



**OFFICE OF THE
LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION**

MINORITY REPORT

ON

THE SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE FOR FY 2023/24- SCHEDULE No. 1

MOVED UNDER R.205, OF THE PARLIAMENTARY RULES OF PROCEDURE

December 2023.

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Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Hon. Colleagues, on the 30th November 2023, the Hon. Minister of Finance Planning and Economic Development, laid on table the Supplementary Expenditure Schedule 1 for FY 2023/24 amounting to Shs 3.5 trillion.

Consequently, the Speaker referred the same to the Budget Committee for processing and subsequent reporting. Pursuant to Rule 205 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Uganda, we are dissenting from the position of the majority. Our point of departure is anchored on the following fundamental issues:-

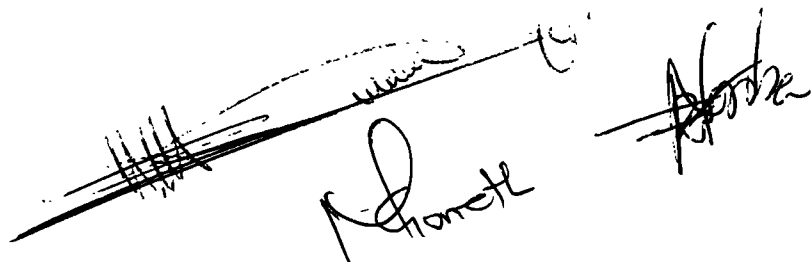
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1. Unlawful statutory revision

Rt. Hon. Speaker, whereas the Minister's request for supplementary funding was 3.5 trillion, he informed the committee that the Ministry made statutory revisions to the tune of 3.39 trillion. Rt. Hon. Speaker and Honourable colleagues, you aware that such revisions require Parliament's approval. The Minister is therefore usurping the authority of this Honourable House.

2. Defective motion moved by the Minister

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Colleagues, the Minister presented a motion to approve a supplementary budget of UGX 3.5 trillion which also included funds readily available and therefore did not require borrowing. The Minister later made statutory revisions amounting to UGX 3.393 Trillion. However, the total proposed funding indicated in his statement amount to UGX 3,920.597 billion which included domestic borrowing amounting to UGX 3,5569.300 billion and a self-funded amount of 351.297 billion. Rt. Hon. Speaker, we find the Minister's request defective because while the motion indicates UGX 3.5 trillion as the

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supplementary budget request, the Minister seeks to borrow UGX 3.9 trillion which also includes money that is available (self-funded NTR).

3. The Committee erred by processing a defective motion

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Colleagues, on the onset, the Budget Committee erred in processing a motion that was defective. Whereas the Committee has the mandate to process supplementary budget requests, it does not have the mandate to process loans (borrowing). This mandate of approving loans is within the purview of the Committee of National Economy. Rt. Hon. Speaker, we find the Minister's request irregular as he should have appeared before this Parliament with a request for a loan for subsequent processing by the relevant Committee.

4. Spending money in anticipation for Parliament approval

From the Minister's submission, Rt. Hon. Speaker, we note that he is seeking approval of Parliament for funds that have already been spent under the 3% threshold as required by the PFMA. This clearly implies that the funds being sought have already been spent yet the Minister includes the same in the funds he is looking forward to borrowing. This tantamounts to spending in anticipation so that this Honourable House ritually rubber stamps an irregularity and should outrightly be discouraged.

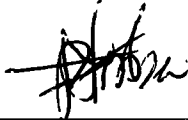
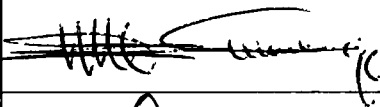
5. Distortion of the Budgeting process

Rt. Hon. Speaker, we have severally emphasized in our alternative policy direction the need to respect the budgeting process. Sadly, Rt. Hon. Speaker, it has become a norm that the Executive continually presents to this Honourable House supplementary budget requests including items that were rejected by the Parliament during budgeting process. There are requests that have consistently feature in the supplementary budgets only, for example: Deemed energy, Kira motors, Presidential Banana Initiative on Industrial Development, Lubowa Hospital, COVIDEX (Prof. Ogwang) among others. In the same vein, Rt. Hon.

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Speaker, there are other critical entities that missed allocation of funding owing to the budget ceiling, for example: the nursery operators who supplied coffee and tea seedlings. We are concerned that supplementary budget requests are a conduit for misuse of tax payers' money. **Vote 002 State House;** It was allocated 421 billion. It prior, it was allocated an extra 100 billion. It is now seeking another 197.357 billion on the half year mark of the financial year. It should be noted that last year State House used 913 billion-an average of approximately 3billion per day.

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