

INTRODUCTION

This report covers the period from Tuesday, 25th to Friday, 28th October 2022, thus, four (4) Sittings of the Third 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 before recess.

Bills and Papers

| ## | Title | Date presented | Stage of Bill/Paper | Committee Responsible |
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| 1. | Plant Variety Protection Regulations, 2022 | 25/10/2022 | Committee | Subsidiary Legislation |
| 2. | Industrial Designs Regulations, 2022 | 25/10/2022 | Committee | Subsidiary Legislation |
| 3. | Building Regulations, 2022 | 25/10/2022 | Committee | Subsidiary Legislation and the leadership of Works & Housing |
| 4. | Public Procurement Regulation, 2022 | 27/10/2022 | Committee | Subsidiary Legislation/ leadership of Finance & Public Accounts Committee |

Papers

- Special Audit report of the Auditor-General on the recoveries made from disallowed expenditure in the Auditor-General's report from 2017 to 2020 and payroll savings as at 30th September 2022.
- Annual Report of the University of Professional Studies for the year 2021.
- Africa Union Convention on Cross-Border Corporation (The Niamey Convention).
- Report of representatives to the ECOWAS Parliament on the first ordinary session in Abuja.
- Report of representative from Parliament of Ghana to the 4th ordinary session of the 5th Parliament of the Pan-African Parliament in South Africa.
- Annual report of the National Pensions Regulatory Authority, 2021 , referred to the Employment & Social Welfare.
- Charter for African Cultural Renaissance presented and referred to the committee on Tourism & leadership of Foreign Affairs.

MPs Statements

- The Majority Chief Whip Ho. Frank Annoh Dompseh (MP, Nsawam/Adoagyiri) made a statement calling on African governments to deliver '**Climate Adaptation Finance**' at scale as part of implementing **nature-based solutions** on climate change.
He further called on Parliament to ensure that Ghana develops her own piece of legislation to deal with the rampaging effect of climate change, citing Nigeria as one of the countries in Africa that has passed a climate change legislation.

Gender Highlights

- The Speaker has ruled that the report of the Privileges Committee about 3 MPs including Hon. Sarah Adwoa Safo referred to the Privileges committee.
- Hon. Zanetor Rawlings commented on a statement made by the Hon. Frank Annoh Dompseh called for the enactment of a climate change legislation and for African governments to deliver the climate Adaptation Finance. She ably supported the statement, noting the dire impacts of climate change.

KEY OBSERVATIONS

1. Mr. Speaker on the 24th of October 2022 received a report from consultants on a proposed bill - **Parliamentary Transition Bill** - regarding what happened on January 7, 2021 during the election of a Speaker.
2. Hon. Speaker noted the fact that lack of legislation on affirmative action is taking the country back to prehistoric levels. He has written to the Attorney-General to request for the **Affirmative Action Bill** in whatever form it is as indications show Cabinet has given approval.
3. The Speaker on Wednesday 26 October ruled that a motion on a report of the Privileges Committee about 3 MPs referred for alleged breach of Article 97(1)(c) was **rightfully admitted**; must be considered by the House.
4. The Deputy Majority Leader Alex Afenyo-Markin on 27th of October raised a preliminary objection to an advertised motion in the order paper of a vote of censure on Finance Minister Ken Ofori-Atta. He argued that the said motion does not have legal grounds embedded.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A total of 45 questions have been programmed by the Business Committee for the ensuing week (Tuesday 1st November to Friday 4th).
- The following Ministers are scheduled to answer questions in the ensuing week;
- The Volta regional Minister, Interior Minister, Minister for Food and Agriculture, Minister for Health, Minister for Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation, Minister for Railway Development, and the Minister for Roads and Highways.