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*Parliament met at 1.59 P.m. in Parliament House, Kampala.*

PRAYERS

*(The Speaker, Ms Anita Among, in the Chair.)*

*The House was called to order.*

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, I welcome you to this afternoon sitting. I would also like to welcome you back from recess. *(Applause)*

As we embark on this Third Session, I would like to give you a kind reminder that we have only two years remaining. We must work towards a people-centred Parliament, and also work towards coming back to Parliament. We can assure you of our unwavering support, as Parliament, to ensure that you are all here. You are a beautiful team. We love you so much. *(Applause)*

Honourable members, in line with my undertaking during the Address on the State of the Nation and the Budget Speech, we agreed to ensure regular attendance and participation both in the House and in committees. Based on that, we are making sure that the biometric login system is working.

Next week, we shall be publishing the attendance and performance for the last Session. We do account to our people. We are here to

represent the so many people outside there, and we should be accountable for whatever we do in this House.

I would like to inform the Business Committee, which we are about to form, that we shall have a meeting on Friday at 10.00 a.m. in the Conference Hall. So, the Business Committee is duly informed that there will be a meeting to discuss the Business of the Session.

Honourable members, before we broke off, I received a resignation letter from the chairperson of the Committee on Public Accounts (Local Government), Hon. Mapenduzi. He has resigned from the position of chairperson of the Committee on Public Accounts (Local Government). We acknowledged and accepted his resignation.

However, he has reports to present and he should be able to present those reports because those are reports of the House, not his. We will let him go wherever he wants to go. The resignation is effective immediately. I put the question to his resignation.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, you do not force somebody to be where they do not want to be; you let them go.

Honourable members, on a rather sad note, on Saturday, we woke up to very bad news of the killing of about 43 students in Mpondwe, Kasese District. They were allegedly killed

by the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF). That was a tragic occurrence. It opens up the scars of the previous tragedies that have happened. In 1998, there was an attack at Kichwamba Technical Institute in Kabarole, where students were burnt. In 1991, there was the abduction of students from Sacred Heart in Gulu. In 1996, there was also an abduction of girls from Aboke in Oyam.

We sincerely condole with the bereaved families and management of the school, the people of Kasese and all the people of Uganda. We condemn this loss in the strongest terms. Such actions are very unproductive and should be investigated and the perpetrators brought to book.

It is a very bad incident. Just imagine you are killing your kid or grandkid. You wake up thinking your kid is at school and you just get the news that your kid has been killed! It is a bad incident.

I call upon the Minister of State for Higher Education, who was at the site, to come and give us a statement on what his findings were and what the Government is planning to do. The Minister of Internal Affairs was also there. I am happy that the Prime Minister is also in the House. They should be able to give us a statement on what happened and what the Government is planning to do.

Honourable members, on Saturday, 17 June 2023, we received the tragic news of the demise of Justice Stella Arach-Amoko of the Supreme Court. The deceased had an illustrious career as a judicial officer. We condole with the family, the Judiciary, the people of West Nile and all the people of Uganda. Please, accept our condolences for the loss of this very industrious lady.

On behalf of Parliament, we sincerely convey our condolences to the families of the children who died, the Judiciary and all the people of Uganda. Much as the Bible says there is a time to be born and a time to die, one should die in an acceptable way, and not in the way the

children were killed. We put all that in God's hand.

May their souls rest in eternal peace.

May we rise please and observe a moment of silence in their honour?

*(Members rose and observed a moment of silence.)*

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May, His Excellency the President returned the National Sports Bill, 2023, for reconsideration by Parliament, pursuant to Article 91(3)(b) of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda.

In furtherance to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament, I hereby read the letter as it came. It is dated 17 May 2023, written to the Rt Hon. Anita Among, Speaker to Parliament. Reference is, National Sports Bill, 2023:

*"I have received the National Sports Bill, 2023, for assent. I have been advised that there are provisions that need to be reviewed in order to facilitate the proper regulation of the sports sector, as listed below;*

- i) *In section 2, there is a need to define the term "Representatives."*
- ii) *Section 32 - Board of National Council of Sports.*
- iii) *Section 32(2) provides that the Board shall consist of the following members;*
  - a) *A representative from the ministry responsible for sports,*
  - b) *Two representatives of regions of Uganda, one of whom shall be a person with a disability,*
  - c) *A representative of a national sports association or national sports federation,*
  - d) *A representative of athletes,*

- e) *A representative of the private sector and a person with experience in sports administration.*
- iv) *Section 32(2) still should be amended to provide as follows;*
- 1) *A national council of sports shall have a board of seven members, which shall be the governing board of the council.*
  - 2) *The board consists of the chairperson and other six members.*
- a) *A representative of a ministry responsible for sports.*
- b) *Two representatives from any traditional regions of Uganda.<sup>2</sup>*
- c) *A representative of national sports associations or federations.*
- d) *A representative of the athletes.*
- e) *A representative of the private sector and a person with experience in sports administration.*
- 3) *A member of the board referred to in subsection (2) shall be a person with knowledge and experience in sports administration.*
- 4) *The minister shall appoint members of the board, taking into consideration the following;*
- i) *The interest of the sports sector.*
  - ii) *The shareholders of the sports sector.*
  - iii) *Persons with disability.*
  - iv) *Gender balance.*

*The justification of the proposed amendment is the need to have a small board that will not put a financial constraint on Government resources. The same has been done to other Government agencies and authorities. It will also ease the decision-making of the institution.*

*Section 75(1) provides that the land on which the public sports facilities are established and public sports facilities thereon, shall vest in the council.*

*There is need to make provisions for the schedule for sports facilities that will be vested in the council, specifying the location of the sports facility, the acreage and the current registered proprietor or proprietors of the sports facilities. The procedure for vesting the property in the council should be provided for.*

5) *In Schedule 2 - national sports discipline recognised at the commencement of the Act: Whereas the National Council of Sports has 51 recognised national sports federations, the list in Schedule 2 provides for 50 national federations or associations.*

*In addition, Kickboxing provided for under the schedule is no longer a recognised sport by the council and should, therefore, be deleted. Archery should be added to the schedule as it is recognised by the National Council of Sports.*

*Therefore, in accordance with Article 91(3)(b) of the Constitution (1995), I am hereby returning the Bill to Parliament for reconsideration of the clauses that have been mentioned above.*

*Signed by Yoweri Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda.”*

Accordingly, this has been referred to the Committee on Education and Sports. They should work on it and report back to the House immediately.

Honourable members, you will allow me to amend the Order Paper and accommodate the laying of the Parliamentary Pension Access to Midterm Benefits. That is regulation 2023.

Remember, we passed the law, but did not have the regulations in place. I will ask the chairperson to bring the regulations and lay them on the Table so that you can be able to access your midterm money and know how you should do it. Do not suffer when you have your money in the pension scheme.

The regulations are ready; they stipulate the terms and conditions. Chairperson of the board, could you first lay that? I know you have a point of procedure, but I want them laid first.

2.18

**MR ARINAITWE RWAKAJARA (NRM, Workers Representative):** Madam Speaker, in accordance with rules 31 and 32 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament, I beg to lay for approval, “The Parliamentary Pension’s Access to Midterm Benefits Regulations, 2023.”

You remember well that in 2022, Parliament amended the Parliamentary Pensions Act, 2007 to introduce, among other matters, provisions on midterm access to members’ benefits.

Section 13A of the Parliamentary Pensions Act grants Members and staff of the Parliamentary Commission midterm access to benefits accrued from the contributions. Midterm access allows a member to access a portion of his or her scheme credit and to utilise the same before he or she retires.

The principal of the midterm access is to cater for unexpected challenges in the life of a member who may need to utilise some of his or her scheme credit before he or she retires.

Section 13A of the Parliamentary Pensions Act restricts access to midterm benefits to the scheme for at least 10 years of age and above and made contributions to the scheme for at least 15 years.

**THE SPEAKER:** Just lay the document. We shall look at it. Members will read and understand what is in the document.

**MR RWAKAJARA:** Madam Speaker, I thought I needed to explain to them. Since they know the justification -

**THE SPEAKER:** We passed the law and we know what is in it.

**MR RWAKAJARA:** Allow me, therefore, Madam Speaker, to lay on the Table the Parliamentary Pensions (Access to Midterm Benefits) Regulations, 2023. Thank you.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Honourable members, in the public gallery, we have very beautiful children from Sir Apollo Kaggwa Primary School. *(Applause)* You are most welcome and thank you for coming. This is your Parliament.

These beautiful kids are from Kampala Central Division. They are represented by Hon. Kazibwe Bashir and Hon. Shamim Malende. You are most welcome. You are very smart. *(Applause)*

Also, in the public gallery this afternoon, we have Muslim leaders from Kagoma County, Jinja District. They are represented by Hon. Walyomu and Hon. Katali. You are most welcome. Thank you for coming. *Asaalam Aleikum. (Member rose\_)*

Honourable member, why are you standing? In my communication, I asked the Prime Minister for a brief statement on what happened in Kasese and I know all of you want to talk about Kasese. Let us first know what happened; let us not speak out of the blue. The Prime Minister is in the House. Honourable members, we need to debate from an informed point of view.

2.23

**THE PRIME MINISTER AND LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Ms Robinah Nabbanja):** Madam Speaker, what happened in Kasese is a regrettable incident. The Government is going to present a statement through the Ministry of Education and Sports since this was a school and the minister is here.

**THE SPEAKER:** Let us listen to the procedural matter and then allow the minister to give us a report so we can debate it.

**MR SEMMUJJU:** Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. May I request a second before I raise the procedural issue?

There are things we take for granted – Madam Speaker, thank you, for keeping time. *(Applause)* This Parliament used to start at 5.00 p.m. In Uganda, timekeeping is very difficult. Someone said he would be a President for five years, but it is now 40 years. *(Laughter)*

I know our President is a President of advanced age. That is why sometimes he asks other government officials to act, including those who are suspects. The procedural issue I am raising is - the law does not stop the President from delegating, but issues of security and defence are very serious matters. We passed here a budget and policies that are not overseen by the wife of the President.

You cannot run this country in that way, where your wife says, "Darling, can I be the one to speak about the attack in Kasese? Okay, baby, go ahead". *(Laughter)* On this matter, we need the minister responsible for defence. We passed money here and gave it to the defence ministry to defend Uganda's borders.

Hon. Muyingo is a very obedient and loyal person. Even what he should not do, he wants to do. I do not know what he was doing in Kasese at a crime scene.

**THE SPEAKER:** It was in a school. Honourable members, Hon. Ssemujju is raising a very serious issue. Can we have a report tomorrow from the Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs? We will not discuss anything. Let us get a report from the Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs; let us not gamble.

**DR MUYINGO:** Most obliged, Madam Speaker.

**MR SSEMUJJU:** If you appointed people like my brother, Hon. Ssempijja -

**THE SPEAKER:** I thought I ruled already.

**MR SEMMUJJU:** I was raising a procedural issue.

**THE SPEAKER:** No. Sit. *(Laughter)*

**MR MACHO:** Madam Speaker, I would like to thank you. I rise on a procedural matter -

**THE SPEAKER:** Hon. Allan, you are most welcome. *(Applause)*

**MR MACHO:** Madam Speaker, I want to appreciate you for making this Parliament a people-centred Parliament where legislators have observed their roles and mandate effectively.

