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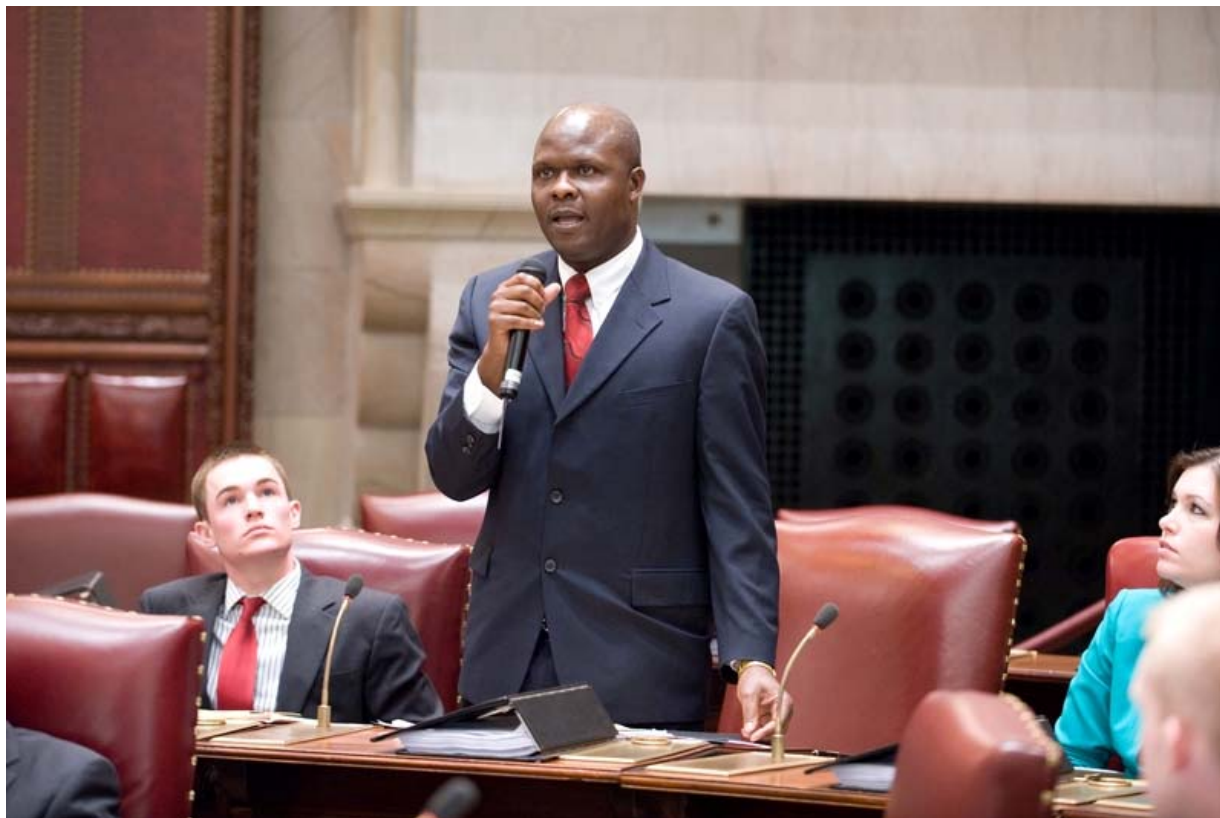


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Ugandan International Senate Fellow, James Angura, rising to speak on his bill during the New York State Senate's Model Legislative Session on April 20, 2012.

James Angura, a Senior Legislative Counsel with the Parliament of Uganda, participated in a four-month fellowship with the New York State Senate from January to April 2012. During this period, Mr. Angura was placed in the office of a New York State Senator to learn the “nuts and bolts” of the legislative process in New York. This comparative experience is designed to enable individuals such as Mr. Angura to become change agents within their institutions.

The capstone of the fellowship is a Model Legislative Session where students get the opportunity to draft and debate their own bills on the floor of the New York State Senate. Mr. Angura's bill is designed to assist youth transitioning from the foster care system to independent living situations. Questioning and debate on the bill was vigorous, and in the end his bill passed unanimously.

Shortly after the Model Legislative Session, Mr. Angura returned to Uganda where he is currently working to develop a legislative tracking system for the Parliament and analyzing policy statements. His supervisor commented that his level of energy and productivity increased greatly since his return.

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