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*Parliament met at 1.59 p.m. at 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's sitting. As you may recall, on June 5, 2025, the House received the President's State of the Nation Address, in accordance with Article 101 (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1) of the Rules of Procedure, I will allot the Leader of Government Business time to bring a motion for us to be able to debate the State-of-the-Nation Address. The Leader of Government Business is duly informed that they should bring a motion for that, and we will also have a response from the Opposition side.

Honourable members, I am aware that given the prevailing electoral roadmaps, many of you have been involved in electoral-related activities. I would like to congratulate those who made it and those who are yet to make it. Congratulations. *(Applause)* Even those who lost, that is not the end of the world; there will always be a way. Please remain firm, and God will see you through.

During this season, I have been able to move throughout the country, and I found out that the roads are in a sorry state, especially after these rains. You find that some roads are impassable. I went to Hoima, and they were working on the road since the takeover of UNRA, but the dust on the road, you cannot even see a car in front of you. That will cause accidents.

Most of the roads that were being worked on have been abandoned. We may need to have a report from the Ministry of Works and Transport. *(Applause)* The issue has always been that we do not have money. You find that Kampala-Hoima Road is terrible, Kampala-Jinja Road is terrible, Mityana-Mubende Road, Moroto Road, Kafu – all those roads. We would like to understand what is happening. Masaka Road - even connecting from Mbarara to Sheema, the road is bad. You wonder what is happening. We allocate money but the roads are not being worked on. Where is the money going to?

Therefore, we need a statement from the Government on what is happening with the roads. The accidents that are happening – You find that there is a truck that maybe has a mechanical problem, parked with no signs informing road users of an accident or a parked truck, and that causes accidents. We need to handle that to avoid the accidents that are happening in the country, because we are losing a lot of people.

Honourable members, as you may be aware, Uganda, alongside Tanzania and Kenya,

will be hosting CHAN, the African Nations Football Championship, on 2-30 August 2025, which is next week, and that will be a precursor to hosting AFCON 2027.

The issues that are being raised outside, that I got from my office and from you, Members, are that we, as Uganda, are lighting our candle, but the candle is kept under the chair. It is not serving the purpose. The public out there does not know that we are hosting CHAN. So, we may need to hear from the minister in charge of Sports; how ready and prepared are we? This being a House of representatives, we need to get that information for us to be able to give it to the public.

We need to create awareness of how ready we are to host, and we should be able to support our team, Uganda Cranes. Since Uganda Cranes is the first team that is going to play, we should be able to support it. Members from Government, we may also need to get a statement from you on the issue of AFCON.

You are aware that this House passed money that has been invested in infrastructure; the Hoima Stadium, the airfield, Akii-Bua, Namboole, Kyambogo, and all those places. We have put in a lot of money, but we need to understand what is happening, when we are hosting, and how we are hosting. We may need to get that information. If you ask some Members here, are you aware we are hosting CHAN? Members will tell you that they do not know.

Honourable members, I have assessed the status of pending business in the committees, and we noted that we have Bills that are pending. We have the Mortgage Finance Institutions Bill, 2025, which is with the Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development. We have the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Bill, 2024. We also have the Valuation Bill, 2024. We have the Building Control (Amendment) Bill, 2025. We will give the respective committees one week to present all those Bills. I am saying one week because this work was given to you before we went for recess. By Tuesday, those committees should present.

Pursuant to rules 182 and 183 of the Rules of Procedure, all members of the Business Committee are notified of a meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, 30 July 2025, at 9.00 a.m., to discuss parliamentary business in the conference hall. The meeting will prioritise the business for this session. You are all most welcome. Thank you.

Hon. Basalirwa - I mean, Hon. Ssemujju. When you go for campaigns, you tend to forget some names.

2.10

**MR ASUMAN BASALIRWA (JEEMA, Bugiri Municipality, Bugiri):** Madam Speaker, I thank you for your communication. I would like to specifically comment on the African Nations Championship tournament that Uganda is co-hosting.

Your communication made it appear as if the tournament was a month from now. However, as a matter of fact, Uganda's first game against Algeria is on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August – that is next week. To host this tournament is a very important milestone for the country. I am surprised that the Government has not given the tournament the attention it deserves.

None of the media organisations here has received money to advertise this tournament and yet you expect Ugandans to go to the Mandela National Stadium in Namboole to cheer our team, when they are completely ignorant of this tournament. Madam Speaker, why has the Government not taken advertising of this tournament as a top priority?

As we speak, the countryside is not aware, and we cannot be successful unless we have a fan base. We are playing Algeria, a top club on the continent, and yet we rely on home support for us to become victorious. Why have we invested heavily in this tournament if we are not engaging the media? There is no programme.

I do not know whether you have been invited to the official opening ceremony. In my capacity as Chairperson of the Parliamentary Sports Club, I have not been invited. I do not

know whether the Government Chief Whip is invited. I challenge him to say it on the Floor here - Hon. Hamson Obua or the Ministers for Defence or Internal Affairs.

What are we really doing? This has very big potential and we can tap into it. Some of the countries are arriving today for the tournament, but nothing is out there. This is something we need to take very seriously, as a country, for us to take advantage of this opportunity. I thank you, Madam Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you so much. Hon. Government Chief Whip, how come when the Ugandan team is playing ordinary games with other countries, you over advertise but this time we do not see anything? I have not seen any invitation. Who invites? Do they invite? Government -

2.14

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Denis Obua):** Thank you so much, Madam Speaker, and I welcome colleagues back from the recess.

Madam Speaker, you have already guided or directed that the Ministry of Education and Sports should present a statement on the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON), and I believe that will also cover the African Nations Championship (CHAN) because it is a precursor to the Africa Cup of Nations.

That said, the information I have – (*Hon. Ogwang walked in*) –

**THE SPEAKER:** I am happy the minister has just entered. I think he was watching.

**MR OBUA:** May I now leave the Floor for the minister to –

**THE SPEAKER:** Is there any other person who has an issue on that matter so that the minister answers everything at once? [*Hon. Angura rose*] Yes, Hon. Angura.

2.15

**MR FREDRICK ANGURA (NRM, Tororo South County, Tororo):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Allow me, once again, to congratulate colleagues who went through the National Resistance Movement (NRM) Party primary elections, and also those who we are giving hope.

I would like to comment in relation to your remarks, and allow me to start with CHAN. You are aware that I represent the interests of the country as far as promoting intermediaries is concerned, and also promoting scouting. It is true that the world is excited about Uganda hosting CHAN and AFCON, but it is also true that some scouts out there are asking and seeing minimal publicity as far as CHAN is concerned.

What Hon. Asuman Basalirwa has raised is important. Let us step up such that the publicity can go wide and attract many scouts to come and watch the good talent that the country will be providing -

**THE SPEAKER:** Hon. Amero wants clarification.

**MS AMERO:** Madam Speaker, I seek clarification from my colleague, Hon. Fredrick Angura. It has just been said here that the game is not advertised and not very many people are aware that we are having CHAN here. However, Hon. Angura has just said that “the world is excited.” I want to know who is excited.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable minister for Sports, first, I would like to thank you that Uganda is hosting CHAN. We are saying, “You cannot light your candle and leave it under the bed.” It will not serve the purpose. So many people do not know that we are hosting CHAN.

Apart from the other day - I think on Friday - when the President went and launched the ball and the jersey, the people deep down in Bukedea do not get to know what is happening in Kololo.

The issue is a very good idea but in the process of selling Uganda as a country, we must hype up our game by advertising it. We need a fan base, and people need to be aware. To date, I do not even see one billboard that shows that CHAN is being hosted in Uganda. When we were hosting the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), the whole country got to know about it, even when they did not know its meaning.

When we were hosting the Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC), everybody knew about it. They did not know what it meant, but they knew we had CSPOC. What can we do? Do you need our help as Parliament?

2.18

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang):** Madam Speaker, let me first begin by thanking you and the entire House. Specifically, I congratulate my colleagues, particularly we, in the National Resistance Movement, for going through our roadmap. For those who are on the other side of the House, I am happy that we are now here.

As far as this matter is concerned, I would like to thank Parliament for supporting our bid to host AFCON 2027 and CHAN 2024. When I was seated, one of the colleagues asked me, "What is CHAN?" CHAN is simply the African Nations Championship that is under the Confederation of African Football. It is a competition for locally based players.

For instance, this continent, in line with the Confederation of African Football (CAF), came up with a tournament to market our locally-based players who play in our local leagues. That is why this competition was given to us as Uganda. We were awarded the chance to host it in September last year, and this competition was meant to take place last year. No wonder we call it CHAN 2024.

We did plead with CAF to revise it to 2025 but they said, no. This competition has its calendar, which takes place every two years. Therefore, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania got the hosting

rights and that is why I go to a point where the Chief Whip said, "It is also a precursor to the main competition, which we call the Africa Cup of Nations (Afcon) 2027," - to check on our readiness as a country. I specifically want to address ourselves to the three East African countries.

The question is, why there is not much publicity in the media across the entire region? Madam Speaker, there are many factors which I want to state. First, we must look at the hosting rights. This competition was sponsored by the Confederation of African Football. Whatever we try to do as a country, we must work within the confines of the agreement which we signed.

Madam Speaker, for this purpose, we did commit, as a country, to undertake this competition. As of now, we have been mobilising resources internally to work within the agreement which we signed so that we do not infringe - For instance, MTN would be interested in coming to help the government to advertise this competition, but CAF has its own sponsors, which, within that agreement, say, "Please, here, this is where you reach." However, with the limited resources we have, we have started on the process.

Number one, we started with the launch, which I want to thank the Parliament of Uganda and particularly you and the Deputy Speaker. During my speech at Kololo, I recognised the role the Parliament has played in supporting sports development in the country.

Number two, the Deputy Speaker led the team to Cairo, on your behalf, to ensure that we got the hosting rights of this competition, and I am happy with that.

Now, where are we today? This morning, I chaired a meeting specifically to earmark resources after having gotten guidance from the Confederation of African Football - by the way, you might think it is only me, it is across the three East African countries - to specifically come out now with what we do and what we don't have to do in line with that agreement we signed. I want to confirm, Madam Speaker, that

going forward, you are going to see us in full blast in terms of promotion of this competition for purposes of informing the country that we have a football competition in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania, which will begin on the 2nd to the 28th of August in the three East African countries.

Therefore, honourable colleagues, I invite you to come and cheer on our national team, the Uganda Cranes.

**THE SPEAKER:** When is our national team playing?

**MR OGWANG:** Our first game is on the fourth.

**THE SPEAKER:** How do Ugandans in Katakwi get to know?

**MR OGWANG:** Madam Speaker, as of this morning -

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable minister, just a minute. We have requested something small; advertise the game between our national team and the other team that is playing. I do not think CAF will restrict you from advertising that we have our game on this day. All we want is to support our game. It is about Uganda.

