

**REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE
DETERMINATION OF THE URGENCY OF THE ZONGO
DEVELOPMENT FUND BILL, 2017**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Zongo Development Fund Bill was presented to Parliament on 18th July 2017 and referred to the Joint Committee on Local Government & Rural Development and Finance for consideration and report. Pursuant to Article 106(3) of the Constitution and Order 119 of the Standing Orders of Parliament, the Joint Committee was asked to determine whether the Bill is of urgent nature.

Consequently, the Joint Committee met on 21st July 2017 and considered the urgency of Bill.

2.0 DETERMINATION OF THE URGENCY OF THE BILL

In determining the urgency, the Committee took the following into consideration:

- i. The purpose of the Bill;
- ii. The structure of the Bill and the number of Clauses to be reviewed;
- iii. The share quantum of money allocated to the Fund; and
- iv. Other related matters

3.0 REFERENCES

The Committee referred to the following documents during its deliberations:

- i. The 1992 Constitution
- ii. The Standing Orders of Parliament
- iii. The Zongo Development Fund Bill, 2017

4.0 OBSERVATIONS

The Committee observed that the Bill was a novelty in that, it is seeking to support the development of Zongo communities that are spread across the length and breadth of the country generally. This was the first of its kind and therefore the Committee needed time to adequately consider the Bill.

The Committee further noted that a considerable amount of resources would be committed to the Fund when the Bill is passed. Having regard to the lessons from the management of similar Funds established by Parliament, it is imperative that the Committee carefully review the Bill and craft it in a manner that would address the challenges witnessed in the operations of other Funds.

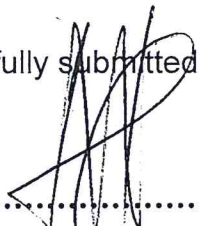
The Committee also considered the need to have a broad consultation with key stakeholders in furtherance of the objectives of Bill.

The Committee was mindful of the budgetary allocation to the Fund in this year's budget, and indicated its commitment to consider the Bill to enable the Fund utilise the allocation.

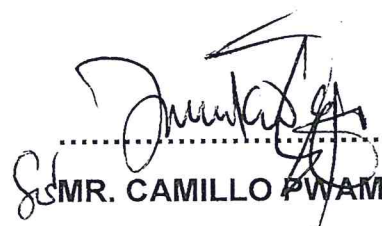
4.0 CONCLUSION

Based on the above considerations, the Committee believes that the Bill is not of an urgent nature to be taken through all the stages in one day.

Respectfully submitted


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