

INTRODUCTION

The Parliament of Ghana has reconvened Tuesday, 24 May for the Second Meeting of the Second Session to conduct parliamentary business related to their oversight, lawmaking and representation functions. In his opening remarks, the Speaker of Parliament Rt. Hon. Alban S.K. Bagbin pledged his support to lead efforts of the House to ensure that Parliament is open, transparent and accountable to the people of Ghana. In addition to that, he indicated that the House would dedicate more time to enhancing its oversight responsibilities of the Executive while instituting measures to ensure that Members and Staff of Parliament comply with the Asset declaration requirements of public officers to ensure increased accountability.

In conclusion, the Speaker reiterated the need and urgency for Parliament to pass the Affirmative Action Bill which has taken so long to get to Parliament. He then called on the responsible agencies and actors to present the bill to the House so that the responsible committee can work and report to Members.

This report covers the period from Tuesday, 24th May to Friday, 27th May 2022, thus, seven (7) Sittings for the First Week of the Second Meeting of the Second Session of the Eighth Parliament.

HIGHLIGHTS AND KEY OBSERVATIONS

Below are some highlights of what happened in Parliament within the past four (4) Sittings.

Bills and Papers

The following Bills are among the sixty-nine Bills expected to be presented to the House during the Meeting.

- Affirmative Action Bill, 2022
- Intestate Succession Bill, 2022
- Aged Persons Bill, 2022
- Rent Bill, 2022

The table shows the various Bills at the level of the Committee.

##	Title	Committee Responsible
1	Ghana Hydrological Authority Bill, 2021	Works and Housing
2	Criminal Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2021	Constitutional, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs
3	Ghana Standards Authority Bill, 2021	Trade, Industry and Tourism
4	Exemptions Bill, 2022	Finance
5	National Pensions (Amendment) Bill, 2021	Employment, Social Welfare and State Enterprises

Papers

- Capetown Agreement, 2012 (CTA) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).
- Annual budget performance report of the Ministry of Energy for the period January to December 2021.
- Annual budget performance report of Public Service Commission for the period January to December 2021.
- Annual budget performance report of the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development for the period of January to December 2021.

- Annual budget performance report of the Ministry of Railways Development for the period January to December 2021.
- Annual budget performance report of the Ministry of Youth and Sport for the period January to December 2021.
- Annual budget performance report of the office of the Attorney-General and Ministry of Justice for the period of January to December 2021.
- Annual budget performance report of the Ministry of Finance for the period January to December 2021.
- Reconciliation report on petroleum holding fund for the year 2021 of the Mines and Energy Committee.
- Annual report on the staffing position of the Office of the President for the period of January to December 2021.

MPs Statements

- The Hon. Member for South Tongu, Mr. Kobena Mensah Woyome made a statement on the impact of match fixing in football. He said every effort must be made to protect the integrity of sports and eliminate threats and the practice of match fixing.

KEY OBSERVATIONS

- The Privileges Committee has commenced investigations into the issues of the three (3) truant Members of Parliament that were referred to them by the Rt. Hon. Speaker during the last Meeting.
- Parliament organized the first of its Speaker's Series to discuss parliamentary democracy and how the work of Parliament can be strengthened for success.
- The Speaker has bemoaned the delay of the passage of the Affirmative Action Bill to empower women to participate in governance, especially increase women representatives in Parliament.

CONCLUSION

- The Constitution of the Republic of Ghana (Amendment) Bill, 2021 is expected to be laid in the second week of the meeting.
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