I do not know whether we are proceeding well for the Prime Minister not to have a statement on the standoff between the Opposition oversight work to hospitals, because we see it bringing a push and shove. Moreover, we are the same people in the same House.

Madam Speaker, you echoed Parliament being people-centred; we had the State-of-the-Nation Address and the Budget Speech. In all these very important events, I did not see my friend, the Chief Opposition Whip, Hon. Nambeshe and his people.

Madam Speaker, Members of Parliament are elected. I do not know whether we are proceeding well to have the Opposition here when they did not appear for the Budget speech and the State-of-the-Nation-Address.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** When you are at that level of mental health, even your eyes become blind. *(Laughter)* I saw the Opposition Members. If you did not see them - I saw them and there was no gap. Was there any gap? Therefore, there is no problem.

Members, I want us to start serious business. All of you should resume your seats. Before we start, I first want committees to be designated. I also ask the Government Chief Whip, the Chief Opposition Whip and the Dean of the Independents to do the designation before we go into anything else.

DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO  
SECTORAL COMMITTEES PURSUANT  
TO RULE 187(1) OF THE RULES OF  
PROCEDURE

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, rule 187(1) of the Rules of Procedure prescribes that there shall be a sectoral committee of the

House whose Members shall be designated by the Whips of political parties, organisations represented in the House, and that is inclusive of Independents, at the beginning of every session of Parliament.

The constitution of the sectoral committees is, therefore, a precondition for the timely commencement of work by sectoral committees. Rule 15(10)(c) of the Rules of Procedure will now require the Whips to designate their Members to the sectoral committees. This designation will be guided by rule 188 of our Rules of Procedure and we will begin with the National Resistance Party followed by the Opposition and then the Independents. The designation will be done for each and every committee by the Whips and then it will be put to question. If you are not comfortable with it, do not allow it.

2.32

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Hamson Obuga):** Madam Speaker –

**THE SPEAKER:** Government Chief Whip, can you just read the name of the committee and then the members?

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
ANIMAL INDUSTRY AND FISHERIES

**MR OBUGA:** Madam Speaker, in conformity with the Rules of Procedure of Parliament, I beg to designate the following to the leadership and membership of the Committee on Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries.

1. Hon. Okori-Moe Janet – Chairperson
2. Hon. Auma Linda Agnes – Deputy Chairperson
3. Hon. Driwaru Jennifer - Member
4. Hon. Magoola Rachel - Member
5. Hon. Christine Akello - Member
6. Hon. Mbayo Esther - Member
7. Hon. Biraaro Ephraim - Member
8. Hon. Migadde Robert Ndugwa - Member
9. Hon. Anywar Ricky Richard – Member
10. Hon. Muhumuza David - Member
11. Hon. Okullo Anthony - Member
12. Hon. Kagwera Stephen - Member

13. Hon. Acen Dorcas - Member
14. Hon. Alyek Judith - Member
15. Hon. Esenu Anthony - Member
16. Hon. Lokii John Baptist - Member
17. Hon. Mary Begumisa – Member
18. Hon. Nyongore Enock – Member
19. Hon. Komol Joseph – Member
20. Hon. Lematia John – Member
21. Hon. Angura Frederick – Member

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, I put the question that the Members of the NRM on the sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries be constituted as proposed.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

**THE SPEAKER:** I am putting the question for the Members of the NRM and I will do the same for the Opposition Members, as well as the Independents.

2.34

**THE CHIEF OPPOSITION WHIP (Mr John Baptist Nambeshe):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. In accordance with rule 187(1) of our Rules of Procedure of Parliament of Uganda, I hereby designate the following Members to the sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries.

1. Hon. Abed Bwanika of Kimaanya-Kabonera Division;
2. Hon. Mugabi Susan, Woman Representative, Buvuma District;
3. Hon. Kyebakutika Manjeri, Woman Representative, Jinja City;
4. Hon. Matovu Charles of Busiro County South;
5. Hon. Nanyondo Veronica, Woman Representative, Bukomansimbi District;
6. Hon. Nakimuli Helen, Woman Representative, Kalangala District;
7. Hon. Apolot Stella Isodo, Woman Representative, Ngora District;
8. Hon. Ekanya Geoffrey of Tororo North County;
9. Hon. Lukwago John-Paul of Kyotera County;

10. Hon. Akora Maxwell of Kole North County; and
11. Hon. Okot Santa of Aruu North County.

2.36

**MR DAVID ZIJJAN (Independent, Butembe County, Jinja):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Pursuant to rule 187(2)(a), the Rt Hon. Speaker designates Members to the Committee on Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries as follows:

1. Hon. Obong Shedrick of Lira West Division, Lira City;
2. Hon. Namutaawe Joan, Woman Representative, Masaka District;
3. Hon. Mukasa Julius of Bujumba County, Kalangala District;
4. Hon. Auma Linda Agnes, Woman Representative, Lira District;
5. Hon. Tusiime Julius of Rwampara East County; and
6. Hon. Twesigye Nathan Itungo of Kashari South County.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, we made an amendment on the number of members of the committee. As you are aware, we have grown to 529 Members. The Whips need to go back, reconcile and bring the names that they will have removed from one committee to the other for re-designation. However, for now, we are going to designate the Members. Where you hear Hon. Linda's name read twice, she is an Independent who is a vice-chairperson. I am the Dean of the Independents; so, my Member is a vice-chairperson. *(Applause)*

Honourable members, I put the question that the sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries be constituted as read by the whips of the NRM, the Opposition and the Independents.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

## COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS

2.39

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Hamson Obua):** Madam Speaker, under Rule 187(1) of the Rules of Procedure, I beg to designate the following to the Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs:

1. Hon. Wilson Kajwengye - Chairperson
2. Hon. Linos Ngompek - Deputy Chairperson
3. Hon. Bashir Ssempe Lubega - member
4. Hon. Godfrey Wakooli - member
5. Hon. Peter Okeyoh - member
6. Hon. Christine Tubo Nakwang - member

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, can I have silence?

**MR OBUA:**

7. Hon. Simon Peter Opolot Okwalinga – Member
8. Hon. Theodore Ssekikubo – member
9. Hon. Kyoto Ibrahim Mululi – member
10. Hon. Sauda Kauma – member
11. Hon. Alex Niyonsaba – member
12. Hon. Mugabe Kahonda - member
13. Hon. Noman Ocheru - member
14. Hon. Alex Brandon Kintu - member
15. Hon. Peter Abrahams Lokii– member
16. Hon. Phiona Nyamuturo – member
17. Hon. Yoweri Ssebikaali – member.

Madam Speaker, I beg to designate.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Opposition?

2.41

**THE CHIEF OPPOSITION WHIP (Mr John Baptist Nambeshe):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Rule 187(1), I designate the following to the Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs:

1. Hon. Francis Katabaazi of Kalungu East County;
2. Hon. Abdallah Kiwanuka of Mukono County North;



3. Hon. Betty Nambooze Bakireke of Mukono Municipality;
4. Hon. Naboth Namanya of Rubabo County;
5. Hon. Moses Okot of Kioga County;
6. Hon. Gilbert Olanya of Kilak South County; and
7. Hon. Jonathan Odur of Erute County South.

I beg to designate, Madam Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Independents?

2.42

**MR DAVID ZIJJAN (Independent, Butembe County, Jinja):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Pursuant to Rule 187(1) – to the Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs, the Rt Hon. Speaker designates the following Members:

1. Hon. Margaret Lamwaka of Chua East County;
2. Hon. Emmanuel Komol of Dodoth East County;
3. Hon. Rauben Arinaitwe of Isingiro West County; and
4. Hon. William Museveni of Buwekula South County.

The Rt Hon. Speaker designates.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. I put the question that the sectoral Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs be constituted as proposed.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

#### COMMITTEE ON EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

2.43

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Hamson Obua):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Rule 187(1) of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament, I beg to designate the following to the Committee on East African Community Affairs:

1. Hon. Noeline Kisembo Basemera -

**THE SPEAKER:** There is a procedural matter. Hon. Ssemujju, when people are serious and you get up on procedure! You are interrupting.

**MR SSEMUJJU:** Madam Speaker, I am looking at rules 160, 187 -

**THE SPEAKER:** By the way, the UPDF dean informed me that she had delayed, but that she is coming to designate. Has she arrived? Do you have the list? Do you have somebody for defence?

**MR SSEMUJJU:** Madam Speaker, the procedural issue I am raising relates to rules 160 and 187. These rules provide for how Members are designated to committees. They are designated by whips on behalf of parties and the Speaker, in the case of the Independents. However, they do not provide for the designation of UPDF Representatives. I think the rule assumes that the UPDF should be in Kasese defending the people, and not in Parliament. *(Laughter)*

So, Madam Speaker, can I be advised on the rule under which the UPDF sat and even appointed someone “dean” and that “dean” parades before Parliament to begin reading names? Under rule 160, it is parties through the whips, and the independents, through the Speaker. Under rule 187, it is, again, for parties and independents.

Can the UPDF, who are supposed to be in Kasese – by these rules – tell us the rule under which they are going to designate themselves?

**THE SPEAKER:** I refer you to rule 188(6), which says: “*The Party or Organisation in Government shall designate the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson of each Sectoral Committee, provided that no active Member of the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces shall be designated as Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson of the Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs.*”

It is common sense.

Yes, UPDF? First, designate a Member to the agriculture committee.

2.46

**LT COL JENNIFER ALANYO (UPDF Representative):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. In accordance with Rule 187(1) and (2) of the Rules of Procedure, I beg to designate Hon. Maj. Gen Sam Kavuma to the Committee on Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries.

**THE SPEAKER:** I put the question that the Committee on Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries be constituted as proposed.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

**THE SPEAKER:** Defence committee?

2.47

**LT COL JENNIFER ALANYO (UPDF Representative):** Madam Speaker, under the same rule, allow me to present Hon. Lt Gen. Peter Elwelu to the Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. I put the question that the sectoral Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs be constituted as proposed.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

**MR SSEMUJJU:** Madam Speaker, earlier, the Government Chief Whip and the Chief Opposition Whip quoted specific rules under which Members were being designated. I know, Madam Speaker – with humility and I am sorry – you may want to help the UPDF. However, I think they should make it easy for you. They could first get out and we find a way because the rule you quoted only stops at appointing them as chairperson and vice-chairperson, but it does not provide for designation.

**THE SPEAKER:** Hon. Asuman? How did you bring the UPDF to the House?

**MR BASALIRWA:** Madam Speaker, let us, perhaps, help each other by seeking refuge in Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure.

This House has set a precedent as far as designating members of the UPDF is concerned. In the previous parliaments, designation by

the UPDF has been under the discretion and guidance of the Speaker.

However, we should regularise the mode of designation under our rules. Otherwise, a precedent has been set. Unfortunately, the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Discipline, has not codified that precedent under our Rules of Procedure.

Going forward, to avoid this imbroglio that Hon. Ssemujju is highlighting, I seek your indulgence to have the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Discipline, in reconsidering amendments to these rules, have the mode of designations structured in our rules to avoid what we are witnessing here.

