LEGISLATORS WANT TO BE EXEMPTED FROM TAXES:

Some senior technocrats in the finance ministry and the civil society organizations have questioned why MPs want taxes removed from their allowances yet they earn big salary and allowances.

The number of law makers in the 10th parliament is expected to go beyond 430, with the least paid expected to earn shs.25m a month.

Allowances for MPs include; committee allowance, constituency allowance, seating allowance, mileage allowance. However, mileage is calculated according to the distance between a legislator’s constituency and parliament. This means those far constituencies earn more money in mileage.

PAYE tax for top earners is set at 30% of the gross pay. This means that the least paid MP will pay a tax of shs.7.5m a month. This will come to a minimum of shs.3.5b a month from all the MPs, shs.38.7b a year and shs.1.9 trillion in five years.

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