**MR OGWANG:** Madam Speaker, as of this morning, the meeting I chaired was specifically to earmark resources to advertise these games for Uganda. I want to confirm that we have already earmarked those resources to put up adverts to run across the country. I thank you.

**THE SPEAKER:** There is a clarification from the two. Yes?

**MR NDYOMUGYENYI:** Thank you so much, Madam Speaker. The minister is saying that he chaired a meeting this morning to earmark resources. Was he aware that these games were going to take place, or was he just made aware this morning or yesterday that these games are going to take place in August 2025?

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Hon. Sseggona?

**MR LUBEGA-SSEGGONA:** Madam Speaker, thank you very much. I am concerned. My young brother having competed - I congratulate him, by the way, upon defeating Mr Mulalu - but having competed against Mr Mulalu, I am concerned that the minister is avoiding a very critical issue. How did you end up signing a document that binds us not to advertise even within our jurisdiction? In other words, looking out for potential sponsors in this - maybe it was during this time that you were competing with Mr Mulalu. *(Laughter)*

**MR OGWANG:** Madam Speaker, you know, there are certain things which we laugh at. I do not want to talk about Mr Mulalu because I do not know the meaning of that name, but Hon. Sseggona knows better than I. Let me address myself to -

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable minister, we are not asking for too much. The fact is that this Parliament has a stake in whatever is happening. As representatives of the people, we want the public to know that we shall have a tournament in this country. This game is very important for a country, and since our team is playing first, can we let the fans know that we will have a game on such a date? You will find an empty stadium even if you do not charge anybody. People will not go because they were not informed. We are requesting you to hype up your game. We need a commitment from you that by tomorrow, we want everybody in Kampala to know that there is a CAF tournament.

**MR OGWANG:** Madam Speaker, I want to repeat and to confirm that as far as the competition of African Championship 2024 is concerned, we have started with a total media campaign to encourage and call upon all Ugandans to come and support and watch the Uganda Cranes and other teams which are coming to play in a group fixture which has been scheduled in Uganda.

Number two, I also want to inform my colleague that it is not true that I came to know



about this today. I am the Minister of Sports, and I have been part and parcel of the entire process right from when the bid was made up to the stage where we are today.

I want to tell you that, like Hon. Ssegona brought it forward, there are certain things which I can do directly as a minister responsible, but there are also certain things which indirectly hamper my work in line with the continental obligations between the Government and the Confederation of African Football.

For this purpose, friends, you know my capability. I want to encourage you - Madam Speaker, as I sum up, I call upon Parliament - to be honest, please, the competition is here. Come and watch the game.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable minister, we are not going to be your spokespersons. Advertise the games. We are not going to allow you to use Parliament to call the public. Do what is requested of you. Tomorrow, we want to see the town coloured.

**MR OGWANG:** Madam Speaker, as I sum up, I want to confirm - some of us who come from Entebbe must have seen right from the airport that we have put up billboards. For some of us who are in the city here, the work is going on. On media: radios and televisions, I want to confirm that we are going to put adverts and the production is already ongoing. On social media, name it; it is all over there. The only challenge which has not been there is maybe in the countryside but in the capital, we are there. I thank you so much.

**THE SPEAKER:** There is Hon. Kimosho and Hon. Avur.

**MR KIMOSHO:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. My issue is not about CHAN. I think the minister has indirectly pleaded with us that we give him time -

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable minister, you have indirectly pleaded with the House that you have not done what is expected. We will want a report from you tomorrow and evidence

that this is happening. We should be able to see, as we move out, that this is what is happening, and that is that. It is all for the good of Uganda.

**MR OGWANG:** Madam Speaker, most obliged. I will bring a report tomorrow to inform the House on how far we have come, where we are, and where we intend to be. For purposes of the adverts, we will also do it. I thank you so much. I want to thank Parliament for always being there for me. I would like to reiterate that I invite you to come and watch our first game on 4<sup>th</sup> August in Namboole at 8.00 p.m. Thank you very much.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Hon. Kimosho.

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**MR DAN ATWIJUKIRE KIMOSHO (NRM, Kazo County, Kazo):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. In the same spirit, I want to congratulate my honourable colleagues, especially those from the National Resistance Movement (NRM), that have been undertaking the process of our primaries.

Madam Speaker, allow me to make a simple comment about the issue that you talked about of roads. (*Interjections*) As we were breaking off our last session, you instructed the minister to come here and bring a report. That report was lacking because it was so general.

Madam Speaker, the issue of roads is so serious that it is making our Government look very ugly. When we were handling rationalisation, at some point, I thought someone had planned to overthrow this Government by taking a wrong decision. No wonder, the Minister of State for Works, Hon. Ecweru has become a victim -

**THE SPEAKER:** Hon. Atwijukire is the Chairperson of the Committee on Physical Infrastructure.

**MR KIMOSHO:** Madam Speaker, I will give you an example. I have a road in my place but for the last three months, they have been telling us, "The documents are ready and the contract is awarded. We are waiting for a call-

off". Every time you ask, they tell you, "We are following up the papers. We do not know where the papers disappeared".

Madam Speaker, what kind of ministry is this where papers disappear for two months and a call-off cannot be released? People are speculating that it is Parliament that is sharing money for roads. We have been making rounds in these constituencies and theories have developed. Madam Speaker, there are roads that are supposed to be under routine maintenance at least once or twice a year but no one has maintained them. The rumourmongering – and nature does not allow vacuum because no one explains this problem. People are saying that Parliament is sharing money for roads.

Madam Speaker, someone must come out otherwise when someone in my village in Kazo does not see a road, they look at a Member of Parliament. You do not explain anything - When they come here, they start speaking in tongues with no solutions, no way forward, no timelines; nothing absolutely.

Madam Speaker, you invited the minister to give a report. However, I request that the report classify the highway roads. In fact, for roads that have loans, the report should classify their performance, the routine maintenance, how many have contracts, how many have call-offs, how many have nothing, so that people know that there is absolutely nothing so they stop counting this mess on Members of Parliament. Thank you very much.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Honourable members, you will even find that the money that we send for the maintenance of roads that were meant to be under the Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA); they are not being maintained. We do not know who is supposed to maintain those roads. Since UNRA is no more, who is supposed to maintain the roads?

2.32

**MS JANE AVUR PACUTO (NRM, Woman Representative, Pakwach):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to make a comment on your remarks this morning on the issue of roads.

**THE SPEAKER:** I made them this afternoon. (*Hon. Ssemujju rose*)

**MS PACUTO:** This afternoon, I am sorry. Madam Speaker, I agree with the Chairperson of the Committee on Physical Infrastructure on the issue of Central Government roads. We did rationalise UNRA here painfully - We even now bear more pain as Members of Parliament.

Madam Speaker, you mentioned that you moved on a number of roads, mainly in Western Uganda, but how I wish you had moved on the roads in Northern Uganda. Start with the road from Karuma to Pakwach. You cannot believe what is on the road. The grass has grown taller than I am, and the potholes -

Madam Speaker, in Pakwach District, on the road from Panyimur-Pakwach-Wadelai, we have lost people within this period of time. We reallocated money to the Ministry of Works and Transport almost four months ago, but nobody has taken the time to explain to Ugandans why UNRA roads are not being worked on. What could be the gaps? What is more painful is that it is we, Members of Parliament, who carried the cross during the primaries.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, we are going to ask the minister to bring a report on the roads. Hon. Ojok. Remember, these unpaid monies accrue interest, and those interests are still paid by the Government. Yes, Hon. Ojok.

2.36

**MR ANDREW OULANYAH OJOK (NRM, Omoro County, Omoro):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Allow me to thank Members for coming back. As the minister brings the report, there is a road I think they have forgotten about and for the last five years, it has become a death-trap, never maintained. That is the road that leaves Corner Minja up to Cwero; the road to Kitgum. It is the road that connects Omoro to Kitgum. That road has become a death-trap. I would like to remind the minister that, that road exists and it is in a very bad shape.

Madam Speaker, they have talked so much about the issue of maintenance of roads but the Moroto Road that you mentioned slightly

is another death-trap. I request the minister to help us look into that.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Government Chief Whip, I hope you are taking notes. Hon. Nyakato and then Hon. Ssewungu.

2.38

**MS ASINANSI NYAKATO (FDC, Woman Representative, Hoima City):** Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. We have a bridge which is in a very sorry state; from Kampala Highway to Hoima and that is, Kafu Bridge. This bridge has a very deep hole and you can see the water flowing.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, Hon. Fred is here.

**MS ASINANSI NYAKATO:** I want to bring it to the attention of the Minister of Works and Transport and ask when they are going to rehabilitate Kafu Bridge. Otherwise, it is a death-trap for our people. On that bridge, you can see the water flowing in the river yet big vehicles cross over the bridge. Thank you very much.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, I know all of you have issues on roads. Can I request all of you to raise your issues on the roads and give them to Hon. Fred.

Hon. Fred, capture what Members have written to you and bring a presentation to this House on the issue of the roads so that we handle the specifics. Otherwise, you may bring a blank statement that may say, we do not have money, we do not have this and that yet we know very well there are roads where you even have money that has been given to you.

Honourable minister, we know very well that there are people who have worked and you have not issued their certificates. At the end of the day, those certificates accrue interest. There is a procedural matter.

**MS OPENDI:** Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I would also like to add my voice to congratulate you, Madam Speaker, for going

through unopposed and other honourable colleagues who have so far made it.

Madam Speaker, before we adjourned, this matter on roads was raised, and the minister was directed to bring a statement. In today's Order Paper, item four, the minister is expected -

Madam Speaker, would it not be procedurally right for us to wait for the minister's presentation and then we react thereafter?

**THE SPEAKER:** Members are reacting to my communication, so it does not cause any harm even when he is going to present. Yes, Hon. Kateshumbwa.

**MR SSEMURU:** Madam Speaker, I would like to thank you very much because you have given me the opportunity. *(Laughter)*

I join you, Madam Speaker, in congratulating honourable colleagues in the NRM. I want to be very careful to use the words of Hon. Ogwang for implementing their roadmap; that is the word he used. *(Laughter)*

My concern, Madam Speaker, is the welfare and safety of Members. Even in our rules, it is a very serious matter. We have colleagues who were bruised in those elections. Hon. Ssekikubo was shot at; he is here. I saw clips where Hon. Aisa Agaba was being roughed up. The Prime Minister was slapped. *(Laughter)*

Political parties are public institutions; that is why we devote money to them. Although it can be described as internal, elections in political parties are a national and public matter. Can we get the Government to explain these messy elections in which our own colleagues were roughed up and beaten? Hon. Ssekikubo survived.