Otherwise, as Parliament, we have an obligation to follow that precedent. Thank you.

**THE SPEAKER:** Is the UPDF an organisation represented in the House? Anyway, we are designating the UPDF and we shall make amendments specific to what Hon. Semujju is talking about. In the absence of that, I will exercise my powers as the Speaker, under rule 8.

#### THE COMMITTEE ON EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

2.51

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Hamson Obua):** Madam Speaker, I beg to move under Rule 187(1) of the Rules of Procedure, to designate the following Members to the Committee on East African Community Affairs:

1. Hon. Kisembo Basemera Noeline - Chairperson
2. Hon. Chemaswet Kisos Abdi Fadhil - Deputy Chairperson
3. Hon. Atuto Jacinta – Member
4. Hon. Kahunde Helen – Member
5. Hon. Wakikona David – Member
6. Hon. Wanyama Michael Odwori – Member
7. Hon. Ssejjoba Isaac – Member
8. Hon. Pius Wakabi – Member

9. Hon. Kamukama Davis- Member
10. Hon. Rwaburindore Tarsis – Member
11. Hon. Akampurira Prossy – Member
12. Hon. Kyobe Luke – Member
13. Hon. Masika Apollo – Member
14. Hon. Bainomugisha Jane – Member
15. Hon. Kwizera Paul – Member
16. Hon. Onzima Godfrey - Member

I beg to designate.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Opposition Whip?

2.52

**MR JOHN BAPTIST NAMBESHE (NUP, Manjiya County, Bududa):** Pursuant to Rule 187(1) of the Rules of Procedure, I beg to designate the following Members to the Committee on East African Community Affairs:

1. Hon. Mukasa Aloysius Talton Gold of Rubaga Division South;
2. Hon. Nsubuga Paul of Busiro County (North); and
3. Hon. Ekudo Tom Julius of Gweri County.

I beg to designate.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Independents?

2.53

**MR DAVID ZIJJAN (Independent, Butembe County, Jinja):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Rule 187(1) and (2)(o), to the Committee on East African Community Affairs, the Speaker, designates the following Members:

1. Hon. Ameede Agnes, Woman Representative, Butebo District;
2. Hon. Nakato Mary Annet, Woman Representative, Buyende District;
3. Hon. Were Godfrey Odera of Samia Bugwe County South;
4. Hon. Walyomu Muwanika Moses of Kagoma County;
5. Hon. Wamala Florence Nambozo, Woman Representative, Sironko District; and
6. Hon. Nyangweso Dennis of Samia Bugwe Central County.

The Rt Hon. Speaker designates.

**THE SPEAKER:** UPDF?

2.54

**LT COL JENNIFER ALANYO (UPDF Representative):** Madam Speaker, in accordance with Rule 187(1), no Member of the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces has been designated to the Committee on East African Community Affairs. Thank you.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. I put the question that the Sectoral Committee on East African Community Affairs be constituted as proposed.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND SPORTS

**THE SPEAKER:** Let us be faster.

2.55

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Hamson Obua):** Madam Speaker, I beg to designate the following Members to the Committee on Education and Sports:

1. Hon. Twesigye John Ntamuhiira - Chairperson
2. Hon. Kubeketerya James - Deputy Chairperson
3. Hon. Ndeezi Alex – Member
4. Hon. Lokwang Philipps Ilukol – Member
5. Hon. Acon Julius Bua - Member
6. Hon. Asiiimwe Molly Musiime - Member
7. Hon. Timuzigu Kamugisha Michael - Member
8. Hon. Nyakato Dorothy - Member
9. Hon. Tibasiimwa Joram Ruranga – Member
10. Hon. Katusiime Annet Mugisha – Member
11. Hon. Mutumba Abdul – Member
12. Hon. Acibu Agnes - Member
13. Hon. Linda Irene - Member
14. Hon. Paparu Lillian Obiale – Member
15. Hon. Etuka Isaac - Member
16. Hon. Ismail Muhammad Lomwar - Member

17. Hon. Edson Rugumayo - Member
18. Hon. Bingi Patrick Nyanzi – Member.

Madam Speaker, I beg to designate.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Opposition?

2.56

**MR JOHN BAPTIST NAMBESHE (NUP, Manjiya County, Bududa):** Madam Speaker, in accordance with Rule 187(1), I beg to designate the following Members to the Committee on Education and Sports:

1. Hon. Nabukenya Brenda, Woman Representative, Luweero District;
2. Hon. Ssewungu Joseph Gonzaga of Kalungu West County;
3. Hon. Nsamba Patrick Oshabe of Kassanda County North;
4. Hon. Kakembo Michael of Entebbe Municipality;
5. Hon. Ongiertho Jor Emmanuel of Jonam County; and
6. Hon. Oguzu Lee Denis of Maracha County;

I beg to designate, Madam Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Independents?

2.57

**MR DAVID ZIJJAN (Independent, Butembe County, Jinja):** In accordance with Rule 187(1) and (2)(d), to the Committee on Education and Sports, the Rt Hon. Speaker designates the following Members:

1. Hon. Macho Geoffrey of Busia Municipality;
2. Hon. Makhoha Margaret, Woman Representative, Namayingo District;
3. Hon. Nakayenze Connie Galiwango, Woman Representative, Mbale City;
4. Hon. Suubi Kinyamatama Juliet, Woman Representative, Rakai District;
5. Hon. Akugizibwe Aled Ronald of Buruli County;
6. Hon. Onen Charles of Laroo-Pece Division, Gulu City; and
7. Hon. Aogon Silas of Kumi Municipality.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. UPDF?

2.58

**LT COL JENNIFER ALANYO (UPDF Representative):** Madam Speaker, in accordance with Rule 187 of our Rules of Procedure. I beg to designate.

**THE SPEAKER:** Can you read the names?

**LT COL ALANYO:** Madam Speaker, allow me to present Lt Col Dr Jennifer Alanyo designated to the Committee on Education and Sports. I beg to submit.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. I put the question that the Sectoral Committee on Education and Sports be constituted as proposed.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, can you listen?

2.59

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Hamson Obua):** Madam Speaker, I propose to designate the following Members to the Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development:

1. Hon. Amos Kankunda – Chairperson;
2. Hon. Jane Pacuto – Vice Chairperson;
3. Hon. Maximus Ochai – Member
4. Hon. Janepher Mbabazi – Member
5. Hon. Gerald Nangoli – Member
6. Hon. Richard Wanda – Member
7. Hon. Oliver Koyekyenga – Member
8. Hon. Herbert Tayebwa – Member
9. Hon. Moses Aleper – Member
10. Hon. Patience Nkunda – Member
11. Hon. Patrick Opolot-Isiagi – Member
12. Hon. Loy Katali – Member
13. Hon. Faith Nakut – Member
14. Hon. Basil Bataringaya – Member
15. Hon. Xavier Kyooma – Member
16. Hon. Amos Okot – Member
17. Hon. Mudimi Wamakuyu – Member

18. Hon. Ogwal Goli – Member
19. Hon. Enos Asiimwe – Member
20. Hon. Agnes Atim – Member
21. Hon. Dicksons Kateshumbwa – Member;  
and
22. Hon. Emely Kugonza – Member.

Madam Speaker, I beg to designate.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Opposition?

3.01

**THE CHIEF OPPOSITION WHIP (Mr John Baptist Nambeshe):** Madam Speaker, on the Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development, I beg to designate the following Members:

1. Hon. Hanifa Nabukeera, Woman Representative, Mukono;
2. Hon. Muwanga Kivumbi of Butambala County;
3. Hon. Joel Ssenyonyi of Nakawa Division West;
4. Hon. Flavia Nabagabe, Woman Representative, Kassanda District;
5. Hon. Nathan Nandala-Mafabi of Budadiri County West;
6. Hon. Anthony Akol of Kilak North County;
7. Hon. Paulson Luttaguzi of Nakaseke South County; and
8. Hon. Patrick Ocan of Apac Municipality.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Independents?

3.01

**MR DAVID ZIJJAN (Independent, Butembe County, Jinja):** Madam Speaker, the following Members are designated to the Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development:

1. Hon. Paul Omara of Otuke County;
2. Hon. Karim Masaba - Industrial Division, Mbale City; and
3. Hon. Mpindi Bumali - PWD Representative.

I beg to designate.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. UPDF?

3.02

**LT COL JENNIFER ALANYO (UPDF Representative):** Madam Speaker, no member from the Uganda People's Defence Forces has been designated to the Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. I put the question that the Sectoral Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development be constituted as proposed.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

**THE SPEAKER:** Government Chief Whip?

3.02

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Hamson Obua):** Madam Speaker, I beg to designate the following Members to the Committee on Foreign Affairs:

1. Hon. Norah Bigirwa – Chairperson;
2. Hon. Fred Opolot – Vice Chairperson;
3. Hon. Maneno Zumura – Member
4. Hon. Judith Achan – Member
5. Hon. Midius Nakutunda – Member
6. Hon. Yona Kayogera – Member
7. Hon. Stephen Kisa – Member
8. Hon. Abraham Isamat – Member
9. Hon. Boniface Okot – Member
10. Hon. Hashim Sulaiman – Member
11. Hon. Noah Mutebi – Member
12. Hon. Mwesigwa Rukaari – Member
13. Hon. Mutono Lodoi – Member
14. Hon. Jenifer Muheesi – Member
15. Hon. Jackson Atima – Member
16. Hon. Felix Okot-Ogong – Member
17. Hon. Milton Muwuma – Member.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Opposition?

3.04

**THE CHIEF OPPOSITION WHIP (Mr John Baptist Nambeshe):** Madam Speaker, I beg to designate the following Members to the Committee on Foreign Affairs:

1. Hon. Nkunyungi Muwada of Kyadondo County East;
2. Hon. Allan Ssewanyana of Makindye Division West;
3. Hon. Stephen Sserubula of Lugazi Municipality;
4. Hon. Okin P.P Ojara of Chua West County;
5. Hon. Lucy Akello, Woman Representative, Amuru District;
6. Hon. Richard Lumu of Mityana County South; and
7. Hon. Bob Okae of Kwania North County.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Independents?

3.04

**MR DAVID ZIJJAN (Independent, Butembe County, Jinja):** Madam Speaker, I beg to designate the following Members to the Committee on Foreign Affairs:

1. Hon. Peter Ocen of Kole South County;
2. Hon. Christopher Komakech of Aruu County;
3. Hon. Paska Menya, Woman Representative, Pader District;
4. Hon. Allan Atugonza of Buliisa County; and
5. Hon. Shartsi Musherure of Mawogola North County.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. UPDF?

