

IN THE THIRD SESSION OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF THE FOURTH REPUBLIC OF
GHANA

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ON

PARLIAMENT OF GHANA LIBRARY
PARLIAMENT HOUSE
OSU - ACCRA

THE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL,
2015

Acc No: 1612
Class No: BR/SA/15

PARLIAMENT OF GHANA LIBRARY

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY
APPROPRIATION BILL, 2015**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2015 was presented to Parliament on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Finance by the Hon Deputy Minister of Finance Mr. Cassiel Ato Baah Forson and read for the first time on Tuesday, 12th May, 2015 and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report in accordance with Article 179 (2) of the Constitution and Order 169 of the Standing Orders of the House. This follows the presentation of the Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government for the 2015 financial year by the Hon. Minister for Finance. The Committee was also to determine whether the Bill was of an urgent nature.

The Committee was assisted in its deliberations by the Hon. Deputy Ministers of Finance, Mrs. Mona K. Quartey and Mr. Cassiel Ato Baah Forson and the technical team from the Ministry of Finance and reports to the House in accordance with article 106(5) of the Constitution.

The Committee is grateful to the Hon. Ministers and the technical team for their assistance.

2.0 REFERENCES

In examining the Bill, the Committee referred to the following additional documents:

- The 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana;
- The Standing Orders of the Parliament of Ghana;
- The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of the Republic of Ghana for the 2014 financial year; and

The Mid-Year Review of the Budget and Supplementary Estimate of the Government of Ghana for the 2014

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Significant developments in the economy after approval of the 2014 Budget necessitated the presentation to Parliament for approval, a supplementary budget in July, 2014. The developments mainly related to higher interest costs associated with domestic borrowing; higher foreign-financed capital expenditure due to the exchange rate depreciation; higher subsidies due to slower-than-expected implementation of utility and petroleum price adjustments; higher compensation payments to public sector employees despite the moderation in wage negotiations; and lower-than-expected tax revenues and grants.

To ensure that these developments do not undermine the macroeconomic programme for the year, Government requested the Parliament of Ghana to approve a Supplementary appropriation of Three Billion, One Hundred and Ninety-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy-One Ghana Cedis (GH¢3,196,855,671) to be funded from domestic and foreign sources as well as the excess amount from the stabilisation fund for debt repayment.

And it is in pursuance of article 179 (9) of the 1992 Constitution, that this Supplementary Appropriation Bill of 2015 is presented to Parliament.

4.0 OBJECT OF THE BILL

The objective of the Bill is to request Parliamentary ratification of supplementary expenditure of a sums of Three Billion, One Hundred and Ninety-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy-One Ghana Cedis (GH¢3,196,855,671) issued from the consolidated fund during the 2014 financial year.

5.0 CLAUSES OF THE BILL

The Bill comprised 2 Clauses and 1 Schedule. Clause 1 provides for the sum of money issued from the Consolidated Fund as a Supplementary expenditure for 2014 financial year while Clause 2 indicates the commencement date of the Act.

Schedule 1 provides for the total appropriated expenditure by items.

6.0 OBSERVATIONS

Constitutional Requirement

The Committee notes that the request is in accordance with the constitutional requirement under Article 179(9) which requires a Supplementary Appropriation Bill to be presented to Parliament in the financial year next following the financial year to which the estimates relates.

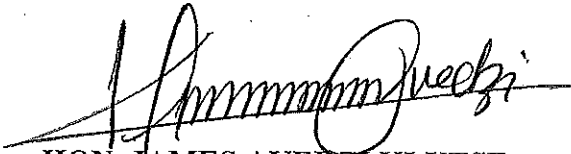
The Committee further notes that the Bill also provides for the appropriation of the sum so approved for the purposes specified in the estimates presented July, 2014.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION AND CONCLUSION

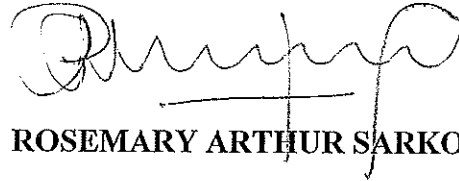
The committee having carefully considered the Bill, recommends that the House adopts its report and ratify the sum of Three Billion, One Hundred and Ninety-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy-One Ghana Cedis (GH¢3,196,855,671) issued from the Consolidated Fund for the purposes of financing 2014

supplementary expenditure in accordance with Article 179(9) of the 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana.

Respectfully Submitted



HON. JAMES AVEDZI KLUTSE
CHAIRMAN, FINANCE COMMITTEE



ROSEMARY ARTHUR SARKODIE
CLERK, FINANCE COMMITTEE

May, 2015

PARLIAMENT OF GHANA LIBRARY
PARLIAMENT HOUSE
OSU - ACCRA

PARLIAMENT OF GHANA LIBRARY