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All Eyes on Uganda

The world attempts a final rally cry, as the Ugandan Parliament prepares for a likely vote Wednesday on the fate of its "Kill the Gays" bill.

By Michelle Garcia

As activists from gay rights group Get Equal protest in front of the Ugandan embassy Tuesday evening, activists and governments around the world are urging the African country's legislature not to approve a bill that would imprison or execute gay people and their allies.

The proposed legislation has been sent to Stephen Tashobya, chair of the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs committee, Pennsylvania-based professor Warren Throckmorton reported Tuesday. The bill is due for a second reading Wednesday, during which it may be officially modified to remove the death penalty for someone engaging in homosexual acts. Helen Kawesa, a spokeswoman for Uganda's Parliament, told Throckmorton that the members will likely work into the night to vote on bills that have been pushed ahead, including the antigay legislation.

Ugandan gay activist Frank Mugisha told The Advocate Tuesday that even with the adjustments to get rid of the death penalty, the goal should be to get the bill completely withdrawn by Parliament.

"How ever watered down it may be [by] removing the death penalty, they are trying get support from critics for the bill, which we shall not allow," Mugisha said.

David Bahati, the author of the bill, told Throckmorton that the death penalty portion had been removed by a committee on Tuesday, as well