3.05

**LT COL JENNIFER ALANYO (UPDF Representative):** Madam Speaker, no member from the Uganda People's Defence Forces has been designated to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. Thank you.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. I put the question that the sectoral Committee on Foreign Affairs be constituted as proposed.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

## COMMITTEE ON GENDER, LABOUR AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

3.06

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Hamson Obua):** Madam Speaker, I beg to designate the following Members to the Committee on Gender, Labour and Social Development:

1. Hon. Flavia Kabahenda – Chairperson
2. Hon. Sarah Najjuma – Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Peggy Waako – Member
4. Hon. Sowedi Kitanywa – Member
5. Hon. Florence Asimwe – Member
6. Hon. Charles Bakkabulindi – Member
7. Hon. Arinaitwe Rwakajara – Member
8. Hon. Esther Afoyochan – Member
9. Hon. Flora Natumanya – Member
10. Hon. Faith Kunihira – Member
11. Hon. John Kamara – Member
12. Hon. William Chemonges – Member
13. Hon. Phyllis Chemutai – Member
14. Hon. Simon Wokorach – Member
15. Hon. Aate-Taban Sharifah – Member
16. Hon. Catherine Ndamira – Member
17. Hon. Alioni Odria – Member
18. Hon. Rosemary Nyakikongoro – Member
19. Hon. Peterkhen Lochap – Member.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Opposition?

3.07

**THE CHIEF OPPOSITION WHIP (Mr John Baptist Nambeshe):** Madam Speaker, I beg to designate the following Members to the Committee on Gender, Labour and Social Development:

1. Hon. Frank Kabuye of Kassanda County South;
2. Hon. Hillary Kiyaga of Mawokota County North;
3. Hon. Allan Mayanja of Nakaseke Central County;
4. Hon. Joab Businge of Masindi Municipality;
5. Hon. Harold Muhindo of Bukonzo County East; and
6. Hon. Fortunate Nantongo, Woman Representative, Kyotera District.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Independents?

3.08

**MR DAVID ZIJJAN (Independent, Butembe County, Jinja):** On the Committee on Gender, Labour and Social Development, the Rt Hon. Speaker designates the following Members:

1. Hon. Abeja Susan Jolly, Woman Representative, Otuke District;
2. Hon. Rwabushaija Margret Namubiru, Workers' Representative; and
3. Hon. Kayanga Baroda of Kamuli Municipality.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. UPDF?

3.09

**LT COL JENNIFER ALANYO (UPDF Representative):** To the Committee on Gender, Labour and Social Development, the Uganda Peoples' Defence Force has not designated any Member. I beg to submit.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. I put the question that the sectoral Committee on Gender, Labour and Social Development be constituted as proposed.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

#### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

3.09

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Denis Obuga):** Madam Speaker, I beg to designate the following to the Committee on Health:

1. Hon. Dr Charles Ayume - Chairperson
2. Hon. Dr Opio Acuti Samuel - Deputy Chairperson
3. Hon. Bebona Babungi Josephine - Member
4. Hon. Laker Sharon Balmoyi - Member
5. Hon. Isaac Otimgiw - Member
6. Hon. Nebanda Andiru Florence - Member
7. Hon. Hope Grania Nakazibwe - Member
8. Hon. Joseph Ruyonga - Member
9. Hon. Irene Muloni - Member
10. Hon. Sarah Netalisire Kayagi - Member

11. Hon. Elisa Rutahigwa - Member
12. Hon. Margaret Ayebare - Member
13. Hon. Kesande Grace - Member
14. Hon. Dr George Didi Bhoka - Member
15. Hon. Chelain Betty - Member
16. Hon. Benard Kirya Sekyanzi - Member
17. Hon. Nakato Mary Annet - Member
18. Hon. John Paul Ninkusiima - Member

**THE SPEAKER:** Hon. Nakato is an Independent.

**MR OBUA:** I beg to delete that from this list and leave it to the Dean; that was in error.

Hon. Boaz Kasirabo Ninsiima - Member

Rt Hon. Speaker, I beg to designate.

3.11

**THE CHIEF OPPOSITION WHIP (Mr John Baptist Nambeshe):** Madam Speaker, on the Committee on Health, I designate the following:

1. Hon. Dr Nandagire Christine N of Bukomansimbi North County;
2. Hon. Dr Kagabo Twaha Mzee of Bukoto County South;
3. Hon. Zaake Francis of Mityana Municipality;
4. Hon. Dr Kamara Nicholas of Kabale Municipality; and
5. Hon. Dr Batuwa Timothy - Jinja South Division West.

**MR SSEMUJJU:** Madam Speaker, I saw Hon. Kagabo transferring himself and he said he is now a member of MK; he is no longer a member of NUP. It is taped. So, the procedural issue I am raising is whether the Chief Opposition Whip has powers to designate members of MK.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, first of all, MK is not a party. You are one of my best friends; we do not belong to the same party, but we work together. For the Whip to designate his Member, that is his Member because he was voted under NUP and he is a NUP Member. Go ahead and designate your Member.

**MR NAMBESHE:** Madam Speaker, I have already designated him. I will resume from where I stopped.

**THE SPEAKER:** Resume from him.

**MR NAMBESHE:** 2. Hon. Kagabo Twaha Mzee of Bukoto County South;

3. Hon. Hon. Zaake Francis of Mityana Municipality;
4. Hon. Dr Kamara Nicholas of Kabale Municipality;
5. Hon. Dr Batuwa Timothy of Jinja South Division West;
6. Hon. Dr Lulume Bayigga Michael of Buikwe County South; and
7. Hon. Auma Kenny, Woman Representative, Kwania District.

I beg to designate, Madam Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Independents?

3.14

**MR DAVID LIVINGSTONE ZIJJAN (Independent, Butembe County, Jinja):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to rule 187(1) and (2) (c), the Rt Hon. Speaker designates the following Members to the Committee on Health:

1. Hon. Opio Samuel Acuti of Kole North, Kole District -

**THE SPEAKER:** He is being designated because he is my Member.

**MR ZIJJAN:** I am designating my Members; I know my Members and Hon. Opio Acuti is my Member.

**THE SPEAKER:** Do not sell the Speaker's Members. That is my Member of the Independents.

**MR ZIJJAN:** He was only being mentioned because he is leading a committee now, for which we are grateful, by the way. I will repeat.

1. Hon. Opio Samuel Acuti of Kole North County;

2. Hon. Zawedde Victorious, Woman Representative, Nakasongola District;
3. Hon. Mukhaye Miriam, Woman Representative, Mbale District; and
4. Hon. Nantaba Idah Erios, Woman Representative, Kayunga District.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. UPDF?

3.15

**LT COL JENNIFER ALANYO (UPDF Representative):** Rt Hon. Speaker, in accordance with rule 187(1) and (2) of our Rules of Procedure, I beg to designate Hon. Col Dr Victoria Nekesa to the Committee on Health.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Hon. Alanyo, just read the names; we understand the rules.

I put the question that the sectoral Committee on Health be constituted as proposed.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION,  
COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY AND  
NATIONAL GUIDANCE

3.16

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Denis Obua):** Madam Speaker, I beg to designate the following on the Committee on Information, Communication Technology and National Guidance:

1. Hon. Eng. Magogo Hassim - Chairperson
2. Hon. Tonny Ayoo - Deputy Chairperson
3. Hon. Kambale Ferigo - Member
4. Hon. Lolem Micah - Member
5. Hon. Mary Anne Tumwine - Member
6. Hon. Nulu Byamukama - Member
7. Hon. Mutiwa Geoffrey Eric - Member
8. Hon. Chelangat Solomon Alinga - Member
9. Hon. Barnabas Tinkasiimire - Member
10. Hon. Abigaba Cuthbert Mirembe - Member
11. Hon. Elotu Cosmas - Member
12. Hon. Cherukut Rose Emma - Member
13. Hon. Leku Joel - Member



14. Hon. Biyika Lawrence Songa - Member  
15. Hon. Ezama Siraji Brahan – Member

COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND  
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

Rt Hon. Speaker, I beg to designate.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Opposition?

3.18

**THE OPPOSITION CHIEF WHIP (Mr John Baptist Nambeshe):** Madam Speaker, on the Committee of Information, Communication Technology and National Guidance, I beg to designate the following Members:

1. Hon. Joyce Bagala, Woman Representative, Mityana District;
2. Hon. Gorreth Namugga of Mawogola County South;
3. Hon. Bashir Kazibwe Mbaziira of Kawempe Division South;
4. Hon. David Serukenya of Makindye-Ssabagabo Municipality; and
5. Hon. Florence Kabughu, Woman Representative, Kasese District.

I beg to designate.

3.18

**MR DAVID ZIJJAN (Independent, Butembe County, Jinja):** To the Committee on ICT and National Guidance, I designate:

1. Hon. Kiiza Kenneth Nyendwoha of Bujenje County;
2. Hon. Noah Musa of Koboko North County; and
3. Hon. Muhammad Nsereko of Kampala Central Division.

3.19

**LT COL JENNIFER ALANYO (UPDF):** Madam Speaker, to the Committee on ICT and National Guidance, I beg to designate Hon. Brig. Gen. Charity Bainababo.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. I put the question that the sectoral Committee on Information, Communication Technology and National Guidance be constituted as proposed.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

3.20

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Denis Obua):** Madam Speaker, I beg to designate the following to the Committee on Legal and Parliamentary Affairs:

1. Hon. Robina Rwakoojo Gureme – Chairperson
2. Hon. Yusuf Mutembuli – Deputy Chairperson
3. Hon. Henry Nkwasiibwe – Member
4. Hon. Peter Christopher Werikhe – Member
5. Hon. Alex Byarugaba – Member
6. Hon. Fox Odoi-Oywelowo – Member
7. Hon. John Teira – Member
8. Hon. Caroline Kamusiime – Member
9. Hon. Juliet Achayo – Member
10. Hon. Bosco Okiror – Member
11. Hon. Richard Oseku – Member
12. Hon. Joanne Aniku Okia – Member
13. Hon. Baka Mugabi – Member
14. Hon. Solomon Silwany – Member
15. Hon. Yona Musinguzi – Member
16. Hon. Remigio Achia – Member
17. Hon. David Lagen – Member.

3.21

**THE CHIEF OPPOSITION WHIP (Mr John-Baptist Nambeshe):** To the Committee on Legal and Parliamentary Affairs, I beg to designate the following Members:

1. Hon. Shamim Malende, Woman Representative, Kampala;
2. Hon. Medard Lubega-Sseggona of Busiro County East;
3. Hon. Robert Ssekitoleko of Bamunanika County;
4. Hon. Ibrahim Ssemujju Nganda of Kira Municipality;
5. Hon. Anna Adeke Ebaju of Soroti District;
6. Hon. Santa Sandra Alum of Oyam District; and
7. Hon. Asuman Basalirwa of Bugiri Municipality.

3.22

**MR DAVID ZIJJAN (Independent, Butembe County, Jinja):** To the Committee on Legal and Parliamentary Affairs, I beg to designate:

1. Hon. Wilfred Niwagaba of Ndorwa County East;
2. Hon. Abdu Katuntu of Bugweri County; and
3. Hon. Zijjan David Livingstone of Butembe County.

3.22

**LT COL JENNIFER ALANYO (UPDF):** To the Committee on Legal and Parliamentary Affairs, Madam Speaker, allow me designate Hon. Lt Gen. James Mugira.