Can we get the Government to tell us what happened in the NRM primaries, for which we pass money every year here, and give us the assurance that having served themselves with these sort of elections in which we congratulate those who survived, they are not going to



serve the country with the same elections, in which the first message of congratulation is for surviving? Madam Speaker, can we get the Government to explain, but also listen to colleagues like Hon. Ssekikubo who nearly died?

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, we are aware that every political party has internal systems and the issues of NRM will internally be resolved by NRM. We are going to discuss matters concerning the country here. It is criminal to rough up or try to shoot anybody. Where we feel we are unfairly treated, that is why we have courts of law.

For now, since the tribunal of NRM is handling these matters, we should leave it to it – (*Hon. Ssemujju rose*) Clarification on what?

**MR SSEMUJJU:** Madam Speaker, we pay money to run political parties.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, in the public gallery this afternoon, we have pupils and teachers of Camp Deborah Learners' School from Wakiso. They are represented by Hon. Ssemujju Nganda and Hon. Naluyima. You are most welcome; thank you so much for coming.

We also have, in the public gallery, pupils and teachers of Nakasero Primary School, represented by Hon. Muhammad Nsereko and Hon. Malende. You are most welcome. (*Applause*)

We also have, in the VIP gallery this afternoon, Ms Gloria Laker Adiiki Aciro, a Ugandan award-winning journalist and recipient of the Luxembourg Peace Award 2025, for promoting peace journalism and covering the LRA war in northern Uganda. You are most welcome; thank you so much for coming. (*Applause*) She is accompanied by her family to observe the proceedings of Parliament. Join me in welcoming them. (*Applause*) Thank you so much. Yes?

2.44

**MR DICKSONS KATESHUMBWA (NRM, Sheema Municipality, Sheema):** Madam Speaker, I would like to add to the issue of roads. What we need to hear from the ministries of works and finance is, what happened to the budget that we allocated to the roads? Most of us who come from the districts know that some of the funds for the last quarter were not released for maintenance.

We would like to know; after rationalisation, what happened to the money that we had budgeted for under the Road Fund? What about the money that was allocated under UNRA? Did the ministry receive it or not?

Secondly, do we still have axle control limits in this country because we have raised this before? Some of our feeder roads are being destroyed by Sino trucks; they are too heavy. In some of our constituencies, there are no more bridges. We have raised this before, but no one is coming out to regulate heavily loaded trucks that are damaging our roads.

Finally, honourable minister, you need to give us assurance. The Rt Hon. Speaker talked about the issue of road safety. We used to have a unit under UNRA on road safety. When you go around the country, for example Mbarara–Bushenyi Road, they have been doing road repairs. However, they jump here and repair a pothole there, but there seems to be no one in charge of supervision or even making sure that they put road safety markers. As a result, we have lost people to accidents when these roads are being repaired.

As you come here with a statement, tell us what is happening so that we can assure our people that the ministry is fully in charge and that you actually received the funds that we allocated. If you did not, then let us ask the Minister of Finance to tell us what happened to the funds that we voted for the ministry.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Hon. Mpuuga?

**MR MPUUGA:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I join you in welcoming back the Members from the recess. I have a small procedural matter. Hon. Ssemujju, of course, spiced and peppered his submission on the NRM election; that is not where I am going. Since the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs is in the House, the last time he was here and the elections and their manner of handling were an issue, he committed that he will come to the House with a Bill that will help us run electronic voting.

It is a few months to the national election, and the minister has never come back to say he failed, whether there is something he is cooking or whether his cooking got burned.

Madam Speaker, it is very true to form that the NRM election cannot be looked at in isolation as a rehearsal that left dust in its wake. The NRM, as a party that runs the State, cannot be ignored when they run their election that way.

Hon. Mao, the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs and a former victim –(*Laughter*)- yes; I am using this word on purpose. A former victim of wrongly-managed elections committed to the House that he is working on something that will help us overcome the problems of wrongly-managed elections, multiple voting and so on.

Madam Speaker, this morning, I was speaking to a friend from the NRM, and he said that he actually won but was not declared because the votes were counted in base 10. (*Laughter*) He won the election, but the tallying never got him the victory because they were counted in base 10.

Will Hon. Mao assure the House that the next election will be electronic and therefore easy to follow, so that we do not get another form of base 10 counting of votes? Electronic voting is a form of ensuring transparency in voting and tallying. Will the minister rise and inform the country of the status quo or prepare our backs for the worst?

**THE SPEAKER:** I will give time to the minister to respond to you. Let us first have Hon. Ssewungu.

2.49

**MR JOSEPH SSEWUNGU (NUP, Kalungu West County, Kalungu):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to seek guidance from the Ministry of Works and Transport with regard to taking immediate action. Funds were released, and for the first time, I saw the Permanent Secretary and Secretary to the Treasury (PS/ST), having an occasion to release funds to run the next quarter.

We have called the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Works and Transport, and I have asked him to give me fuel so that the district's equipment can be used to repair some of our roads. However, the PS says they do not have any money.

When UNRA was being rationalised, they said we were hoping for the best. Here we are, with one of the biggest regions voting for the NRM with the biggest numbers, namely Western Uganda, and they are crying like the rest of us in other areas of Uganda.

This is very painful. You should not be crying - Hon. Kateshumbwa, and the others - because you are at home. When we get statements, I agree with them, but sometimes statements keep us waiting.

What is happening with the roads? Your Members of Parliament are struggling and receiving numerous questions that they cannot answer. Therefore, failures of the Ministry of Works and Transport have boomeranged on Members of Parliament.

As they bring their statements, let us see what they are doing. What is happening is that we, in our small districts like Kalungu where we do not have a single tarmac road, our only road of survival is the main road within the district. The Ministers of Works and Transport are not picking up our calls. It is painful. The PS picks calls but he says I have nothing to do. Therefore, I told him, Mr PS, come and

explain to my people of Kalungu why you are not working on our roads.

He said he could not. I pray that as Members cry from their primaries and others, your crying should be based on the poor maintenance of roads within the Government you are supporting.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you.

**MR SSEWUNGU:** Thank you.

**THE SPEAKER:** As somebody said, Ministry of Works and Transport, you are making us look ugly. You are making the Government look ugly because the roads are not being worked on. We give out money for roads, so we need a solution to that. Yes, Hon. Ababiku.

2.52

**MS JESCA ABABIKU (NRM, Woman Representative, Adjumani):** Thank you so much, Madam Speaker, for the opportunity. You hinted on your tour, though you did not go physically, but your office went to Madi Subregion. From Obongi to Adjumani, they took three hours instead of only 30 minutes. Therefore, I am requesting that the Minister of Works and Transport takes special interest on our connection from Obongi to Adjumani district. The Sinyanya Road is very bad.

We also need to take special interest on culverts and bridges. Some roads are just cut off because we do not have culverts and bridges. Let the Minister of Works and Transport bring a special report on culverts and bridges.

Lastly, you reminded us of the electoral road map for general elections. Apart from the issues of the roads, there are service points that we also need to talk about, especially in the areas of education. One of the issues that challenges us so seriously is performance in education. Many of the schools do not exist in our parishes. The schools to be coded in some of our subcounties are not coded; for example, in Ituji, in Arinyapi Subcounty, we have Itoasi. We have been requesting it, but it has never come to implementation.

We have one in Arinyapi Subcounty. We have another one in Ofua, Dzaipi. The issues of service delivery need to be discussed before we go to the final point of the general elections; otherwise, they will hit us like the roads.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, I am going to allot time on Thursday for us to discuss issues of service delivery in terms of roads, health, and education.

Therefore, Government Chief Whip, make sure that all your ministers are here to answer the questions of Members. Most of the Members are blaming the losses on the issue of service delivery. Hon. Seki, I was about to call you the other name. *(Laughter)* *(Hon. Ssekikubo rose)*

Maybe first of all, before you speak, because you may spoil our discussions - when you look at Section 12(1)(g) of the Electoral Commission Act, it gives you a wide range of what should be done. You may not need the law, but you need the regulations for you to be able to do that. Maybe the minister -

2.56

**THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS (Mr Nobert Mao):** Madam Speaker, lawyers normally do not ask questions whose answers they do not know. As a lawyer, the Hon. Mathias Mpuuga already knows the answer to the question he has asked. Therefore, let me do this for record purposes.

The policy of the Government right now is to use biometric data verification. As I talk, procurement is going on to ensure that there are two machines for every polling station. The reason is, we tested the batteries and found that, given the vagaries of weather and perhaps unforeseen circumstances, the batteries may not last for the entire duration. We studied that from Ghana.

The Electoral Commission is working on both the hardware and the software to ensure biometric voter verification so as to deal with the problem of ballot stuffing and multiple voting. That is the update I wish to give.

Therefore, rest assured, there will be biometric voter verification in the 2026 General Elections. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** I am not sure if you have answered his question. His question is - we are all aware that we are going to have a biometric election. We are going to use the machines for voting. His question was that you promised to bring a law for that.

**MR MAO:** Madam Speaker, I wish I were a dictator who could issue decrees. This law is right now in the Cabinet and that is the only update I can give. When the Cabinet has finished its role, it will be brought before this House.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable minister, in March 2020, there was an amendment of the Electoral Commission Act, which was done in this House, which allowed the EC to use an electronic system. What is required in this House? As I have said already, under Section 12, what you may require is only to bring the regulations, not the law. Kindly first go and check the law. We shall discuss that tomorrow. Next.

**MR SSEMUJJU:** Madam Speaker, I thought the minister was giving me a way to seek clarification.

**THE SPEAKER:** No, the minister was already seated. Minister, bring a response to that tomorrow.

2.58

**MR THEODORE SSEKIKUBO (NRM, Lwemiyaga County, Ssembabule):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be careful not to go through the matters that could be internal affairs to the NRM, which will probably be handled by the Tribunal, but there are those broad issues that are cross-cutting, and on which side of the aisle you stand; they are here for Ugandans. As a result, I will talk about those that concern all of us, irrespective.

The issue about violence meted out to the voters, and the systematic way – I pity and I

do not envisage what is coming, whereby, for instance, there was a communication blackout, telephone masts were hacked, and we could not communicate, some were vandalised, and those who were able to communicate were communicating using military walkie-talkies. They continued communicating on walkie-talkies, whereas we had a communication blackout, the ordinary one we use.

We had more than 40 vans commonly known as “drones” and double cabins with covered number plates. On top of the people who were dressed in civilian clothes in those vehicles, there was the outright use of military vehicles, particularly the notorious lorry, H4DF 3329, with the combat-ready soldiers driving around in support of the *Nkoni* Squad (people who are wielding sticks), using live ammunition, and the creation of a barracks, that is not known in our policy statements, because barracks are set up by the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, but in the Lwemiyaga case, a barracks was set up to incarcerate abducted election coordinators and agents. That cannot be an individual or Gen. Rwashande’s action; it has now moved from individual competition to adversaries, to enemies, to belligerents.

