

Parliament Weekly Summary

12 Nov – 16 Nov, 2018

Date	Mover	Subject	Brief about subject	Speaker's/House decision
13 Nov. 2018	Dr. Chrysostom Musingo, Minister of State for Higher Education	Statement by Ministers: on the fire outbreak at the St. Bernard Secondary School, Mannya, Rakai District	Minister gives information about a fire outbreak that killed nine students and injured over 40 at St. Bernard Secondary School, Mannya in Rakai district, on 12 Nov. 2018; Minister says the suspected cause of the fire was arson and investigations were underway	Speaker rules that MPs will debate statement when the Minister gives more information about the investigations
13 Nov. 2018	Hon. Joyce Moriku, Minister of State for Primary Health Care	Statement by Ministers: on Ebola outbreak in DRC and Government of Uganda preparedness	Minister gives Uganda's preparedness to handle outbreak of Ebola Viral Disease (EVD), which has not been reported in the country but in the	Members comment on Statement

			neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo; says the Ministry of Health remains on highest alert together with partners, effort has been put in place to screen and manage an identified suspected cases in specially established Ebola Treatment Centres	
13 Nov. 2018	Hon. David Abala (NRM, Ngora)	Presentation of a petition on immense setback in the marketing of fruits grown by fruit farmers in Ngora District	Petition is signed by over 50 fruit out growers in the district; the farmers say they've made losses due to failure by government to fulfill its promise of setting up a fruit factory in the area; petitioners pray that Parliament asks the Ministry to compensate them for	Speaker forwards the petition to the Committee on Trade for consideration

			the losses, and address the challenges faced by farmers, and investigates challenges of outgrowers	
13 Nov. 2018	Hon. Mary Goretti Kitutu (NRM, Manafwa district), Minister of State for Environment	Bills Committee Stage: the National Environment Bill, 2017	The object of the Bill is to repeal and replace the National Environment Act to make it conform with existing Government policies; to continue in existence the National Environment Management Authority established under that Act as a coordinating, monitoring, regulatory and supervisory body of all activities related to the environment; to provide for emerging environmental issues including climate change, the management of hazardous chemicals	Bill considered in Committee of the Whole House, approving clauses and standing over others

			and biodiversity offsets; and related matters	
14 Nov. 2018	Hon. Mary Goretti Kitutu (NRM, Manafwa district), Minister of State for Environment	Bills Committee Stage: the National Environment Bill, 2017	The object of the Bill is to repeal and replace the National Environment Act to make it conform with existing Government policies; to continue in existence the National Environment Management Authority established under that Act as a coordinating, monitoring, regulatory and supervisory body of all activities related to the environment; to provide for emerging environmental issues including climate change, the management of hazardous chemicals and biodiversity	Bill passed at Third Reading

			offsets; and related matters	
14 Nov. 2018	Hon. Nsaba Buturo (NRM, Bufumbira East)	Motion for a Resolution of Parliament to commend the Rt. Hon. Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga for consistently upholding and protecting Uganda's cultural values during the 139 th Inter Parliamentary Union Assembly which took place in Geneva	The Assembly was held under the theme: Strengthening the Global Regime for Migrants and Refugees: the need for evidence-based policy solutions." During the Assembly the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human rights proposed an amendment to the rules that would make it impossible for the General Assembly to change or debate anything passed by this Committee; the amendment would also provide opportunity for the Assembly to debate the rights of lesbian, gays, bisexuals and transgenders; in the	Parliament passes motion

			<p>motion, Parliament congratulated the Speaker on her position and appealed to members of the IPU and other international community to respect cultural values and aspirations of each member state</p>	
<p>14 Nov. 2018</p>	<p>Hon. Michael Werikhe (NRM, Bungokho South), Minister of State for Trade, Industry and Cooperatives (Trade)</p>	<p>Bills Second Reading: the Sugar Bill, 2016</p>	<p>Bill seeks to provide for the development, regulation and promotion of the sugar industry to ensure that there is a sustainable, diversified, harmonized, modern and competitive sugar sector. This will enable the country to meet domestic, regional and international sugar requirements</p>	<p>Committee presents Report (and Minority Report); debate on the Report and Bill deferred</p>
<p>15 Nov. 2018</p>	<p>Hon. David Bahati (NRM, Ndorwa West), Minister of</p>	<p>Motion for a Resolution of Parliament to authorize Government to borrow upto Euros</p>	<p>government intends to borrow up to Euros 219, 482,721 from the</p>	<p>Speaker refers motion to the Committee on</p>

	State for Finance (Planning)	219,482,721 from the UK Export Finance (UKEF) and Euros 30,384,976 from Standard Chartered Bank (London) for the development (design and build) of Kampala Industrial and Business Park at Namanve	UK Export Finance (UKEF) and Euros 30,384,976 from Standard Chartered Bank (London) for the development (design and build) of Kampala Industrial and Business Park at Namanve	National Economy for consideration
15 Nov. 2018	Hon. Robinah Rwakoojo (NRM, Gomba West), Chairperson Select Committee on Sexual Violence	Interim Report Of The Select Committee Investigating Allegations Of Sexual Violence In Institutions Of Learning In Uganda	The Committee was established in April 2018 to among others ascertain the causes and magnitude of sexual violence in educational institutions and its negative effects on the population; and to study and review laws against sexual violence in Uganda as well as the available policies for the management and control of sexual violence. Committee requests for time	Select Committee given until January to present final report

			extension to complete its assignment	
15 Nov. 2018	Hon. Reagan Okumu (Ind., Aswa), Chairperson - Committee on Public Accounts, (Local Governments)	Motion for adoption of the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (Local Governments) on the value for money audit on Uganda Support to Municipal Infrastructure Development Programme Implemented by 14 municipal councils in the Financial Year 2015/16	The Committee scrutinized Value for Money Audit Reports on Selected Urban Infrastructure Projects implemented by 14 Municipal Councils under the Uganda Support to Municipal Infrastructure Development (USMID) Program in the Financial Year 2015/16. The Reports were tabled in Parliament in August 2017. The programme was intended to enhance institutional capacity of selected municipalities to address urban service delivery gaps. The total cost of the programme was US\$160 million	Debate scheduled for next week

			financed by the IDA (US\$ 150 million) and government of Uganda (US\$ 10 million)	
15 Nov. 2018	Hon. Michael Werikhe (NRM, Bungokho South), Minister of State for Trade, Industry and Cooperatives (Trade)	Bills Second Reading: the Sugar Bill, 2016	Bill seeks to provide for the development, regulation and promotion of the sugar industry to ensure that there is a sustainable, diversified, harmonized, modern and competitive sugar sector. This will enable the country to meet domestic, regional and international sugar requirements	Members debate Reports Speaker says that some recommendations in the Minority Report on relocating sugar mills, will have financial implications which is in contravention of the constitution

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