**THE SPEAKER:** I put the question that the sectoral Committee on Legal and Parliamentary Affairs be constituted as proposed.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

#### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

3.23

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Denis Obua):** Madam Speaker, I beg to designate the following to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

1. Hon. Dr Emmanuel Otaala – Chairperson
2. Hon. Nathan Nabeta Igeme – Deputy Chairperson
3. Hon. Acan Joyce Okeny
4. Hon. Apollo Yeri Ofwono
5. Hon. Derrick Orone
6. Hon. John Faith Magolo
7. Hon. Feta Geoffrey
8. Hon. John Bosco Ngoya
9. Hon. Seth Wambede
10. Hon. Clare Mugumya
11. Hon. Christine Sendawula Bukunya
12. Hon. Francis Kazini Twinomujuni
13. Hon. Paul Akamba
14. Hon. Henry Bagiiire
15. Hon. Agasha Juliet Bashiisha
16. Hon. Eddie Kwizera

17. Hon. Donald Katalihwa

18. Hon. Josephat Tumwesigye

19. Hon. Alex Ruhunda

20. Hon. Muhamad Ssentayi

21. Hon. Herbert Edmund Ariko

22. Hon. Gyaviira Ssemwanga

23. Hon. David Karubanga.

3.24

**THE CHIEF OPPOSITION WHIP (Mr John-Baptist Nambeshe):** Madam Speaker, I beg to designate the following to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

1. Hon. Christine Kaaya Nakimwero, Woman Representative, Kiboga District;
2. Hon. Ronald Evans Kanyike of Bukoto County East;
3. Hon. Charles Tebandeke of Bbale County;
4. Hon. Aisha Nalule Kabanda, Woman Representative Butambala District;
5. Hon. Betty Aol Ocan of Gulu City;
6. Hon. Asinansi Nyakato, Woman Representative, Hoima City;
7. Hon. Fred Kayondo of Mukono County South; and
8. Hon. Jimmy James Akena of Lira East Division.

3.25

**MR DAVID ZIJJAN (Independent, Butembe County, Jinja):** To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, the following Members are designated:

1. Hon. Abdu Adidwa of Bukooli South County;
2. Hon. John Musila of Bubulo East County;
3. Hon. Moses Kamuntu of Rubanda County West;
4. Hon. Isaac Katonya of Bulambuli County;
5. Hon. Sylvia Bahireira Tumwekwase of Kamwenge District;
6. Hon. Eric Musana of Buyaga East County; and
7. Hon. Polycarp Ogwari of Agule County.

3.26

**LT COL JENNIFER ALANYO (UPDF):** To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, no Member of the UPDF has been designated.

**THE SPEAKER:** I put the question that the sectoral Committee on Environment and Natural Resources be constituted as proposed.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

COMMITTEE ON PHYSICAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE

3.27

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Denis Obua):** Madam Speaker, I beg to designate the following to the Committee on Physical Infrastructure:

1. Hon. Dan Kimosho – Chairperson
2. Hon. Tony Awany – Deputy Chairperson
3. Hon. James Kaberuka
4. Hon. David Kabanda
5. Hon. James Baba
6. Hon. Jeniffer Ayo Nalukwago
7. Hon. Sylvia Vicky Awas
8. Hon. Henry Maurice Kibalya
9. Hon. Michael Bukenya
10. Hon. Paul N. Asaba
11. Hon. Hillary Lokwang
12. Hon. Mbabazi Pascal
13. Hon. Agaba Aisha
14. Hon. Thembo Gideon Mujungu
15. Hon. Okwi Samuel
16. Hon. Byanyima Nathan
17. Hon. Okumu Gabriel
18. Hon. Nsegumire Mohammad Kibedi
19. Hon. Naigaga Mariam
20. Hon. Atyang Stella
21. Hon. Aber Lillian
22. Hon. Namujju Cissy
23. Hon. Sarah Opendi; and
24. Hon. Iddi Isabirye.

I beg to designate.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Opposition?

3.28

**THE CHIEF OPPOSITION WHIP (Mr John Baptist Nambeshe):** To the Committee on Physical Infrastructure, I designate:

1. Hon. Saazi Godfrey of Gomba East County;

2. Hon. Nambeshe John Baptist of Manjiya County;
3. Hon. Ssekabira Denes of Katikamu County North;
4. Hon. Balimwezo Ronald of Nakawa Division East;
5. Hon. Kabusu Moses of Kyamuswa County;
6. Hon. Nsibambi Yusuf, Mawokota County South;
7. Hon. Alobo Joan Achom, Womar Representative of Soroti City;
8. Hon. Sebamala Richard of Bukoto County Central; and
9. Hon. Okello Nelson of Maruzi North.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you.

3.30

**MR ZIJJAN DAVID LIVINGSTONE (Independent, Butembe County, Jinja):** The Committee on Physical Infrastructure, the Rt Hon. Speaker designates:

1. Hon. Ebwalu Jonathan of Soroti West Division;
2. Hon. Okupa Elijah of Kasilo County;
3. Hon. Ndyomugenyi Roland of Rukiga County;
4. Hon. Nsanja Patrick Kayongo of Ntenjeru County South;
5. Hon. Rwemulikya Ibanda of Ntoroko County;
6. Hon. Mugema Peter of Iganga Municipality; and
7. Hon. Acrobert Kiiza Moses of Bughendera County.

I designate.

**THE SPEAKER:** UPDF?

3.31

**LT COL ALANYO JENNIFER (UPDF Representative):** To the Committee on Physical Infrastructure, the UPDF did not designate any Member. I beg to submit.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. I put the question that the sectoral Committee on Physical Infrastructure be constituted as proposed.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENTIAL  
AFFAIRS

3.31

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Hamson Obua):** Madam Speaker, I beg to designate the following Members to the Committee on Presidential Affairs;

1. Hon. Ababiku Jessica – Chairperson
2. Hon. Kabasharira Naome - Deputy Chairperson
3. Hon. Buturo Nsaba
4. Hon. Naome Kibaaju
5. Hon. Fadil Twala
6. Hon. Albert Lokoru
7. Hon. James Mamawi
8. Hon. Benjamin Kamukama
9. Hon. Francis Lorika Adome
10. Hon. Hellen Wandera Auma
11. Hon. Penninah Busingye
12. Hon. Derrick Kabuura
13. Hon. Michael Mawanda
14. Hon. Agnes Taaka
15. Hon. Otukol Sam
16. Hon. Obigah Rose
17. Hon. Kasolo Robert; and
18. Hon. Kiwanuka Keefa.

I beg to designate.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Opposition?

3.32

**THE OPPOSITION WHIP (Mr John Baptist Nambeshe):** Madam Speaker, to the Committee on Presidential Affairs, I designate the following Members:

1. Hon. Nyeko Derrick of Makindye Division East;
2. Hon. Ssegirinya Mohammad of Kawempe Division North;
3. Hon. Kawalya Abubaker of Rubaga Division North;
4. Hon. Ssasaga Isaias Johny of Budadiri County East;
5. Hon. Onekalit Dennis Amere of Kitgum Municipality; and

6. Hon. Okot Peter of Tochi County.

I beg to designate.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Independents?

3.33

**MR ZIJJAN DAVID LIVINGSTONE (Independent, Butembe County, Jinja):** In accordance with Rule 187(1) and (2) and paragraph (j), to the Committee on Presidential Affairs, the Speaker, designates:

1. Hon. Aseera Stephen Itaza of Buhaguzi East County;
2. Hon. Achora Nancy, Woman Representative, Lamwo District;
3. Hon. Kangwagye Stephen of Bukanga County;
4. Hon. Chemutai Evelyn, Woman Representative, Bukwo District; and
5. Hon. Kabasharira Naome of Rushenyi County.

**MR ZIJJAN:** Hon. Kabasharira Naome of Rushenyi County in Ntungamo District.

The Rt Hon. Speaker designates.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. UPDF.

3.34

**LT COL JENNEFER ALANYO (UPDF Representative):** To the committee on Presidential Affairs, I present Maj. Gen. Henry Masiko.

I beg to submit.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. I put the question that the sectoral Committee on Presidential Affairs be constituted as proposed.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT

3.34

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Hamson Obua):** Madam Speaker, I beg to designate the following to the Committee on

Public Service and Local Government:

1. Hon. Ojara Martin Mapenduzi - Chairperson
2. Hon. Apolot Christine - Deputy Chairperson
3. Hon. Lematia Ruth Molly
4. Hon. Alero Tom Aza
5. Hon. Chelimo Reuben Paul-

**THE SPEAKER:** Order!

- MR OBUA:** 1. Hon. Bwire Sanon  
 2. Hon. Mugabi Muzaale Martin  
 3. Hon. Laura Kanushu  
 4. Hon. Jovanice Twinobusinge  
 5. Hon. Bartom Ben Koriang  
 6. Hon. Yovan Adriko  
 7. Hon. Robert Wandwasi  
 8. Hon. Josyline Kamateneti  
 9. Hon. Abwooli Agnes  
 10. Hon. Isaac Modoi  
 11. Hon. Harriet Busingye; and  
 12. Hon. David Stephen Mugole.

Madam Speaker, I beg to designate.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Yes, Hon. Isaias -

**MR SSASAGA:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Mapenduzi should tell us where he clearly belongs.

**THE SPEAKER:** He is an independent, under the Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda.

**MR SSASAGA:** Then I expected this designation to come from the Independents' whip and not from the other side -

**THE SPEAKER:** I am the Whip of the independents.

All the Independents belong to the Speaker and if Hon. Mapenduzi resigned from being a chairperson on the other side, the House accepted. Maybe this side was generous enough to give him to chair because he is one of the best chairpersons we have.

Opposition?

**MR SSEMUJJU:** Madam Speaker, this Parliament is a serious institution. That is why it is illegal and unconstitutional, until the final year, for Members of Parliament to change affiliation. A Member cannot be with the Opposition today and tomorrow, he is with the NRM. The Constitution says you can only change affiliation during the final year -

**THE SPEAKER:** Has he changed his affiliation?

**MR SSEMUJJU:** Yes. He was here working with us and now he is being read the other side. *(Laughter)* Madam Speaker, you have a duty -

**THE SPEAKER:** Hon. Ssemujju, you work with me every day; have you changed your affiliation?

**MR SSEMUJJU:** Madam Speaker, I work with you as the Speaker -

**THE SPEAKER:** No, you work with - I have actually seen you with the Government Chief Whip. You are always together. Have you changed your affiliation?

**MR SSEMUJJU:** No. We play football together. *(Laughter)*

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, Hon. Mapenduzi is an Independent Member of Parliament and so, he chooses where he wants to be. In the 10<sup>th</sup> Parliament, I was an Independent Member of Parliament and Hon. Ssemujju designated me to COSASE and then chased me away. When he chased me away, I went and got belonging elsewhere. So, for now, Hon. Mapenduzi, congratulations.

**MR SSEMUJJU:** Madam Speaker, for record purposes, I did not chase you. You voluntarily left. In fact, we were shocked when we saw you with Gen. Museveni -

**THE SPEAKER:** Can we designate? Maybe Gen. Museveni was a better man than you. *(Laughter)*

3.40

**THE CHIEF OPPOSITION WHIP (Mr John Baptist Nambeshe):** Madam Speaker, I beg to designate the following Members to the Committee on Public Service and Local Government:

1. Hon. Betty Naluyima, Woman Representative, Wakiso District;
2. Hon. Jimmy Lwanga of Njeru Municipality;
3. Hon. Teddy Nambooze, Woman Representative, Mpigi District;
4. Hon. Juliet Kakande Nakabuye, Woman Representative, Masaka District;
5. Hon. Atkins Katusabe of Bukonzo County West;
6. Hon. Julius Emigu of Ochero County.