In a country where there is no insurgency, there is no activity to warrant the establishment of a military barracks. Sadly, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April, we were having a peaceful rally, and soldiers came driving in a military truck – the H4DF 3329 – disembarked, and started shooting at us. They shot down and up, changing magazines. At that time, once you were being shot at from a distance of five metres, you could not run; you stood to die.

You could not run – I cannot say I was strong-hearted, but it did not give one room to run, even if one wanted to. There was this young man who said, “Honourable, they have come to kill you.” He came and stood in front of me, and I thought – I pushed him away, saying “*Nvaako*”, meaning “Get away from me,” because he had life. Little did I know that as I was pushing him, a bullet hit my finger, and it took him, shattered his heart, and he collapsed. He died on the spot. That bullet was meant for

me because my yellow movement shirt was splattered with the blood of Fred Ssembusi.

It is agonising that you cannot sleep to know you would not be here, you would be dead. You cannot be sure you would be here. I knew I would be dead once you realise the circumstances of Fred Ssembusi's death, but most painful, the culprit, Lt Zziwa, who came aboard that truck and was commanding – at first, he did not have the rifle in his hands. He moved and picked one from one of the soldiers. He came and held it under his armpit, and he turned and released the bullet that shot Ssembusi.

The issue of the killer soldier, Lt Zziwa, maintained his barracks at Lwemiyaga. He continues there, and today he is in Lwemiyaga. He is the same Zziwa who shot at us on the 17<sup>th</sup> while we were having NRM primaries, shattering the glass of my vehicle. The same person is untouchable. I remember at the burial of Ssembusi, the Commandant of the Mechanised Division Masaka, Maj. Gen. Sunday assured the mourners that Lt Zziwa was being held by the army for interrogation. It was a lie. He is still around. He shot at me on the 17<sup>th</sup> again. Even in the chairman's elections, he was still there commanding the operations.

Those who know the President's intolerance of the use of a gun, how did we arrive at this? For a person to kill, injure an MP, but also there is another, Moses Tebingana, who had eight stitches on his head. He was lucky that the bullet went through the skin of his head. It is his vein that got ruptured. It bled for two days, but now he is okay. How come the guns that are supposed to be protecting civilians are being turned against the people?

Madam Speaker, when all this is said and done, the level of impunity, the soldiers who retired to command, they were not merely opponents, but they took command of the UPDF. There is Gen. Phinehas Katirima, and he is the one who abducted the polling officials and removed the election materials –

But the last one, Madam Speaker, before the last election, the Inspector General of Police, Mr Abbas Byakagaba, came to Ssembabule and assured all of us that the President of Uganda, His Excellency President Yoweri Museveni, had taken a decision to withdraw the army and allow the police to take the lead but what we witnessed was the total reverse. The army came back with vengeance. I remember when they were shooting at us, the police ran away. They abandoned us, and wherever the army could appear, the police would somehow find their way out and drive away.

We have generals, Gen. Phinehas Katirima, Gen. Emmanuel Rwashande, who is a candidate, but has turned into commanding the UPDF. He is the one who ordered Zziwa to go and clear us, and when the officer reported back to him, he said, "I thought you had killed someone, you killed a dog". That Ssekikubo was never killed because somebody else was killed –

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Hon. Ssekikubo, the statement that you are giving is under Rule 57 – that is a personal explanation. We are talking about people who are not in the House. Bring that personal explanation, we will look at it, then we shall give you a chance to present it to the House, but that does not mean – can you sit down? That does not mean that we should not investigate this.

We will ask the Government to investigate this. However, I need a personal explanation from you, we go through it, and then give you space to present.

**MR SSEKIKUBO:** I thank you, Madam Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** Next item – the Leader of the Opposition (LOP) has something to say. Hon. Asuman, sit down.

3.10

**THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (Mr Joel Ssenyonyi):** Madam Speaker, I thank you for your communication. First, it was about the roads. I am glad that we are on the same page, even with honourable colleagues, now.



A couple of months ago, we were here talking about the shambolic state of our roads in Kampala and different parts of the country. Some honourable colleagues said we were politicising these matters but the reality is that our roads are in a mess. During our Alternative Ministerial Policy Statement presentations, specifically the one on roads, we said that “Let us inject more money to fix and maintain our roads.” That has got to be done.

Madam Speaker, while some roads are in a bad state, there are those that are totally impassable. For some districts in this country, one cannot easily cross over to another. Where there is meant to be a bridge, it broke down a long time ago, and so, there is a total disconnect between one district and another. We need to fix these issues. When we talk about them, honourable colleagues, stop saying this is politics. It is not because we are all affected. We hope that the Government will wake up to the reality to fix these issues.

Madam Speaker, I want to again join you in – I do not know whether to congratulate honourable colleagues who went through their processes successfully. The reason is that we are waiting for them around the corner – *(Laughter)* – enjoy that win while it lasts because we are surely waiting for you. I commiserate with those who did not make it. May the good Lord strengthen you.

It is important for our electoral processes, first of all, to be violence-free. We have been talking about honourable colleagues that survived violence like Hon. Ssekikubo and others; the Prime Minister was slapped, punched or both but at least she is alive. Several people died during these National Resistance Movement (NRM) primaries in various districts and we are yet to see justice prevail.

Many times, people are killed, and we easily move on. This has got to stop. I condemn this. Even though those who died are NRM supporters, they are Ugandans. We hope that whoever participated in these killings gets to be brought to book. If that does not happen, we are going to see a repeat or even worse, in

the upcoming general elections; so, action has got to be taken. Those who killed, now that it was just during the NRM primaries, on a grand scale, it is probably going to be worse. We have got to condemn this, and action has to be taken.

We have said repeatedly that it is important for our democratic processes to exude integrity. Some honourable colleagues laugh at those issues. They say, “You, the Opposition people, each time you talk about this, it is because you are always losing.” I saw powerful people like ministers crying, saying they had been rigged out. These are things that we have always talked about. Of course, now it is happening in your home, but that is what happens nationally.

We need to work towards electoral process integrity. We are waiting for the regulations coming from the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, but even if we were to follow our current jurisprudence as it is, to the letter, our laws do not allow, for example, for the military to get involved in electoral processes. However, the military keeps getting involved at every turn. We saw what happened in the Kawempe by-elections. That has got to stop. It does not have to wait for the amendment of a certain law or whatever. It is already a law in place. Can we execute it that way?

Honourable colleagues on this side, whenever we talk about these things, some of you say, “Well, the Opposition, you are crying as usual”, but that is what happens. When a boat is sinking, no one in it is safe. That is what is happening now. You need to join us and say we need to have integrity in our – all of us have to speak in unison. We need to have integrity in our democratic processes. When it happens to us, and you laugh about it, it will come.

When this boat is sinking, regardless of where you are seated – I am told that in these boat cruises, there is first class, business, and economy. Even if you are in the business or first class of that sinking boat, you will sink – *(Interruption)*

The minister is asking for clarification. With the Speaker’s permission, I can take it.

**THE SPEAKER:** Yes, honourable minister?

**MR PETER OGWANG:** Madam Speaker, I thank the Leader of the Opposition for allowing me to seek clarification. He has kept on alluding to a boat, which is sinking. Can I get to know from him: is it the National Unity Platform (NUP) boat?

**MR SSENYONYI:** I can clarify. The primaries where people have been killed, including Members here being bruised, were NRM primaries. I think I have clarified. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, we will not discuss those issues. As I said before, there are internal processes. Leave it to the party. Hon. Oboth?

3.15

**THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS (Mr Jacob Oboth):**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. You had guided us to leave internal party issues to those who are concerned –

**THE SPEAKER:** That is an indoor management role.

**MR OBOTH:** I see some of the honourable colleagues who cannot even go through a primary of 10 people talking. *(Laughter)*

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Honourable members, I need a report of an investigation into Hon. Ssekikubo's issue. Government, we will give you two months. Next item.

#### BILLS FIRST READING

##### THE FORENSIC AND SCIENTIFIC ANALYTICAL SERVICES BILL, 2025

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, pursuant to Article 91(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda and Rule 134 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament, I will invite the Minister of Internal Affairs to table the Bill for First Reading. Honourable minister? Can we have the report first?

3.18

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS (Gen. David Muhoozi):**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. In accordance with Rule 134 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament, I beg to move that the Bill entitled, "The Forensic and Scientific Analytical Services Bill, 2025" be read for the first time. It is accompanied by a Certificate of Financial Implications in keeping with the Public Finance Management Act and Rule 124 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament. I beg to lay both.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, pursuant to Rule 135 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament, the Bill stands referred to the Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs for expeditious consideration.

#### MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE STATE OF ROADS AND STATUS OF ROAD PROJECTS IN THE COUNTRY

**THE SPEAKER:** Can we defer that and have designations first made? Because we will have an extensive discussion on the issue of the roads.

#### DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO SECTORAL COMMITTEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES 195 AND 196 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, as you are aware that the membership of the sectoral committees is sessional; when we started the Fifth Session, we asked Members to apply to the leadership of the parties on where they would feel comfortable and competent to be in. This is guided by Rules 164, 195, and 196 of the Rules of Procedure.

We expect the Party Whips under Rule 16(2) (d) of the Rules of Procedure to come and designate their members. We have the Whip of the National Resistance Movement(NRM) Party, the Opposition, the Independents, and the Uganda People's Defence Forces(UPDF).

Hon. Peter Ogwang will read out my honourable members who are Independent. I am the Whip

of the Independents, and I give to anybody I feel like. Let us start with the Government, then the Opposition. Government Chief Whip, I request that you read all the sectoral committees, and we designate them at once. (*Hon. Ssemujju rose*)

Honourable members, when the session is flowing and you bring in procedure, it disorganises the person who will read this *Hansard* in the future. Is it a procedure on the designation?

**MR SSEMUJJU:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. The procedural issue for which I am seeking your guidance is on the matters we have raised. You set an investigation into Hon. Ssekikubo, yet these matters are not Ssembabule.

For example, you had the Minister of State for Defence, Hon. Oboth-Oboth, using a UPDF chopper in his NRM election. I do not know whether a chopper is an NRM equipment. Therefore, the procedural issue I am raising is whether you should not allow an investigation into the messy NRM primaries.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, what is going to be investigated are matters of criminality, but matters of internal processes will be handled by the NRM party. If Hon. Oboth Oboth used a chopper, it is his right; he is a minister of that department. Why don't you question when I use it? If you also want it, ask and you will be given. That is getting too personal; yes, Hon. Obua?

**MR OBOTH:** For the record, I am not a minister of state. I know Hon. Ssemujju, you don't want me to be the minister at all. But by God's grace, I am the Cabinet Minister of Defence. And there is no record that I used the chopper for my primaries.

