegation undertook several activities, in fulfillment of the Pan-African Parliament core mandate, which is to "ensure the full participation of African peoples in the development of and economic integration of the continent." The report captures in detail parliamentary and non-parliamentary activities, as undertaken by the PAP since the Sixth Ordinary Session of the Fourth Parliament, to First Ordinary Session of the Fifth Parliament in Midrand, South Africa	Members comment on Report

24 Jan. 2019	Hon. Vincent Bamulangaki Ssempijja	Response by Minister on questions raised by Hon. Frederick Angura on measures taken by Government to mitigate the effects of a yellow climbing plant reported to suffocate trees, food crops and perimeter wall fences	The weed attacks a wide range of naturalised species and native plants that are growing in grasslands, open woodlands, coastal vine thickets, gardens, degraded land, banks of watercourses and wetlands; Minister gives recommended measures and govt. actions to curb the spread of the weed	
24 Jan. 2019	Hon. Mbwatekamwa Gaffa (NRM, Kasambya)	Motion for a Resolution of Parliament to urge Government to encourage physical exercises in the country	That Parliament resolves to designate every Saturday from 7.00am to 11.00am as physical exercise hours for all Ugandans; that all institutions of higher learning, primary, secondary schools and workplaces provide health fitness plans and spaces for staff and students	Speaker Rebecca Kadaga asks Committee on Education and Sports to consider motion and make concrete

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Speaker, Rebecca Kadaga, adjourns Plenary to Tuesday 29 January 2019 at 2:00pm.

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