3.41

**MR DAVID ZIJJAN (Independent, Butembe County, Jinja):** To the Committee on Public Service and Local Government, the following Members are designated:

1. Hon. Emmanuel Omoding of Serere County;
2. Hon. Patrick Isingoma-Mwesigwa of Hoima East Division;
3. Hon. Arthur Waako of Budaka County;
4. Hon. Mapenduzi Ojara of Bardege-Layibi Division; and
5. Hon. Susan Amero, Woman Representative, Amuria District.

3.42

**LT COL JENNIFER ALANYO (UPDF Representative):** Madam Speaker, to the Committee on Public Service and Local Government, no Member of the UPDF has been designated. I beg to submit.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. I put the question that the Sectoral Committee on Public Service and Local Government be constituted as proposed.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, TRADE AND INDUSTRY

3.42

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Hamson Obua):** Last, but not least, Madam Speaker, I beg to designate the following to the Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industry:

1. Hon. Mwine Mpaka – Chairperson
2. Hon. Catherine Lamwaka – Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. James Olobo – Member
4. Hon. Pamela Kamugo – Member
5. Hon. Brenda Namukuta – Member
6. Hon. Alfred Edakasi – Member
7. Hon. Margaret Aleper – Member
8. Hon. Sylvia Nayebale – Member
9. Hon. Bright Amooti – Member
10. Hon. Mourine Osoru – Member
11. Hon. Gaffa Mbwatekamwa – Member
12. Hon. Betty Engola Aol – Member
13. Hon. Mohammed Kato – Member
14. Hon. Melsa Avako – Member
15. Hon. Ronald Afidra – Member
16. Hon. Jane Awich – Member
17. Hon. Kevin Ojinga Kaala – Member
18. Hon. Herbert Kinobere – Member
19. Hon. Pauline Kemirembe – Member
20. Hon. Agnes Kirabo – Member
21. Hon. Godfrey Were – Member
22. Hon. Richard Gafabusa – Member.

3.44

**THE CHIEF OPPOSITION WHIP (Mr John Baptist Nambeshe):** Madam Speaker, on the Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industry, the following Members are designated:

1. Hon. Fred Ssimbwa of Nakifuma County;
2. Hon. Geoffrey Kayemba-Ssolo of Bukomansimbi South County;
3. Hon. Geoffrey Lutaaya of Kakuuto County;
4. Hon. Hannington Wakayima of Nansana Municipality;
5. Hon. David Kalwanga of Busujju County;
6. Hon. Hassan Kirumira of Katikamu County South;
7. Hon. David Isabirye of Jinja North Division; and

8. Hon. Geoffrey Okello of Nwoya East County.

Exchange (Amendment) Bill, 2023” be read for the first time –

Madam Speaker, I beg to designate.

**THE SPEAKER:** There is a procedural matter.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Independents?

**MR NAMBESHE:** Madam Speaker, the procedural issue I am raising pertains to Rule 196 of our Rules of Procedure. As you may be aware, your office is already in receipt of my communication. Now that the holder of that office, the leadership of one of our accountability committees on Local Government, Hon. Mapenduzi, has shifted allegiance and even resigned, Madam Speaker, I beg for your indulgence to re-designate one of our Members as the Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, whose name I have already submitted to your office.

3.41

**MR DAVID ZIJJAN (Independent, Butembe County, Jinja):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Rule 187(1) and (2) and paragraph (b), the following Members are designated to the Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industry:

1. Hon. Joseph Koluo of Toroma County;
2. Hon. Rita Atukwasa, Woman Representative, Mbarara City;
3. Hon. Elijah Mushemeza of Sheema County South; and
4. Hon. Abdulhu Byakatonda, Workers’ Representative.

**THE SPEAKER:** No problem.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. UPDF?

**MR NAMBESHE:** I designate Hon. Olanya Gilbert as the Chairperson of the accountability Committee on Local Government and Public Service.

3.42

**LT COL JENNIFER ALANYO (UPDF Representative):** To the Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industry, Madam Speaker, I beg to designate Gen. Wilson Mbadi.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, Hon. Ojara Mapenduzi and team will present all their reports on Tuesday; the reports are already in my office. However, honourable, unless you are handing over to the current leadership, which is okay - those are reports of the House. I put the question to Hon. Olanya’s designation.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. I put the question that the Sectoral Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industry be constituted as proposed.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

## BILLS

### FIRST READING

#### THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

**THE SPEAKER:** Congratulations. Honourable members, the honourable Minister of Finance -

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development?

**MR SSEMUJJU:** Madam Speaker, the rules are very clear on who can chair accountability committees and make presentations. Now that Hon. Mapenduzi has joined the NRM, can he still, under the rules, present on our behalf?

3.47

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL DUTIES) (Mr Henry Musasizi):** Madam Speaker, I beg to move that the Bill entitled, “The Foreign

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, the report will be presented by the chairperson of the committee. We have the chairperson of the committee who is Hon. Gilbert Olanya. The report shall be given to him, but he has to work

together with Hon. Mapenduzi to know what is there. Finance?

3.52

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL DUTIES) (Mr Henry Musasizi):** Madam Speaker, I beg to move that the Bill entitled, “The Foreign Exchange (Amendment) Bill, 2023” be read for the first time. I beg to move.

**THE SPEAKER:** Is the Bill seconded? It is seconded by Hon. Oboth, Hon. Obua, Hon. Katali, Hon. Faith, Hon. Solomon, Tourism City, Hon. Enos, Hon. Achan. Thank you. Do you want to speak to your -

**MR MUSASIZI:** Madam Speaker, only to state that the Bill is accompanied by the Certificate of Financial Implications.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. The Bill is here. Pursuant to rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure, the Bill stands referred to the Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development for perusal and report back.

BILLS  
FIRST READING

THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

**THE SPEAKER:** Minister of Finance?

3.53

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL DUTIES) (Mr Henry Musasizi):** Madam Speaker, I beg to move that the Financial Institutions (Amendment) Bill, 2023, be read for the first time.

**THE SPEAKER:** Is it seconded? It is seconded by Hon. Nandutu, Hon. Harriet, the Rt Hon. Prime Minister, the Government Chief Whip, the Chair, Finance and the whole House.

Pursuant to rule 129, the Bill is referred to the Committee of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. Honourable members, as you heard in the State-of-the-Nation Address, this Bill is an integral process of operationalising Islamic Banking; it is meant to operationalise Islamic Banking. Therefore, we need this Bill back in the House in the shortest time possible.

BILLS  
FIRST READING

THE EXCISE DUTY (AMENDMENT)  
(NO.2) BILL, 2023

3.54

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL DUTIES) (Mr Henry Musasizi):** Madam Speaker, I beg to move that the Excise Duty (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, 2023 be read for the first time. I beg to move.

**THE SPEAKER:** Is it seconded? Seconded by Hon. Okaasai, Public Service, Hon. Emely, Hon. Akamba, Hon. Muwuma, Hon. Rose, Hon. Kulo, Hon. Okot, Professor, Hon. Netalisire, Hon. Opolot - That shows you that I know everybody's name.

Pursuant to rule 129, I refer this to the Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development – Hon. Ssemujju also stood up.

BILLS  
FIRST READING

THE STAMP DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL,  
2023

3.55

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL DUTIES) (Mr Henry Musasizi):** Madam Speaker, I beg to move that the Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2023 be read for the first time.

**THE SPEAKER:** Is it seconded? It is seconded by Hon. Isma, Hon. Amos - by the whole



House. The Bill is referred to the Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development pursuant to rule 129.

BILLS  
FIRST READING

THE INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT)  
(NO.2) BILL, 2023

**THE SPEAKER:** Minister?

3.56

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR  
FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL DUTIES)**

**(Mr Henry Musasizi):** Madam Speaker, I beg to move a motion that the Income Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2023 be read for the first time.

**THE SPEAKER:** Is it seconded? I see Hon. Brandon, Hon. Chemonges, Government Chief Whip, Hon. Rwamirama and Public Service - the royal guards are here; Hon. Achayo, Hon. Opolot - It is referred to the Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

BILLS  
FIRST READING

THE VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT)  
(NO.2) BILL, 2023

**THE SPEAKER:** Minister?

3.58

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR  
FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL DUTIES)**

**(Mr Henry Musasizi):** Madam Speaker, I beg to move a motion that the Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, 2023 be read for the first time.

**THE SPEAKER:** Is it seconded? I see Energy there, Hon. Bakkabulindi - all the workers' representatives are standing, Hon.

Kato, Hon. Werikhe, Gender and the whole House. This is referred to the Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development pursuant to rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure.

**MR HENRY MUSASIZI:** Madam Speaker, I wish to confirm that all the Bills I have presented are accompanied by the certificates of financial implications, and I beg to lay them on the Table.

**THE SPEAKER:** Please, lay.

BILLS  
FIRST READING

THE VETERINARY PRACTITIONERS'  
BILL, 2023

**THE SPEAKER:** Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries -

3.58

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR  
AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL INDUSTRY  
AND FISHERIES (ANIMAL INDUSTRY)**

**(Lt Col (Rtd) Bright Rwamirama):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I beg to move that the Veterinary Practitioners' Bill, 2023 be read for the first time.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Is it seconded? (*Members rose*) I know Hon. Enos will second it first. (*Laughter*) All the cattle keepers are seconding it. (*Laughter*)

I refer this to the Committee on Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, pursuant to Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure. Please, lay it on the Table.

**LT COL (RTD) RWAMIRAMA:** Madam Speaker, I would also like to inform you that the Bill has got a Certificate of Financial Implications and I beg to lay it on the Table.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Please, lay it.

## LAYING OF PAPERS

A) THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS IN UGANDA IN 2022

**THE SPEAKER:** Parliamentary Commissioner?

3.59

**MR SOLOMON SILWANY (NRM, Bukooli County Central, Bugiri):** Madam Speaker, I beg to lay the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Report on the State of Human Rights and Freedoms in Uganda in 2022.

**THE SPEAKER:** Pursuant to Rule 185(1)(c) of the Rules of Procedure, this is referred to the Committee on Human Rights for perusal and to report back to the House.

## B) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL INDUSTRY AND FISHERIES ON A STUDY VISIT TO KENYA ON HASS AVOCADO AND MACADAMIA GROWING AND PROCESSING

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, this report is tabled pursuant to Rule 33 of the Rules of Procedure. I will accord the committee chairperson time to report on their findings and what they think we should also do to borrow a leaf. After that, the report will be deposited in the library for everyone's consumption.

4.01

**THE CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL INDUSTRY AND FISHERIES (Ms Janet Okori-Moe):** Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I beg to present the Report of the Committee on Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries on the study visit to Kenya on Hass Avocado and Macadamia growing and processing.

Madam Speaker, Article 90(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda and rules 156, 159, 187 and 189 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament enjoin committees with the authority and power to, among others,

research, investigate and carry out oversight functions with respect to the ministries, departments and agencies –

**THE SPEAKER:** Please, limit yourself to rule 33.

**MS OKORI-MOE:** Most obliged, Madam Speaker. Let me go straight to the recommendations and the lessons learnt. These were the lessons that the committee learnt.