One of the equipment I have as a minister includes vehicles, helicopters and Sukhois. (*Laughter*)

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, can we have your attention?

3.25

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Hamson Obua):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Pursuant to Rules 16(2)(d), 195, and 196 of our Rules of Procedure of Parliament and following the approval by the Central Executive Committee of the National Resistance Movement, I move that the following Members be designated to the following committees as leaders and members, respectively:

Committee on Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries

Hon. Auma Linda Agnes – Chairperson.

Hon. Hope Grania Nakazibwe – Vice-Chairperson.

Members

1. Hon. Edson Rugumayo
2. Hon. David Muhumuza
3. Hon. Christine Akello
4. Hon. Ephraim Biraaro
5. Hon. Dorcas Acen
6. Hon. Komol Joseph Miidi
7. Hon. Lematia John
8. Hon. Locap Peterkhen
9. Hon. Stephen Kagwera
10. Hon. Robert Migadde
11. Hon. John Baptist Lokii
12. Hon. Anthony Esenu
13. Hon. Jennifer Driwaru
14. Hon. Anywar Ricky Richard
15. Hon. Enock Nyongore
16. Hon. Mary Begumisa
17. Hon. Rachel Magoola
18. Hon. Esther Mbayo
19. Hon. Anthony Okullo
20. Hon. Judith Alyek
21. Hon. Akello Christine
22. Hon. Rwakoojo Robina Gureme
23. Hon. Gideon Thembo
24. Dr Emmanuel Otaala.

The Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industry

1. Hon. Sylvia Nayebele – Chairperson; and
2. Hon. Okot Boniface Henry – Deputy Chairperson.

## Members

1. Hon. Mourine Oso
2. Hon. Alfred Edakasi
3. Hon. Bright Tom Amooti
4. Hon. Richard Gafabusa
5. Hon. Mbwarekamwa Gaffa
6. Hon. Jane Awich
7. Hon. Pauline Kemirembe
8. Hon. Ronald Afidra
9. Hon. Were Godfrey Otero
10. Hon. Avako Melsa
11. Hon. Harriet Businge
12. Hon. Aleper Margaret.

## The Committee on Health

1. Dr Joseph Ruyonga – Chairperson; and
2. Dr Opio Samuel Acuti – Deputy Chairperson.

## Members

1. Hon. Isaac Otimgiw
2. Hon. Chelain Betty
3. Hon. Benard Kirya Sekyanzi
4. Hon. Sarah Netalisire
5. Hon. John Paul Ninkusiima
6. Hon. Kamateneti Joselyn
7. Hon. Laker Sharon Balmoyi
8. Hon. Margaret Ayebare
9. Hon. Nebanda Florence Andiru
10. Hon. Dr Bhoka Didi George
11. Hon. Dr Ruyonga Joseph
12. Hon. Dr Rutahigwa Elisa
13. Hon. Bebona Babungi Josephine

Hon. Ruyonga is out because he is already the chairperson.

## Committee on Education and Sports

1. Hon. James Kubeketerya – Chairperson
2. Hon. Asiimwe Molly Musiime – Deputy Chairperson
3. Hon. Patrick Bingi Nyanzi – Member
4. Hon. Mutumba Abdul – Member
5. Hon. Lokwang Phillips Ilukor – Member
6. Hon. Katusime Annette Mugisha – Member
7. Hon. Acibu Agnes – Member
8. Hon. Karubanga Jacob Ateenyi – Member
9. Hon. Etuka Isaac Joakino – Member
10. Hon. Joram Ruranga – Member

11. Hon. Acon Julius Bua – Member
12. Hon. Nyakato Dorothy – Member
13. Hon. Lomwar Ismail – Member
14. Hon. Timuzigu Michael – Member
15. Hon. Linda Irene – Member
16. Hon. Agnes Kirabo – Member
17. Hon. Paparu Lillian Obiale – Member
18. Hon. Janet Okori-Moe – Member
19. Hon. Twesigye John – Member

## Committee on Gender, Labour and Social Development

1. Hon. Abwooli Kunihira Agnes – Chairperson
2. Hon. Laura Kanushu – Deputy Chairperson

## The members are:

3. Hon. Rosemary Nyakikongoro
4. Hon. Kitanywa Sowedi
5. Hon. Kesande Grace,
6. Hon. Bakkabulindi Charles
7. Hon. Peggy Joy Waako
8. Hon. Catheline Ndamira
9. Hon. Chemutai Phyllis
10. Hon. Chemonges William
11. Hon. Wokorach Simon Peter
12. Hon. Aate-Taban Sharifa
13. Hon. Alioni Yorke Odria
14. Hon. Afoyochoan Esther
15. Hon. Asiimwe Florence Akiiki
16. Hon. Arinaitwe Rwakajara
17. Hon. Ndeezi Alex
18. Hon. Tumwine Anne Mary

## Committee on Physical Infrastructure

1. Hon. Dan Kimosho – Chairperson
2. Hon. Tony Awany – Deputy Chairperson

## The members are:

3. Hon. Agaba Aisha
4. Hon. Byanyima Nathan
5. Hon. Kabanda David
6. Hon. Muhamad Nsegumire
7. Hon. Atuto Jacinta
8. Hon. Dr Michael Bukenya
9. Hon. Awas Sylvia Vicky
10. Hon. Kibalya Maurice
11. Hon. Lokwang Hillary
12. Hon. Mbabazi Pascal
13. Hon. Achieng Sarah Opendi
14. Hon. Naigaga Mariam

15. Hon. Okwir Samuel
16. Hon. Atyang Stella
17. Hon. Baba James Boliba
18. Hon. James Kaberuka

## Committee on Lands

1. Honourable Gyaviira Ssemwanga – Chairperson; and
2. Hon. Andrew Oulanyah Ojok – Deputy Chairperson

The members are:

3. Hon. Koluo Joseph
4. Honourable Ninsi –

**THE SPEAKER:** Members, when we were passing the Rules of Procedure, we created the Committee on Lands. We divided the Committee on Physical Infrastructure and created the Committee on Lands. That is why we now have a Committee on Lands on its own, where we have Hon. Gyaviira as Chairperson and Hon. Ojok Andrew as the Vice Chairperson. You can go ahead.

**MR OBUA:** The members of the new Committee on Lands are:

1. Hon. Koluo Joseph
2. Hon. Boaz Kasirabo
3. Hon. Olobo James
4. Hon. Awor Betty Engola
5. Hon. Kato Mohammed
6. Hon. Kaala Kevin Ojinga
7. Hon. Abdi Fadhil Kisos
8. Hon. Kabahenda Flavia Rwabuhoro
9. Hon. Kisembo Noeline
10. Hon. Christine Apolot
11. Hon. Norah Bigirwa

## Committee on Legal and Parliamentary Affairs

1. Hon. Baka Mugabi Steven – Chairperson
2. Hon. John Teira – Deputy Chairperson.

The members are:

3. Hon. Fox Odoi-Oywelowo
4. Hon. Kamusiime Caroline
5. Hon. Pamela Kamugo
6. Hon. Okia Joanne Aniku
7. Hon. Achayo Lodou
8. Hon. Okiror Bosco
9. Hon. Peter Christopher Werikhe
10. Hon. Nkwasiibwe Henry

11. Hon. Najjuma Sarah
12. Hon. Oseku Richard Oribo
13. Hon. Odoi Bernard Onen
14. Hon. Yona Musinguzi
15. Hon. Solomon Silwany
16. Hon. Remigio Achia
17. Hon. Lokii Peter Abrahams
18. Hon. Akampulira Prossy.

## Committee on Public Service and Local Government

1. Hon. Ojara Martin Mapenduzi – Chairperson;
2. Hon. Wakabi Pius – Deputy Chairperson;

The members are:

3. Hon. Twinobusingye Jovanice
4. Hon. Chelimo Reuben Paul
5. Hon. Robert Wandwasi
6. Hon. Bwiire Sanon
7. Hon. Adriko Yovan
8. Hon. Mugole David Steven
9. Hon. Mugabi Muzaale Martin
10. Hon. Kitutu Mary Goretti Kimono
11. Hon. Baatom Ben Koryang
12. Hon. Alero Tom Aza
13. Hon. Lematia Ruth Molly Ondoru
14. Hon. Mutembuli Yusuf; and
15. Hon. Mudoi Isaac

## Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

1. Hon. Ariko Edmund Okworo Herbert – Chairperson; and
2. Hon. Feta Geoffrey – Deputy Chairperson

The Members are:

3. Hon. Kazini Francis
4. Hon. Apollo Yeri Ofwono
5. Hon. Dr Magolo John Faith
6. Hon. Kinobere Herbert
7. Hon. Kataliwa Donald
8. Hon. Angura Frederick
9. Hon. Rose Obiga
10. Hon. Seth Wambede
11. Hon. Sendawula Christine
12. Hon. Orone Derrick
13. Hon. Acan Joyce Okeny
14. Hon. Twesigye Josephat
15. Hon. Agasha Juliet
16. Hon. Lokii Peter Abrahams



17. Hon. Ssentayi Muhammad
18. Hon. Ngoya John Bosco
19. Hon. Ikojo John Bosco
20. Hon. Karubanga David
21. Hon. Clare Mugumya
22. Hon. Bagiire Henry
23. Hon. Kwizera Eddie
24. Hon. Ruhunda Alex
25. Hon. Aeku Patrick
26. Hon. Namukuta Brenda
27. Hon. Nathan Nabeta Igeme
28. Hon. Mwine Mpaka.

Committee on Presidential Affairs

1. Hon. Alex Byarugaba – Chairperson; and
2. Hon. Natumanya Flora – Deputy Chairperson.

The members are:

3. Hon. Kamukama Benjamin
4. Hon. Kasolo Robert
5. Hon. Lokoru Albert
6. Hon. Lagen David
7. Hon. Fadil Twalla
8. Hon. Kibaaju Naome
9. Hon. Mamawi James
10. Hon. Mawanda Michael Maranga
11. Hon. Auma Hellen Wandera
12. Hon. Taaka Agnes
13. Hon. Adome Francis Lorika
14. Hon. Dr Nsaba-Buturo
15. Hon. Opolot Simon Peter
16. Hon. Peninah Busingye
17. Hon. Ababiku Jessica
18. Hon. Jenifer Muheesi.

