



## PARLIAMENT WEEKLY SUMMARY

3 – 7 Sept. 2018

Date	Mover	Subject	Brief about subject	Speaker's/House decision
4 Sept. 2018	Gen. Elly Tumwine (UPDF), Minister for Security	Statement on the security situation in the country	Minister gives additional information/update on information given to Parliament two weeks ago; gives update on MPs Robert Kyagulanyi (Ind., Kyaddondo East) and Hon. Francis Zaake (Ind., Mityana Munic.), who were charged with treason and have since left the country for medical treatment.	Members debate Report
4 Sept. 2018	Hon. Doreen Amule (NRM, Amolatar district), Chairperson Ad hoc Committee	Motion for the adoption of the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the investigation into the condition of Members and other suspects arrested in the run-up to the by-election for Arua Municipality	Parliament resolved to constitute an ad hoc committee on 15 Aug. 2018 to ascertain the condition of the MPs and other people with whom they were arrested on the eve of the by-election in Arua Municipality; this followed unsatisfactory attempts by government to explain the circumstances of arrest, whereabouts, condition and alleged torture of the arrested persons; the Ad hoc Committee set out to ascertain whether the suspects were in Gulu; their physical condition; charges preferred and whether their rights were being respected.	MP Jackson Kafuuzi moved that the terms of reference of the committee had been overtaken by events, while a debate on the Report would be sub judice. The Deputy Speaker said he would study the charge sheet of the accused persons and make a ruling during the plenary sitting on Wednesday 5 Aug. 2018.

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4 Sept. 2018	Hon. Mwesigwa Rukutana, Deputy Attorney General	Bills Second Reading: the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017	The Bill sought to amend Article 26 of the Constitution in accordance with Articles 259 and 262 to compulsorily acquire land for public works; Attorney General moves motion to withdraw Bill to provide for more consultations.	Motion is passed and Bill is withdrawn
4 Sept. 2018	Hon. Jovah Kamateeka (NRM, Mitooma district), Chairperson Committee on Human Rights	Motion for the adoption of the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the investigation into the condition of Members and other suspects arrested in the run-up to the by-election for Arua Municipality	Parliament resolved to constitute an adhoc committee on 15 Aug. 2018 to ascertain the condition of the MPs and other people with whom they were arrested on the eve of the by-election in Arua Municipality; this followed unsatisfactory attempts by government to explain the circumstances of arrest, the whereabouts, condition and alleged torture of the arrested persons; the Ad hoc Committee set out to ascertain whether the suspects were in Gulu; their physical condition; charges preferred and whether their rights were being respected.	Deputy Speaker rules that three of four terms have been overtaken by events; and allows the report to be presented to the House; Members debate Report; the Leader of Govt Business, Hon. Ruhakana Rugunda requests to return in one month and brief House about issues contained therein.
5 Sept. 2018	Hon. Sarah Achieng Opendi, Minister of State for Health (General Duties)	Bills Second Reading: the Uganda National Health Laboratory Services Bill, 2016	Bill seeks to establish the Uganda National Health Laboratory Services as an autonomous body, to provide for the purpose and functions of Uganda National Health Laboratory Services, to establish a board, its composition and functions, to provide for the employees of Uganda National Health Laboratory Services and related matters.	Minister requests that the Bill be shelved as government continues with consultations at Cabinet level; Minister moves motion for the withdraw of Bill; Bill withdrawn.

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5 Sept. 2018	Hon. Sarah Achieng Opendi, Minister of State for Health (General Duties)	Bills Second Reading: the Mental Health Bill, 2014	Bill intends to ensure that persons with mental illness are enabled to seek treatment voluntarily and to ensure their safety and protection of their rights; ensure safety of the people who come into contact with persons with mental illness and also establish the Mental Health Advisory Board.	Chairperson of the Committee on Health, Hon. Michael Bukenya (NRM, Bukuya) presents Report on the Bill; MPs debate Bill and Report.
6 Sept. 2018	Hon. Tom Rwakaikara Butime (NRM, Mwenge Central)	Motion for a Resolution of Parliament to pay tribute to the late Rev. Fr. Robert Isingoma Amooti Binta	He was a former Chaplain of the Parliamentary Chaplaincy; passed away on 20 Aug. 2018; Fr. Binta was appointed by His Eminence Emeritus Cardinal Emmanuel Wamala and was the first person to hold the position, which he served diligently; Fr. Binta was a unifying factor among members in spite of their political divide and drew members of the Parliamentary Community closer to God.	Motion passed

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	Hon. Stephen Biraahwa Mukitale (Ind., Buliisa)	Motion for a Resolution of Parliament urging Government to implement the Regional Governments established in Article 178 of the Constitution	Considering the 12 year delay in operationalizing regional Governments, the member prays that Parliament urges Government to re-introduce to Parliament a Bill to operationalize regional Governments as commanded by the Constitution; commence the processes leading to the creation of Mengo Municipality, Hoima Municipality, Jinja Municipality, Gulu Municipality and Lira Municipality as commanded by Article 178 (a) of the Constitution; commence the processes leading to the establishment of the five strategic cities of Hoima, Nakasongola, Fort Portal, Moroto and Jinja as provided in the National Development Plan II and Vision 2040; consider elevating the Municipalities of Jinja, Arua, Mbale,	Motion referred to the Committee on Public Service and Local Government for consideration

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			Gulu and Mbarara as cities.	
6 Sept. 2018	Hon. David Bahati, Minister of State for Finance (Planning)	Motion for a Resolution of Parliament to authorize Government to borrow up to US\$ 75.82 Million from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to support the National Oil Palm Project (NOPP)	The overall goal of the project is to contribute to sustainable poverty reduction in the project area. It is intended to increase the domestic production of vegetable oil and its by-products, thus raising rural incomes for smallholder producers and ensuring the supply of affordable vegetable oil products to Ugandan consumers and neighboring regional markets.	Motion passed
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