On sustainability, the committee learnt that most counties in Kenya have chosen avocado as one of the enterprises to support and have included it in their counties' integrated development plans. Uganda has also adapted it and that is why we have it as one of the priority commodities in the National Development Plan (NDP) III.

Madam Speaker, the committee also learnt that smallholder farmers in Kenya – those who own less than two acres of land – account for over 70 per cent of all farming activities, including Hass Avocado. Of course, in Uganda, we have just started. Also, through NAADs, the country has been able to avail Hass Avocado seedlings to potential farmers.

Let me go straight to the recommendations.

Madam Speaker, the following were the recommendations by the committee:

The Government should promote Hass Avocado growing because it is on high demand internationally. The demand for Hass Avocado is growing at a rate of 13 per cent per year, yet the production is growing at only 10 per cent. This represents a gap of 3 per cent between production and demand.

Madam Speaker, Hass Avocado farming has environmental benefits as planting more trees helps to battle deforestation, which causes irregular dry seasons, longer drought periods and unpredictable heavy rainfalls.

Madam Speaker, the second recommendation by the committee was that the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries –

**THE SPEAKER:** There is a procedural matter.

**MS AVUR:** Madam Speaker, I am sorry to rise on a matter of procedure, but this is my maiden speech for this session. I really wish to pay attention, just like other Members, but we are so much inconvenienced by the noise outside.

Madam Speaker, is it procedurally right for us to continue this way? Thank you.

**THE SPEAKER:** Please, go ahead as the whip does his job.

**MS OKORI-MOE:** Madam Speaker, the other recommendation that the committee came up with is that the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries should inspect and certify nurseries to supply avocado seedlings. This is so because only properly grafted seedlings will give a good yield, according to the findings of the committee.

The committee also recommends that the Government should embrace Hass Avocado growing and plan to have nucleus farms and demonstration gardens, preferably at all regional levels in Uganda, so that farmers in the regions are able to access Hass Avocado seedlings.

The committee also recommends that the Government should use Hass Avocado farming and marketing as a strategy for job creation and poverty alleviation through value addition.

The committee also recommends that the Government should increase the budget, through NAADS and local governments, to increase planting materials, capacity building, storage and value addition.

The committee also recommends that the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries should focus on the capacity development of farmers by offering training to farmers and value chain players on aspects of crop management, quality requirements, marketing, processing, finance management and linkages.

The committee also recommends that MAAIF should promote reputable partners to minimise failure and sustain the flow of inputs. Farmers should be supported to grow the right varieties for a specific market;

That Government should support producer cooperatives to promote the avocado value chain;

The committee further recommends that the Government sets up production and marketing standards in line with global marketing standards;

Government, through MAAIF should train farmers on how to improve production using older trees in demonstration farms, which are critical in imparting practical skills to farmers for increased production; and

Madam Speaker, the committee further recommends that MAAIF should set up post-harvest treatment facilities; quality starts from the farm to the market, and this is so key in ensuring the safe handling of the fruit.

The rest of the recommendations are on macadamia, which is also a new crop under the Parish Development Model. And on this, the committee recommends as follows:

- a) That Government, together with the private sector, should promote Macadamia growing. The crop needs swift action, which the private sector can take up;
- b) That Government establishes a regulatory body to certify seedlings. While the grafted plant produces a yield in five years, the non-grafted one can take up to 10 years to yield;
- c) That Government should encourage farmers to belong to groups/associations to avoid exploitation by the middlemen;
- d) That Government should encourage farmers to use agronomic practices including organic fertilisers, in order to have yields that meet world standards;

- e) That Government develops conducive policies to encourage the private sector to invest in the Macadamia industry; and
- f) That Government should provide assorted subsidised inputs to farmers to increase production.

The committee also made some cross-cutting observations, which are stated as follows:

1. That many Ugandans attempting to enter into the Hass Avocado and Macadamia growing business are finding it difficult to buy and access the expensive seedlings. A seedling of Hass Avocado is sold at between Shs 5,000 and 8,000, which is high for an ordinary Ugandan. An acre requires 166 seedlings, which translates into Shs 830,000 per acre for planting; many farmers may not afford; and
2. That some farmers are reported to be plucking the top parts of the trees to graft them with local Avocado. This is more lucrative than selling the actual fruit. Furthermore, one cannot plant the seed of the harvested Avocado because it would not produce an actual avocado.

Finally, Madam Speaker, the committee recommends that:

- a) Government should subsidise the price of Hass Avocado and Macadamia seedlings to make them viable to farmers since the market price of these seedlings is largely unaffordable;
- b) Government should set up regional nurseries and processing centers nearer to the farmer to facilitate market access and reduce losses from perishability; and
- c) Government should promote the export market to enhance our national and international competitiveness in Hass Avocado and Macadamia fruits.

Madam Speaker, a copy of this report is in the library. And for Members, it was uploaded

on your iPads; you can access it and act accordingly. Please lead by example by growing Hass Avocado and Macadamia.

I beg to submit. *(Applause)*

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you very much, committee chairperson. The report is very clear. What the committee is saying is that this is a lucrative business that you should go for and lead by example. You will not debate here on how to get the seedlings in addition to other things; go and plant avocados and act as an example to your locals. Please encourage them to plant Hass Avocados. *(Applause)*

As I speak, I have planted over 100 acres of Hass Avocado. *(Applause)* I learnt of it when they came back from their trip. So, Professor, just go and plant Hass Avocados – *(Laughter)* - the report is in the library.

Next item.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATION TO  
THE UNITED NATIONS 2023 WATER  
CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK 22<sup>ND</sup> – 24<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH 2023

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, this report, like any other reports, is going to be presented under rule 33 by Hon. Emely Kugonza.

4.13

**MR EMELY KUGONZA (NRM, Buyanja East County, Kibaale):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. A delegation of seven Members of Parliament, under instructions from the Office of the Speaker, participated in the United Nations, 2023 Water Conference. I hereby lay a report pertaining to that and it is titled, “Report of the Delegation to the United Nations 2023 Water Conference in New York held from 22 to 24 March 2023.”

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. The report will be in the library. Get time and look at it and any other reports that are available there; learn to have a reading culture.

THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS  
(REVISION OF MINIMUM CAPITAL  
REQUIREMENTS) INSTRUMENT, 2022

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, the two statutory instruments to be tabled are aimed at operationalising the law that we have just passed under microfinance - that is Islamic Banking - and they are looking at the minimum capital requirement by the central bank. The Minister of Finance, Planning, and Economic Development is going to lay it on the table.

4.15

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL DUTIES) (Mr Henry Musasizi):** Madam Speaker, I beg to lay on the Table the Financial Institutions (Revision of Minimum Capital Requirements) Instrument, 2022.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Pursuant to Rule 31(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the statutory instrument is referred to the Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development and it should be considered as soon as possible.

THE MICRO-FINANCE DEPOSIT-TAKING  
INSTITUTIONS (REVISION OF  
MINIMUM CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS)  
INSTRUMENT, 2022

4.16

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL DUTIES) (Mr Henry Musasizi):** Madam Speaker, I beg to lay, on the Table the Microfinance Deposit-Taking Institutions (Revision of Minimum Capital Requirements) Instrument, 2022.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. This is still referred to the Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development for expeditious consideration and report back to the House.

SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE NO.1 FOR  
THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/2023

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, as you may recall, on 27 April 2023, the House

supplied expenditure, but part B was left; that is the 3 per cent. Therefore, pursuant to Article 156 of the Constitution, Section 25 of the Public Finance Management Act, and Rule 154 of the Rules of Procedure, we will consider this as a retrospective expenditure. The money was already spent; you approved part of the supplementary and left part of it.

Next time, reject the whole schedule. Do not do things piecemeal. We are even at Committee Stage. Now that we are at the Committee Stage, we are going back to the committee.

I would like to ask the Clerk to ensure that all the documents, figures, items, and votes are captured on the *Hansard* because it is money spent already.

We are going to supply a block figure because I am not going to start reading something that was spent when one part of the same item was passed. So, we are going to supply and have the item passed. Government Chief Whip, can we have your team go outside?

BILLS  
COMMITTEE STAGE

THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Recurrent Expenditure under Supplementary Schedule No.1 for the Financial Year 2022/2023, a total amount of Shs 874,339,200,924

**THE CHAIRPERSON:** I put the question that the total sum that has been read be considered as recurrent expenditure for Supplementary Schedule No.1 for the Financial Year 2022/2023.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

**MR ODUR:** Madam Speaker, I would like to seek your guidance. When this House considered what, at the time, was baptized as Part B of the schedule, I raised a question of whether it was actually proper, at that stage, to segregate a schedule, and deal with some parts, but leave the other.

At that time, the presiding officer, in his wisdom, said that it was correct. Now that we are processing this, I want to understand what happens to the part that we passed. Are we amending it? Was a new supplementary, an addendum, and a schedule introduced so we can have proper anchorage, in terms of the legislation we are dealing with?

Secondly, the House cannot run away from dealing with any matter the Executive brings; whether we like it or not. However, Madam Speaker, I would like to request you to guide us on something. When you say that this supplementary has already been expended and we are not going to change anything, is it a correct position that this House is – otherwise, another supplementary will come? As a Member of Parliament, may I know if I have no role to play when a supplementary is tabled here?

Let me address you on the questions of law regarding the 3 per cent. I believe I am backed by that law that it is not correct that the Government has unfettered powers to expend the 3 per cent limit. If we are dealing with retrospective approval, the conditions must be satisfied. One, that expenditure must have been lawful. If it was not lawful and it was expended on something that violates the law, it falls squarely.

Further, that expenditure must be justified to the extent that if Parliament was actually sitting and deliberating on it, it would ordinarily pass it.

Lastly, the expenditure must have been incurred. There are some items that are here, but which have not yet been incurred. The minister just wants to mislead this House as if it has been expended.

Madam Speaker, this is very dangerous; it is dangerous for the minister to mislead this House that they have already spent. If I am to challenge the minister on this; I can point them out. I just do not want to open it, but I can. The minister should tell us that the purported 3 per cent was not actually spent.

**THE CHAIRPERSON:** Honourable minister, I am not allowing debate on this. Honourable members, we are completing what was started. This is why when we were passing the Appropriation Act, we passed only what was at that time.

**MR MUSASIZI:** Madam Chairperson, I would like to address my mind to the first issue that the Hon. Odur raised regarding the fact that the House decided to pass Part B of the Supplementary Expenditure Schedule No.1 for the Financial Year 2022/2023 and left out Part A, which was within the 3 per cent.

On the question of what happens, I presented to this Parliament one schedule, which was categorised into two: Part A of the expenditures, which were within the 3 per cent, and Part B, which was over and above the 3 per cent and required Parliamentary approval.

What we are doing now has this effect: if Parliament approves Part A of the 3 per cent, we shall consolidate it with Part B and have a full schedule regularised by Parliament. Thank you.

**THE CHAIRPERSON:** Thank you. Let us move on to the development expenditure.

**MR ODUR:** Madam Chairperson, I want the Executive to also clarify on the provisions of Article 159(5) and (6) of the Constitution, Sections 39 and 40 of the Public Finance Management, Act and Rule 155 of our Rules of Procedure.