Committee on Foreign Affairs

1. Hon. Catherine Lamwaka – Chairperson;
2. Hon. Opolot Fred – Deputy Chairperson.

The members are:

3. Hon. Akamba Paul
4. Hon. Maneno Zumura
5. Hon. Mutebi Noah Wanzala
6. Hon. Achan Judith Peace
7. Hon. Okumu Gabriel
8. Hon. Irene Margaret Nafuna Muloni
9. Hon. Natukunda Midius
10. Hon. Loy Katali
11. Hon. Sulaiman Hashim
12. Hon. Dr Mutono Patrick Lodoi

13. Hon. Muwuma Milton Kalulu
14. Hon. Kisa Stephen
15. Hon. Kayogera Yona
16. Hon. Okot-Ogong Felix
17. Hon. Mwesigwa Robert Rukaari
18. Hon. Komakech Christopher
19. Hon. Dr Abraham Isamat

Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs, whose minister is in charge of everything in the air and the sea. *(Laughter)*

1. Hon. Wilson Kajwengye – Chairperson; and
2. Hon. Linos Ngompek – Deputy Chairperson.

The members are:

3. Hon. Niyonsaba Alex
4. Hon. Ocheri Jim Norman
5. Hon. Otukol Sam
6. Hon. Bainomugisha Jane
7. Hon. Mugabe Donozio Kahonda
8. Hon. Wakooli Godfrey
9. Hon. Ssekikubo Theodore
10. Hon. Nakwang Christine Tubo
11. Hon. Ssebikaali Yoweri
12. Hon. Kauma Sauda
13. Hon. Kintu Alex Brandon
14. Hon. Kyoto Ibrahim
15. Hon. Okeyoh Peter

Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development

1. Hon. Amos Kankunda – Chairperson; and
2. Hon. Moses Aleper – Deputy Chairperson.

The members are:

3. Hon. Ogwal Moses Goli
4. Hon. Dr Kugonza Emely
5. Hon. Basil Bataringaya
6. Hon. Herbert Tayebwa
7. Hon. Kyooma Xavier
8. Hon. Gerald Nangoli
9. Hon. Wamukuyu Ignatius Mudimi
10. Hon. Atima Jackson Lee
11. Hon. Kambale Ferigo
12. Hon. Ochai Maximus
13. Hon. Wanda Richard
14. Hon. Okot John Amos
15. Hon. Asimwe Enos

16. Hon. Opolot Patrick Isiagi
17. Hon. Kateshumbwa Dickson
18. Hon. Lubega Bashir Ssempe
19. Hon. Kinshaba Patience
20. Hon. Nakut Faith
21. Hon. Mbabazi Janepher
22. Hon. Keefa Kiwanuka
23. Hon. Ochwa David
24. Hon. Avur Jane Pacuto
25. Hon. Dr Charles Ayume

Committee on Information, Communications Technology and National Guidance

1. Hon. Ayoo Tonny – Chairperson; and
2. Hon. Iddi Isabirye – Deputy Chairperson.

The members are:

3. Hon. Chelangat Alinga
4. Hon. Joel Leku
5. Hon. Lolem Micah
6. Hon. Mutiwa Geoffrey Eric
7. Hon. Elotu Cosmas
8. Hon. Ezama Siraji
9. Hon. Biyika Lawrence Songa
10. Hon. Kwizera Paul
11. Hon. Kamara John
12. Hon. Abigaba Cuthbert
13. Hon. Moses Magogo
14. Hon. Barnabas Tinkasiimire

Committee on East African Community Affairs

1. Hon. Dr Nsaba-Buturo – Chairperson; and
2. Hon. Shartsi Kutesa – Deputy Chairperson.

The members are:

3. Hon. Ayoo Jeniffer
4. Hon. Ssejjoba Isaac
5. Hon. Kyobe Luke
6. Hon. Wanyama Michael Odwori
7. Hon. David Wakikona
8. Hon. Masika Apollo
9. Hon. Kahunde Helen
10. Hon. Byamukama Nulu Joseph
11. Hon. Tarsis Bishanga
12. Hon. Kabuura Derrick
13. Hon. Namujju Cissy
14. Hon. Onzima Godfrey

Madam Speaker, I beg to designate.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members and Government Chief Whip, I want to refer you to rule 196(8): “*A commissioner under rule 11(1) shall not be designated to the Committee on Legal and Parliamentary Affairs.*”

You have designated Hon. Silwany Solomon and Hon. Prossy Mbabazi to the Committee on Legal and Parliamentary Affairs; so you should re-designate them to other committees, not on legal.

Also, on the Opposition side, remove Hon. Mpuuga from that committee. Yes?

**MR OBUA:** Madam Speaker, I suggest that you allow me to consult with the forms on which they had expressed interest to see their second or third choices, such that they can be moved, because this seems to be the new provision in the new rules –

**THE SPEAKER:** First, withdraw the Members.

**MR OBUA:** The two Members are hereby withdrawn, and I will be back to designate them afresh.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Honourable members, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, we have the NRM District Executive Committee from Amuru. They are represented by Hon. Akol and Hon. Akello Lucy. You are most welcome.

Hon. Akol is here, and Hon. Lucy is here. Hon. Akol is from the National Resistance Movement (NRM). Can we finish the designation?

3.48

**THE CHIEF OPPOSITION WHIP (Mr John Baptist Nambeshe):** Madam Speaker, this is the designation of opposition Members of Parliament to sectoral committees. In accordance with Rule 195(1) and Rule 196 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament of Uganda, I hereby designate Members of the Opposition to the sectoral committees as follows:

## Committee on Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries

1. Hon. Matovu Charles - NUP
2. Hon. Abed Bwanika - DF
3. Hon. Nanyondo Veronica – Bukomasimbi - NUP
4. Hon. Apolot Stella Isodo - FDC
5. Hon. Kabugho Florence - FDC
6. Hon. Aol Betty Ocan - PFF
7. Hon. Lukwago John-Paul Mpalanyi, Kyotera County – NUP
8. Hon. Akora Maxwell Ebong Patrick – UPC
9. Hon. Okot Santa - PPP.

## Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industry

The membership is as follows, Madam Speaker:

1. Hon. Kyebakutika Manjeri- NUP;
2. Hon. Ssimbwa Fred, Nakifuma County - NUP;
3. Hon. Namugga Gorreth, Mawogola County South – NUP;
4. Hon. Lutaaya Geoffrey, Kakuuto County – NUP;
5. Hon. Wakayima Musoke Nsereko, Nansana Municipality – NUP;
6. Hon. Lukyamuzi David Kalwanga, Busujju County – NUP;
7. Hon. Kirumira Hassan – NUP;
8. Hon. Alobo Joan Acom, Soroto City – FDC;
9. Hon. Isabirye David Aga, Jinja City North – NUP;
10. Hon. Okello Geoffrey, Nwoya East County – DP; and
11. Hon. Eunice Atuko Apio, Oyam North – UPC.

Madam Speaker, Committee on Health, the Members are as follows:

1. Hon. Nandagire Christine Ndiwalana, Bukomasimbi North – NUP;
2. Hon Dr Kamara Nicholas Thadeus, Kabale Municipality – PFF;
3. Hon. David Batuwa Timothy, Jinja South Division West – NUP;
4. Hon Dr Bayigga Michael Lulume, Buikwe County South - PFF; and
5. Hon. Auma Kenny, Kwanja – UPC.

## Committee on Education and Sports

1. Hon Kayemba Geoffrey Ssolo, Bukomasimbi South – NUP;
2. Hon. Ssewungu Joseph Gonzaga, Kalungu West – NUP;
3. Hon. Nabukenya Brenda, Luweero - NUP;
4. Hon. Kakembo Michael, Entebbe Municipality – DF; he also doubles as the chief whip of DF; and
5. Hon. Aguti Sarah, Dokolo – UPC.

## Committee on Gender, Labour and Social Development

These are the members:

1. Hon. Kabuye Frank, Kassanda County South – NUP;
2. Hon. Kiyaga Hillary, Mawokota County North – NUP;
3. Hon. Mayanja Allan, Nakaseke Central – NUP;
4. Hon. Businge Joab, Masindi Municipality – FDC; and
5. Hon. Nantongo Fortunate - Kyotera – NUP.

## Committee on Physical Infrastructure

1. Hon. Sekabira Denes, Katikamu North – NUP;
2. Hon. Luttaguzi Semakula PK, Nakasake South – NUP;
3. Hon. Nsibambi Yusuf, Mawokota South – FDC;
4. Hon. Emigu Julius Peter, Ocheri County – FDC;
5. Hon. Francis Mwijukye, Buhweju County – PFF;
6. Hon. Kabuusu Moses, Kyamuswa County - PFF;
7. Hon. Okelo Nelson, Maruzi North – UPC;
8. Hon. Sebamala Richard, Bukoto Central – DP;
9. Hon. Kayondo Fred, Mukono South – DP; and
10. Hon. Mathias Mpuuga, Nyendo–Mukungwe Division – DF.

## Committee on Lands, Housing and Urban Development

The following are the Members, Madam Speaker:

1. Hon. Saazi Godfrey, Gomba East – NUP;
2. Hon. Katabazi Francis K, Kalungu East – NUP;
3. Hon. Namutaawe Joan, Masaka – NUP; and
4. Hon. Ssasaga Isaias Johny, Budadiri East – FDC.

#### Committee on Legal and Parliamentary Affairs

The following are the members who have been designated:

1. Hon. Asuman Basalirwa, Bugiri Municipality – JEEMA;
2. Hon. Malende Shamim, Kampala – NUP;
3. Hon. Nambeshe John Baptist, Manjiya County – NUP;
4. Hon. Lubega Medard Sseggon, Busiro East – NUP;
5. Hon. Ssekitooleko Robert, Bamunanika County – NUP;
6. Hon. Patrick Nsanja Kayongo, Ntenjeru South – NUP;
7. Hon. Lumu Richard Kizito, Mityana South – DP;
8. Hon. Alum Santa Sandra, Oyam – UPC; and
9. Hon. Odur Jonathan, Erute South – UPC.

#### Committee on Public Service and Local Government

Madam Speaker, the Members who have been designated are as follows:

1. Hon. Naluyima Betty Ethel, Wakiso – NUP;
2. Hon. Lwanga Jimmy, Njeru Municipality – NUP;
3. Hon. Namboozie Teddy – NUP;
4. Hon. Katusabe Atkins Godfrey, Bukonzo West – FDC;
5. Hon. Nyakato Asinansi, Hoima City – PFF;
6. Hon. Muhindo Harold, Bukonzo East – PFF; and
7. Hon. Nakabuye Juliet Kakande, Masaka – DF.

Madam Speaker, Committee on Environment and Natural Resources - protect me from the heckling minister.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, listen to the designations.

