

Parliament Weekly Summary

29 April – 3 May 2019

Date	Mover	Subject	Brief about subject	Speaker's/House decision
30 April 2019	Hon. David Bahati, Minister of State for Finance (Planning)	Bills First Reading: the National Coffee Bill, 2019	The object of this Bill is to reform the law to provide for the Uganda Coffee Development Authority to regulate, promote and oversee the coffee sub-sector; and to regulate all on-farm and off-farm activities in the coffee value chain; the Bill seeks to repeal and replace the Uganda Coffee Development Authority Act, which was enacted in 1991	
30 April 2019	Hon. Michael Bukenya (NRM, Bukuya), Chairperson, Committee on Health	Motion for adoption of the Ministerial Policy Statements and Budget estimates for FY 2019/2020: Health	The Committee handles the Ministry of Health, Uganda Cancer Institute, Uganda Health Institute, National Medical Stores, Referral hospitals, Regional Referral Hospitals, Local Government hospitals and other entities	Report adopted; Deputy Speaker refers all reports from the sectoral committees to the Budget Committee to consider the recommendations

				and report back to the House by 15 May 2019
30 April 2019	Hon. David Bahati, Minister of State for Finance (Planning)	Motion for reconsideration of the Sugar Bill, 2016 as returned by H.E the President in accordance with article 91[3][B] of the Constitution and Rule 142 of the Rules of Procedure	Parliament passed the Sugar Bill in November 2016 but was rejected and returned by the President for reconsideration. The President urged Parliament to include zoning for cane growers in the Bill saying that failure to implement the policy would destroy the sugar industry	Hon. Ruth Nankabirwa, Government Chief whip, asks for four weeks to consult about the matter, before consideration; Deputy Speaker grants the requested time
30 April 2019	Hon. David Bahati, Minister of State for Finance (Planning)	Bills Second Reading: the Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2019	The object of this Bill is to amend the Stamp Duty Act, 2014 to define a citizen; to provide for a uniform stamp duty payable on bank guarantees, insurance performance bonds, indemnity bonds and similar debt	Bill considered and passed at third reading

			instruments and to reduce capital thresholds for developers and operators	
30 April 2019	Hon. David Bahati, Minister of State for Finance (Planning)	Bills Second Reading: the Excise Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2019	The object of this Bill is to amend the Excise Duty Act, 2014, to empower the Minister to make Regulations for prescribing the equivalent tax treatment of supplies made in the course of Islamic financial transactions; to amend Part III of the Act to provide for registration of manufacturers, importers and providers of excisable goods and services; to prescribe an interest rate payable on unpaid excise duty and to amend Schedule 2 to vary the excise duty in respect of non- alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices	Bill considered and passed at third reading
30 April 2019	Hon. David Bahati, Minister of State for Finance (Planning)	Bills Second Reading: the Tax Procedures Code (Amendment) Bill, 2019	The object of the Bill is to amend the Tax Procedures Code Act, 2014, to write off all unpaid taxes by government as at 30 June 2019, to empower the Commissioner General to compound offences and to	Conclusion of consideration if deferred to allow the Minister present the list of firms to benefit from the write off

			provide for a list of returns filed with the Commissioner General	of unpaid taxes
30 April 2019	Hon. David Bahati, Minister of State for Finance (Planning)	Bills Second Reading: the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2019	The object of the Bill is to amend the Value Added Tax Act; to define a citizen; to provide for the percentage of withholding tax to be remitted, to empower the Minister to make regulations for prescribing the equivalent tax treatment of supplies made in the course of Islamic financial transactions; and to provide tax incentives to investors by exempting certain supplies from Value Added Tax	Bill considered and passed at third reading
30 April 2019	Hon. David Bahati, Minister of State for Finance (Planning)	Bills Second Reading: the Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2019	The object of the Bill is to amend the Income Tax Act, Cap. 340 to provide for the definition of beneficial owner; to reduce the threshold required for a tax exemption; to provide for withholding tax by a seller of a business asset; to provide for an offence and a penalty for failure to obtain a taxpayer identification number from a licensee; and for related matters	Consideration of Bill deferred

02 May 2019	Hon Spellanza Baguma Muhenda(Woman Representative, Kyenjojo)	Motion for a resolution of Parliament urging government to prioritise funding to the health sector	The motion sought to have government increase the budget allocation to the Health sector by over shs1.3 billion and also urgently table the bill on National Health Insurance Schemes and expedite the process of setting up national health insurance schemes by providing funds to the Health sector to build institutional frameworks geared towards the implementation of National Health Insurance Scheme among others	Debate on the motion deferred due to the absence of the Ministers for Health and Finance
02 May 2019	Hon Hassan Kaps Fungaroo(Obongi County) Chairperson of the Committee on Government Assurances	Motion for adoption of the report of the Committee on Government Assurances on the status of implementation of government assurances in selected districts	The Committee noted that there were still gaps in the fulfilment of promises, undertakings and assurances. Some promises are broken, others are poorly implemented - no value for money. There is another problem of wastage of resources arising from the abandoning of projects, and disappearance of contractors without completing the projects they started.	Debate Deferred

Deputy Speaker adjourns plenary to Tuesday, 07 May 2019

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