Regarding the loan figure, the above provisions state that where the Government intends to lend or borrow, it must be moved on a separate motion and that motion should be referred to a relevant committee.

In this supplementary, there is a figure the Government intends to lend out. The terms and conditions of the lending have not been brought to this House. The repayment schedule has not been brought to this House. These are matters of law and they are very clear.

Madam Speaker, should we proceed and purport to ratify this lending when this House has not followed its own rules?

Also, the chairperson of the committee presented a report here and that report was adopted. In the report, there were expenditures the committee rejected and we adopted that report already. The House already adopted that report with those recommendations rejecting certain provisions. So, how come that at the end, we just proceed to approve the schedule as it is yet this House sat and actually approved the recommendations in the report? Aren't we now shooting ourselves or hanging ourselves actually that after we have approved, we again turn around and do something else?

Madam Speaker, I want to persuade you to the point that at least at the very minimum, the figures that the Committee on Budget had rejected should not be part of this because the House already decided on those.

**THE CHAIRPERSON:** Let me hear from the minister.

**MR MUSASIZI:** Madam Chairperson, what we are seeking approval for now, are the expenditures, which we incurred within the 3 per cent. We have gone back and forth, as we laboured to explain. However, our prayer is that the House approves this schedule as we presented it because the money is already spent on activities, which are known.

I would like to persuade this House to approve the 3 per cent as presented to you.

**MR MUWANGA KIVUMBI:** Madam Chairperson, I thank you for this opportunity. First, spending the money does not take away our obligation to approve because the Constitution is very clear; that for any item to enter the Appropriation Bill, it must be approved by Parliament.

Therefore, our duty at this moment is to ensure that much as the PFMA gives the minister powers to spend under 3 per cent, the firewall to examine and ensure that the money did

the purpose for which it was intended and that there is value for money, is with this House. That is why we are enjoined with special powers at this moment to reject any figure that we feel does not meet the standards set by the PFMA on what a supplementary should be.

In the wisdom of the Committee on Budget, we looked at various items and found certain items where the minister did not follow the law. He actually abused the law, and he has been doing it with impunity.

I have been here for quite some time and in the Committee on Budget, and I can say that each year, we close our eye and say the minister gets away with it, but this cannot be forever. There comes a time when Parliament must exercise its powers to curtail this impunity, and this is the day.

That is why I concur with Hon. Jonathan that at least, at the bare minimum - I questioned many items in my minority report, which was adopted - where even the majority report concurred with the minority that these items should not be included at this time. This will give Parliament a good standing and history will judge us fairly.

**THE CHAIRPERSON:** Can we hear from the chairperson of the committee? However, before that, honourable members, I advised Hon. Kivumbi last time to bring an amendment to help us know what we should spend within that 3 per cent. This will help us to regulate. Otherwise, if we leave it open the way it is - the law is not there to say, "Spend on this and spend on that." Let us bring an amendment; you had promised to bring it.

**MR MUWANGA KIVUMBI:** Madam Chairperson, I have already drafted the motion. It is with your office. We are only waiting for you to allocate us time. Even if today you want me to seek leave of Parliament, I am ready for it.

**THE CHAIRPERSON:** Bring and seek leave after we have passed this.

**MR MUWANGA KIVUMBI:** However, that being the case, we cannot cover this impunity simply because we are going to amend the law.

**MR OBOTH:** The Constitution provides for you to prescribe any punishments - and, I think the Hon. Basalirwa will agree with me - the law should define and specify it.

I want to seek clarification from Hon. Kivumbi. We may not like what the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development is doing, but then we acknowledge that there is a need for amendment. The guidance of the honourable chairperson of this House is that there is a need to specify what this money - the 3 per cent - is supposed to be spent on so that it is not only left to the minister to choose what to spend on.

Therefore, wouldn't it be fair to resolve the ambiguity in favour of the misbehaving minister - if you want to say so - so that until a specific amendment is made, we would not have the liberty and latitude to sanction, but to be fair to ourselves that we can be much more cordial. This will help us to stop this by bringing a specific provision that would really help. I thought this should go through the microphone, but I share in your concerns.

**THE CHAIRPERSON:** Honourable members - I want to plead with the House - what is being raised is very critical. Much as we have given you the latitude to spend within the 3 per cent, you should be able to know how to spend it. Do not spend on what has been rejected; spend on what has value for money.

What Hon. Odur raised is very important. We need to check ourselves. However, even when doing so, this is the first supplementary I am passing. Hon. Kivumbi, I am pleading with you. Let us pass this supplementary. We will not pass the next if they do not do what the House requires.

I have said this is something that has been ongoing. We have had meetings almost every day with the shadow minister. We agreed that as we begin the Session, we pass this thing and start on a clean note.

**MR MUWANGA KIVUMBI:** Madam Chairperson, I think even the law as it is - Article 156 for which my *learned* friend - no, I won't call him a *learned* friend; I have never been to law school - (*Interjections*) - I was there to only see you. Anyway, the Constitution is very clear before you even go to the Act because it spells out that under the 3 per cent - actually, there is no 3 per cent in the Constitution - for any money that is spent, Parliament will have to approve.

Madam Chairperson, the dilemma is that Parliament spoke in a budget process and rejected expenditure items and told the minister for finance: "Don't go ahead and spend this money." However, on day one of July, they went ahead and disregarded the decision of Parliament.

Even when we want to be human and appeal - and this is not the first. It has happened over and over, and it has now stretched our sympathy beyond the point of satiety and we are saying enough is enough. Therefore, we stand firmly to reject any expenditure that the majority committee rejected.

I am willing to compromise on the expenditures, which I had objected to, and accept that we go with the uniform decisions of the Committee on Budget and of the Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development, that all expenditures, which were rejected by the majority report, should not be included in the Appropriation Act. And my friend, the law speaks volumes about what to do: that officer will be held personally responsible for the loss even when he has left office.

**THE CHAIRPERSON:** We have heard.

**MR BASALIRWA:** Madam Speaker, Hon. Muwanga Kivumbi indicated that the motion is ready. However, I am concerned, Madam Speaker, because there are reports that we read, arising out of the NRM retreat, to the effect that they will no longer support Private Members' motions. Now, a very good development from Hon. Muwanga Kivumbi - and many of us who are engaged in bringing Private Member's Bills -



**THE CHAIRPERSON:** Honourable members, a resolution that was adopted in Kyankwanzi has no effect on the House operations. The right to move a Private Member's Bill is enshrined in Article 94 of the Constitution.

**MR BASALIRWA:** Most obliged, Madam Speaker.

Recurrent expenditure

A total recurrent expenditure of Shs 1,222,531,553,505 only

**THE CHAIRPERSON:** I put the question that a total of Shs 1,222,531,553,505 be appropriated, as recurrent expenditure, for Supplementary Schedule No. 1 for the Financial Year 2022/2023.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

Total development expenditure – Shs 211,638,832,447

**THE CHAIRPERSON:** I put the question that a total sum of Shs 211,638,832,447, be appropriated, as development expenditure, under Supplementary Schedule No. 1 for the Financial Year 2022/2023.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

A total of recurrent and development of Shs 1,434,170,385,952

**THE CHAIRPERSON:** I put the question that a grand total of Shs 1,434,170,385,952 be appropriated, as supplementary expenditure, within the three percent, under Supplementary Expenditure No.1 for the Financial Year 2020/2023.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

#### MOTION FOR OF THE HOUSE TO RESUME

**THE CHAIRPERSON:** Hon. Isaiah, I will give you the chance to raise the point of procedure. Just hold on as I go back to my seat.

4.41

#### **THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL DUTIES)**

**(Mr Henry Musasizi):** Madam Chairperson, I beg to move a motion that the House do resume and the Committee of Supply reports thereto.

**THE CHAIRPERSON:** I put the question that the House resumes and the Committee of Supply reports thereto.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

*(The House resumed, the Speaker, presiding.)*

#### REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

4.43

#### **THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE, PLANNING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL DUTIES)**

**(Mr Henry Musasizi):** Madam Speaker, I beg to report that the Committee of Supply has considered the Supplementary Schedule No.1, Part A, under the 3 per cent, and passed it with no amendments.

#### MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

4.43

#### **MR MUHAMMAD MUWANGAKIVUMBI (NUP, Butambala County, Butambala):**

Madam Speaker, on a point of procedure, I move to recommit – and I appeal to this House for a re-committal. My re-committal is on two items: the Shs 274.9 billion for Atiak and Shs 48 billion for Munyonyo. If you permit me, the reasons are very clear.

Madam Speaker, we have given Atiak a colossal sum of money, now amounting to over Shs 600 billion. However, to the dismay of this country – and I have reports from the MPs who come from that part of the country – there is nothing to show that there is value for money. We have hemorrhaged this country to that extent.

I did a survey and realised that Mr Abid Alam set up a sugar factory and a sugar plantation at a cost of \$52 million. However, here we are pumping almost Shs 600 billion with no single bag of sugar coming from Atiak Sugar Factory yet that factory gets the first call on every Vote under the 3 per cent.

So, I want to move that for us to help this country, going forward, we exclude the money for Atiak and the Shs 48 billion for Munyonyo. The other day I was in Munyonyo. If you look at the small plot of land that has been sold to the Government of Uganda – our children will ask what we were doing and what kind of House sat and approved that money. That is why, I beg you, Madam Speaker, that I move a motion to recommit.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, Hon. Kivumbi is moving a motion that we - you second it.

4.46

**MR IBRAHIM SSEMUJJU (FDC, Kira Municipality, Wakiso):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Parliament approved the money for the construction of a hospital in Lubowa. We were almost at gunpoint because we were being told that they had already made a commitment with Pinetti -

**THE SPEAKER:** Did you see a gun here?

**MR SSEMUJJU:** I am using the meaning in the language -

**THE SPEAKER:** Let us use parliamentary language.

**MR SSEMUJJU:** Madam Speaker, I am looking at the meaning in the language that I am using. Then, we have another lady in Atiak, Amina. Maybe Parliament should interest itself in finding out the relationship of the President, who is proposing these sums of money, with these women – *(Interruption)*

**MR OBOTH:** Madam Speaker, are we proceeding well when you have a motion for

recommittal ably put by Hon. Kivumbi to have the alleged seconder actually debating it?

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, Hon. Muwanga Kivumbi is saying that we should recommit and remove the money. I am going to put the question to this proposal and if you are not in favour of the recommittal, say, “Nay.” Are we together?

Honourable members, I put the question that this House recommits two expenditure items as proposed by Hon. Muwanga Kivumbi.

*(Question put and negatived.)*

MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE  
REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON  
SUPPLY

4.48

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (General Duties) Mr Henry Musasizi:** Madam Speaker, I beg to move a motion that the Report from the Committee of Supply be adopted.

**THE SPEAKER:** I put the question that the House adopts the Report of the Committee of Supply.

*(Question put and agreed to.)*

*Report adopted.*

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, I would like to thank you so much. Tomorrow, the body of the late Lady Justice Amoko-Arach will be brought to the House.

The House is adjourned to tomorrow at 2.00 p.m. Have a blessed evening.

*(The House rose at 4.49 p.m. and adjourned until Wednesday, 21 June 2023, at 2.00 p.m.)*