**MR NAMBESHE:** Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

The designated Members are as follows:

1. Hon. Christine Kaaya, Kiboga - NUP;
2. Hon. Ronald Evans Kanyike, Bukoto East – NUP;
3. Hon. Patrick Nsamba Oshabe, Kassanda North – NUP;
4. Hon. Susan Mugabi, Buvuma – NUP;
5. Hon. Charles Tebandeke, Bbaale County – NUP;
6. Hon. Luyimbazi Nalukoola – Kawempe North - NUP;
7. Hon. Aisha Nalule Kabanda, Butambala – NUP;
8. Hon. James Jimmy Akena, Lira East Division, UPC;

#### Committee on Presidential Affairs;

1. Hon. Ronald Balimwezo, Nakawa East, NUP;
2. Hon. Francis Zaake, Mityana Municipality;
3. Hon. Abubaker Kawalya, Rubaga North – NUP;
4. Hon. Denis Amere Onkalit, Kitgum Municipality - FDC; and
5. Hon. Peter Okot, Toch County – DP.

#### Committee on Foreign Affairs

The designated Members are as follows:

1. Hon. Muwada Nkunyingi, Kyadondo East – NUP;
2. Hon. Allan Ssewanyana, Makindye West, NUP;

3. Hon. Stephen Sserubula, Lugazi Municipality - NUP; and Committee on Information, Communication Technology and National Guidance
4. Hon. Bob Okae, Kwanja North - UPC. Madam Speaker, the designated members are as follows:
- Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs
1. Hon. Helen Nakimuli, Kalangala - NUP;
  2. Hon. Joyce Ntwatwa Bagala, Mityana - NUP;
  3. Hon. Bashir Kazibwe Mbaziira, Kawempe South – NUP;
  4. Hon. David Sserukenya, Makindye Ssaabagabo NUP; and
  5. Hon. Okin P.P. Ojara, Chwa West - FDC.
- Madam Speaker, the designated members as follows:
1. Hon. Derrick Nyeko, Makindye East - NUP;
  2. Hon. Abdallah Kiwanuka, Mukono County North - NUP;
  3. Hon. Betty Nambooze, Mukono Municipality - NUP;
  4. Hon. Naboth Namanya, Rubabo County – PFF; and
  5. Hon. Gilbert Olanya, Kilak South - FDC.
- Committee on East African Community Affairs
- I have the honour to designate the following:
1. Hon. Aloysius Mukasa, Rubaga South - NUP;
  2. Hon. Paul Nsubuga, Busiro North – NUP;
  3. Hon. Tom Julius Ekudo, Gweeri County – FDC; and
  4. Hon. Lucy Akello, Amuru – FDC.
- Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development
- On this committee, the designated Members are as follows:
1. Hon. Ibrahim Ssemujju, Kira Municipality - PFF;
  2. Hon. Hanifa Nabukeera, Mukono - NUP;
  3. Hon. Muwanga Kivumbi, Butambala County - NUP;
  4. Hon. Flavia Nabagabe, Kassanda - NUP;
  5. Hon. Brenda Nabukenya, Luweero – NUP;
  6. Hon. Nathan Nandala-Mafabi, Budadiri West – FDC;
  7. Hon. Moses Junior Okot, Kioga County - FDC;
  8. Hon. Anna Adeke Ebaju, Soroti - FDC;
  9. Hon. Geoffrey Ekanya, Tororo County North - FDC; and
  10. Hon. Patrick Ocan, Apac Municipality – UPC.
- Madam Speaker, I beg to designate.
- THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. For the Independents, I have delegated Hon. Ogwang to designate on my behalf as the whip.
- 4.03
- THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. On your behalf, allow me to designate the following independent Members of Parliament to Sectoral Committees for the Fifth Session of the 11<sup>th</sup> Parliament.
- Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
1. Hon. Isaac Katenya;
  2. Hon. Emmanuel Omoding;



3. Hon. Abdu Adidwa;	Committee on Foreign Affairs
4. Hon. Sylvia Bahireira;	1. Hon. Agnes Ameede;
5. Hon. Erick Musana; and	2. Hon. Christopher Komakech; and
6. Hon. John Musila.	3. Hon. Peter Ocen.
	Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs
Committee on Education and Sports	1. Hon. Rauben Arinaitwe;
1. Hon. Silas Aogon;	2. Hon. Margaret Lamwaka;
2. Hon. Margaret Makhoha;	3. Hon. William Museveni; and
3. Hon. Nathan Twesigye Itungo;	4. Hon. Emmanuel Komol.
4. Hon. Charles Onen;	Committee on Trade, Tourism and Industry;
5. Hon. Grace Akifeza Ngabirano;	1. Hon. Rita Atukwasa;
6. Hon. Roland Akugizibwe;	2. Hon. Joseph Andrew Koluo;
7. Hon. Juliet Kinyamatama;	3. Hon. Elijah Mushemeza; and
8. Hon. Geoffrey Macho; and	4. Hon. Abdul Byakatonda.
9. Hon. Connie Galiwango.	Committee on Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries
Committee on Public Service and Local Government	1. Hon. Julius Mukasa Opondo;
1. Hon. Nancy Acora;	2. Hon. Shedrick Vincent Obong; and
2. Hon. Patrick Isingoma;	3. Hon. Tusiime Julius Karuhanga.
3. Hon. Susan Amero;	Madam Speaker, I seek your indulgence – Hon. Obong's name is repeated on the committee of agriculture.
4. Hon. Arthur Waako Mboizi; and	4. Hon. Joan Namutaawe.
5. Hon. Martin Mapenduzi.	Madam Speaker, I have been informed that she has now crossed the Floor and she is now in NUP.
Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development	<b>THE SPEAKER:</b> There is no problem. It is okay.
1. Hon. Paska Menya Aciro;	<b>MR OGWANG:</b> Madam Speaker, Hon. Auma Linda was read as the chairperson of a committee. I do not think I should repeat that. I proceed on the committee – allow me to consult with the Clerk on one or two areas within one minute.
2. Hon. Karim Masaba;	
3. Hon. Mpindi Bumali; and	
4. Hon. Paul Omara.	

## Committee on Physical Infrastructure

On this, I designated the following Members:

1. Hon. Kiiza Acrobert Moses;
2. Hon. Ndyomugyenyei Roland;
3. Hon. Elijah Okupa;
4. Hon. Atugonza Allan; and
5. Hon. Rwemulikya Ibanda.

## Committee on Information, Communication, Technology, and National Guidance

The Members designated are:

1. Hon. Kiiza Kenneth;
2. Hon. Musa Noah; and
3. Hon. Muhammad Nsereko.

On the Committee on Health, the following members have been designated:

1. Hon. Zawedde Victorious;
2. Hon. Mukhaye Miriam;
3. Hon. Nantaba Idah Erios; and
4. Hon. Opiyo Samuel Acuti – Vice Chairperson.

Madam Speaker, he was also designated as a vice chairperson of the same committee.

**THE SPEAKER:** He still remains.

**MR OGWANG:** Committee on Legal and Parliamentary Affairs

I take the opportunity to designate the following Members:

1. Hon. Niwagaba Wilfred;
2. Hon. Zijjan David Livingstone; and
3. Hon. Abdu Katuntu.

Madam Speaker, Hon. Patrick Nsanja has been designated by the National Unity Platform (NUP) Party.

**THE SPEAKER:** We will take out NUP - honourable members, I will read out the names of those who have crossed to NUP, tomorrow; you can leave him out.

**MR OGWANG:** So, Hon. Patrick Nsanja has been designated by the political party, for purposes of capturing this correctly on the Hansard.

## Committee on East African Affairs

To this committee, we designate the following:

1. Hon. Nyangweso Denis;
2. Hon. Walyomu Moses Muwanika;
3. Hon. Were Godfrey Otero;
4. Hon. Musherure Sharts N Kuteesa; and
5. Hon. Nakato Mary Annet.

## Committee on Gender, Labour and Social Development

The following are the members:

1. Hon. Rwabushaija Margaret Namubiru;
2. Hon. Abeja Susan Jolly; and
3. Hon. Kayanga Baroda.

## Committee on Presidential Affairs

1. Hon. Asera Stephen;
2. Hon. Kabasharira Naome;
3. Hon. Kangwagye Stephen; and
4. Hon. Chemutai Everlyn.

## Committee on Lands

1. Hon. Kamuntu Moses;
2. Hon. Ebwalu Jonathan; and
3. Hon. Mugema Peter.

Madam Speaker, I beg to designate, on your behalf, the Independent Members of Parliament.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you, Hon. Peter Ogwang, the Minister of State for Sports. Can I have the designations completed? Yes, Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF).

4.10

**LT COL DR JENNIFER ALANYO (UPDF Representative):** Thank you, Madam Speaker, for this opportunity. Permit me to welcome you and all the honourable members back from recess. In a special way, allow me also to congratulate –

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Leader of the Opposition, can't you even clap for the lady? How can a General –

**DR LT COL ALANYO:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, in a special way,

allow me to congratulate all the NRM honourable colleagues who returned from the just concluded party primaries, regardless of the outcome. *(Laughter)*

Madam Speaker, pursuant to Rule 195(1) and Rule 196 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament, I hereby designate the following Members of the Uganda People's Defence Forces to the various sectoral committees:

1. Hon. Lt Gen. Peter Elwelu, Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs;
2. Hon. Lt Gen. James Mugira, Committee on Legal and Parliamentary Affairs;
3. Hon. Lt Gen. Sam Kavuma, Committee on Agriculture, Animal Industries and Fisheries;
4. Hon. Maj. Gen. Henry Masiko, Committee on Presidential Affairs;
5. Hon. Brig. Gen. Charity Bainababo, Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industry;
6. Hon. Col Dr Victoria Nekesa, Committee on Health; and
7. Hon. Lt Col Dr Jennifer Alanyo, Committee on Education and Sports.

I beg to designate, Madam Speaker. *(Applause)*

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you.

**MR OGWANG:** Madam Speaker, I have been requested by the Chief Opposition Whip, in consultation with you as the Chair of Independents - Hon. Namutaawe, officially crossed to the National Unity Platform - permit me, on your behalf, to withdraw her name from the list of the Independents because she now belongs to NUP. I thank you.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Hon. Government Chief Whip.

4.14

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Hamson Obua):** Madam Speaker, I move under rules 16, 195 and 196 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament to designate the following Members to the following committees:

1. Hon. Commissioner Solomon Silwany to the Committee on Physical Infrastructure; and
2. Hon. Commissioner Akampurira Prossy to the Committee on ICT.

I also take the honour to designate three brand new signings to the side of the National Resistance Movement, to the following committees:

1. Hon. Akol Anthony to the Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development;
2. Hon. Dr Kagabo Twaha to the Committee on Health; and
3. Hon. Ongiertho Emmanuel to the Committee on Education and Sports. *(Applause)*

Madam Speaker, I beg to designate.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Government Chief Whip, Opposition Whip, the Independents' Whip, and the army.

I put the question that the sectoral committees be constituted as proposed.

*(Question put and agreed).*

**THE SPEAKER:** The committees have been reconstituted, and I request all the committee chairpersons with Bills to present them. Those with reports must present them.

Honourable Leader of the Opposition, we want your reports from the accountability committees.

Yes, Hon. Peter Ogwang.

**MR OGWANG:** Madam Speaker, I heard from the Government Chief Whip that Hon. Mapenduzi is officially a Member of the National Resistance Movement (NRM).

In line with the list you permitted me to read on your behalf, Hon. Mapenduzi had been designated to the same committee as an independent. I request that the record be

corrected to show that Hon. Mapenduzi is the chairperson of the same committee under the National Resistance Movement. I thank you.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Honourable members, in the public gallery this afternoon, we have students and teachers from Queen of Martyrs High School, Kira. They are represented by Hon. Ssemujju and Hon. Naluyima. Please stand up. Thank you.

You are most welcome to the Parliament of Uganda.

In the VIP Gallery, we have a delegation from the Diocese of Linz, Australia, led by Father Michael Lubega. They have been invited to the Catholic Chaplaincy of Parliament - I think they have left. All the same, they are welcome to the Parliament of Uganda.

Next item – yes, honourable member?

**MR NDYOMUGENYI:** Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. When the Government Chief Whip and the Opposition Whip were presenting their names for designation, there were some names that appeared twice. I beg for your indulgence such that those lists can be corrected. For example, we have Hon. Shartsi Musherure, who was the Deputy Chairperson of the Committee on East African Community Affairs, also designated as an independent.

**THE SPEAKER:** The one that was read first will be the one considered.

**MR NYDYMUGENYI:** Okay, thank you so much.

**THE SPEAKER:** That is the work of the *Hansard* staff. Yes, next item.

## LAYING OF PAPERS

### I) TREASURY MEMORANDA IN RESPECT OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF PARLIAMENT ON THE REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL FOR CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND COSASE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/2023

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, Article 163(3) of the Constitution and Section 22 of the National Audit Act, 2008, mandate the Auditor-General to conduct audits and investigations.

Pursuant to Article 163(4) of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, 1995, and Rule 187(3) and Rule 188(4) of the Rules of Procedure, I invite the Parliamentary Commissioner to lay the report. Parliamentary Commissioner emeritus, please lay the report.

4.20

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Hamson Obua):** Madam Speaker, I beg to lay the Treasury Memorandum on the report of Parliament, on the report of the Auditor-General for the financial year ended 30 June 2023, Volume 1.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Honourable members, pursuant to Rule 8(1) of the Rules of Procedure, the report stands referred to the Auditor-General for further audits, whether what was cited out first has been corrected.

II) AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS ON  
THE FORENSIC INVESTIGATION  
ON THE ALLEGED DIVERSION OF A  
LOAN REPAYMENT ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> OF  
JANUARY 2024

**THE SPEAKER:** Commissioner emeritus?

4.21

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Hamson Obua):** Madam Speaker, I beg to lay, on the Table, the report of the Auditor-General on forensic investigation on the alleged diversion of a loan repayment on 24 January 2024.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, we had a report on the same; this was money that was wired wrongly by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development and this is where we had issues. We referred the first report to criminal investigations. We are also referring the same report to the criminal investigations, and we expect to get a report back from them in two months. This report should go to CID, and they should take action on the findings.

III) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND  
INNOVATION ON THE OVERSIGHT  
FIELD VISITS IN REGARD TO  
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN  
ZONAL AGRICULTURAL STATIONS  
(ZARDIs) UNDER THE STEWARDSHIP  
OF NARO

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, first of all, before we go to the report on Science and Technology, we had a report on the roads. Yes, Hon. Byamukama.

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER ON  
THE STATE OF ROADS AND STATUS OF  
ROAD PROJECTS IN THE COUNTRY

4.24

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WORKS AND TRANSPORT (TRANSPORT) (Mr Fred Byamukama):** Madam Speaker, I hereby present -

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, was the report uploaded?

**HON. MEMBERS:** No.

**THE SPEAKER:** The Members have raised a number of issues on roads.

4.24

**THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (Mr Joel Ssenyonyi):** Madam Speaker, a short while ago, before the good minister came in, we had an interaction about the road situation countrywide. Your guidance was that we should tether the many complaints that have come through with his statement and give it adequate time, perhaps tomorrow.

I do not know whether that gets to happen now because it would also be good that we get to interact with his document and get set. There were numerous questions for you, especially from the side on which you sit, so that we get ready and put all these issues to the honourable minister.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable members, can we have this report uploaded so that we can study it and have the specifics that the Members raised? We request you, honourable minister, come and respond to the specifics that were raised and present the report. And maybe make an amendment to your report according to what the Members asked. Yes, Hon. Lucy?

4.26

**MS LUCY AKELLO (FDC, Woman Representative, Amuru):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Since we are prioritising the issues that have been raised, I chair the District Road Committee of Amuru, and one of the challenges that we face is the issue of emergency funds for the districts. There was a suggestion, I do not know where this will fall, by our Members that perhaps 5 per cent of the Shs 1 billion be earmarked for the emergency. I want to qualify this. In Amuru -

**THE SPEAKER:** We shall discuss that tomorrow when we are discussing the report. Why are you diverting? Why don't you ask for



additional money for emergencies? Why do you want to use our Shs 1 billion? That Shs 1 billion is for maintenance. Ask for additional money for emergencies, and those things we will be discussing tomorrow. Yes, Hon. Rose.

4.27

**MS ROSE OBIGAH (NRM, Woman Representative, Terego):** Thank You, Madam Speaker. I also request the minister to be cognisant of the six districts that did not receive all the equipment. We have heavy rains in West Nile and our roads have gone “to the dogs.”

Additionally, the road from Karuma to Arua is taking a decade. The people of West Nile are demanding for a definite timeline when you can will finish it because many are perishing on that road and the Terego Road, which used to be called Wadri Road shifted to -

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable minister, you also consider the issue of what plan that you have for the districts that do not have equipment. Indicate that in your addendum. Yes, Hon. Tonny.

4.28

**MR TONNY AYOO (NRM, Kwanja County, Kwanja):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. When we rationalised Uganda National Roads Authority back to the Ministry of Works and Transport, I looked at their report and realised that most of the roads in the districts that surround Lake Kioga and Lake Kwanja, are flooded; that is in Lango, Buruli, Teso and around Kioga.

Unfortunately, these areas have not been supported with additional money to deal with the floods that have come as a result of the rise in the level of the waters.

Therefore, I would like the minister, in his presentation tomorrow - because I have a report and I am going to share it with him so that the areas of Lango, Teso and Buruli, West Nile and even Acholi - because in the report of UNRA, the eastern and central the stations were given additional money to deal with those bottlenecks. Thank you.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank You. Hon. Karim Masaba, you people are now starting afresh.

4.29

**MR KARIM MASABA (Independent, Industrial Division, Mbale City):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. They have stated something to do with equipment for the new districts and cities - Mbale is a new city but we have never received road equipment.

Apart from that, there is equipment that is supposed to be for the Ministry of Works and Transport. However, as I speak, in Mbale, the equipment has broken down. I was in touch with the manager and he have told me that there is no money to repair these machines.

So, for the last five years since I joined Parliament, the UNRA roads, now under the Ministry of Works and Transport, have not been worked on, for example, the road from Masanda to Butale -

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. That is still on maintenance of roadworks for those districts that have and those that do not have. Hon. Obua - Hon. Okupa, do you have something to say?

4.30

**MR ELIJAH OKUPA (Independent, Kasilo County, Serere):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. The honourable minister must also come with an update on those town councils that have never received the Road Fund, since the inception and two, what is going to happen this financial year regarding those town councils.

Finally, you provided the two wonderful ferries on Lake Kyoga, but because the contractor that was supposed to provide docking services abandoned the sites, the ferries are floating on the water. People are ready to use them, but they do not have a docking place. When are you resuming work to complete the docking places in Bukungu, Buyende District, Kagwara in Serere District and Okile in Kaberemaido District?

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Hon. Suubi.

4.31

**MS JULIET KINYAMATAMA (Independent, Woman Representative, Rakai):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Honourable minister, you have to come and tell us the plan you have for the UNRA roads that we merged with the Ministry of Works. For example, the Rakai-Ntantamuki Road is in a very bad state. I have come to your office several times but there is no response.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Yes, Hon. Sarah.

4.32

**MS SARAH NAJJUMA (NRM, Woman Representative, Nakaseke):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. During the presidential tour of the Parish Development Model (PDM), the President pledged to work on the on Lugogo swamp, which connects Nakaseke to Luweero.

I discussed it with the minister and he told me to write. I wrote to him but he has never responded yet that is the shortest route from Nakasake to Luweero. I, therefore, request that when the minister is coming with a report, he should also give me the status. Thank you, so much.

**THE SPEAKER:** The Presidential pledges can first wait and we budget for them. But we have roads that even have money, which were for UNRA. What is the way forward? Yes, Hon. Ethel.

4.32

**MS BETTY NALUYIMA, (NUP, Woman Representative Wakiso):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Similar to what you have just said, especially the greater Kampala Metropolitan area roads, we passed a loan but many people are still suffering. You can see a lot is really stagnant.

Could we also get a report from the minister, as he comes tomorrow, on what is happening to all those roads, which got loans yet they are not being worked on?

**THE SPEAKER:** Tell us how much in loans have been approved? What has been done, how many are pending and what you are doing. How much money has been disbursed? Which contractors do you have in place and what is the state of their works? Yes, Hon. Obua.

#### LAYING OF PAPERS

- (I) FORENSIC REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL ON A FORENSIC INVESTIGATION INTO THE SUSPECTED FRAUD IN THE GORILLA AND CHIMPANZEE BOOKING SYSTEM (Go CHIMP) AT UGANDA WILDLIFE AUTHORITY FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2020 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

4.33

**THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Hamson Obua):** Madam Speaker, I beg to lay on the Table, the forensic investigation report into the suspected fraud in the gorilla and chimpanzee permit booking system, Go CHIMP at Uganda Wildlife Authority for the Period 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2023. I beg to lay.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Honourable members, pursuant to Rule 8(1) of The Rules of Procedure, the report stands referred to the Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Directorate (CIID) of the Uganda Police Force, for more specialised and in-depth inquiry.

Remember, this issue even came to COSASE, and Hon. Allan can bear us witness, it found out a lot of criminality, and we have institutions that handle it. So, CIID should tell us how they have handled the issue within two months.

Honourable members, as I said before, we will have the Business Committee to discuss the business of the Session. I invite all of you tomorrow, the chairpersons of committees, the Leader of the Opposition, the Chief Opposition Whip and the team, and the Government Chief Whip, to the Business Committee meeting to give us your business. I adjourn the House to tomorrow at 2.00 p.m.

*(The House rose at 4.35 p.m. and adjourned  
until Wednesday, 30 July 2025, at 2.00 p.m.)*