



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

## NATIONAL COUNCIL



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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*Monday, 09 November 2015*

(09:30 - 13:00)

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The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

1.0 The Chairman took the Chair.

2.0 Hon. Vice-chairperson recited the Prayer and Affirmation.

3.0 NOTICES OF MOTION(S)

3.1 Hon. Mensah-Williams gave notice: That on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 she shall move the Report of the delegation to the Tenth Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliaments held at the UN-Headquarters in New York, USA from 29 – 30 September 2015.

3.2 Hon. Mensah-Williams gave notice: That on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 she shall move the Report of the Parliamentary delegation to the 133<sup>rd</sup> Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly and related meetings held in Geneva, Switzerland from 17 – 21 October 2015.

3.4 Hon. Tobias gave notice: That on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 he shall move that leave be given to introduce the Bill to provide for the establishment of the Constituency Development Fund; Establishment of the Constituency Development Fund Board; to provide for Functions of Constituency Development Fund Board; Procedure at meetings of Constituency Development Fund Board, Conduct of business and Affairs of the Board; Allocation of funds and incidental matters.

3.5 Hon. Tobias gave notice: That on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 he shall move that leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Regional Councils Act 1992 so as provide for the establishment of Constituency Development Committees; Regional Development Coordination Committees; to provide for powers and functions of Constituency Development Committees and Regional Development Coordination Committees and to provide for incidental matters.

- 3.6 Hon. Shilenga gave notice: That on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 she shall move the Report of the Security, Constitutional and Legal Affairs Committee on its visit to the Army Military Bases in //Karas, Khomas, Erongo, Otjozondjupa, Kavango East, Zambezi, Kunene, Oshana and Oshikoto Regions from 27<sup>th</sup> July – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2015.
- 3.7 Hon. Gaobaeb gave notice: That on Wednesday, November 11, 2015, he shall move the Report of the National Council Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economy on the review of Reports of the Auditor-General on Local Authorities for the financial year ending 30 June 2011.
- 3.8 Hon. Gaobaeb gave notice: That on Wednesday, November 11, 2015, he shall move the Report of the National Council Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economy on the 5<sup>th</sup> Westminster Workshop on Effective, Independent & Transparent Public Accounts Committees for Robust Public Financial Oversight in Valletta – Malta from 01 – 04 June 2015.
- 3.9 Hon. Gaobaeb gave notice: That on Wednesday, November 11, 2015, he shall move the Report of the National Council Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economy on Regional Councils and Local Authorities for various financial years ending 31 March 2010 for Regional Councils and 30 June 2010 for Local Authorities.

#### 4.0 STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON

Hon. Asser Kuveri Kapere, Chairperson of the National Council made a Statement to the House at the opening of the 4<sup>th</sup> National Council last Session on 09 November 2015. The Statement is reproduced verbatim hereunder.

“Honourable Vice-Chairperson of the National Council;

Honourable Chief Whip;

Honourable Deputy Ministers;

Honourable Members of the National Council;

Secretary to the National Council;

It is my singular honour and privilege to welcome you all to this session of the national council.

Honourable Members,

In three weeks’ time, Namibians will be going to the polls to participate in an electoral process that will lead to the selection of members of the fifth National Council. I, therefore, greatly appreciate your presence and readiness to fulfil our constitutional responsibility of making laws, notwithstanding your heavy campaign schedules and the winding up of your respective responsibilities at Regional and Constituency levels.

However, before we commence with our duty today allow me to register our tribute to Kuku Linda Niikunde Johannes, the late mother of our Vice-President, His Excellency Dr Nickey Iyambo. The dear mother of our Vice-President passed on last month at a blessed age of 118 and she will be remembered as a patriotic citizen, who contributed immensely to the liberation struggle of Namibia.

Furthermore, last month, we also lost a former member of the National Council, the late Honourable Samuel Cloete who passed on the 24th of October. The late Honourable Cloete, affectionately known to many as Sampie, was one of the Founding Members of the National Council in 1993 and continued to serve as a member until his retirement in 2004. While a member he was also tasked with the responsibility of being the Chief Whip of the DTA of Namibia in the National Council.

Therefore, Honourable Members, in memory and paying tribute to them and others who passed on after our last session, may I request you Honourable Members to rise for a minute of silence.

[May their souls rest in eternal peace and rise in glory].

Honourable Members,

It is very sad that our people continue to lose their precious lives in barbaric domestic violence and careless vehicle accidents. I call upon peace loving citizens to continue with awareness campaigns calling on our people to desist from committing violence in a domestic environment that is supposed to be filled with love, peace and tranquillity.

With regards to the vehicle accidents I urge the road users to adhere to all road regulations and in particular to adhere to the prescribed speed limits and not to drink and drive.

Honourable Members,

The work calendar before us is a full one and I expect that we execute the review responsibility with diligence as usual. I thank you all in advance for your cooperation in this regard as I know you would want to be in your regions with your people campaigning and dealing with the effects of the devastating drought. But for now, let us do what we are supposed to do as Parliamentarians.

On that note, I welcome you once more Honourable Members and wish you successful deliberations ahead.

I thank you and God Bless you.”

## 5.0 MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Chairperson announced that he has received a message from the Speaker of the National Assembly: That the National Assembly has passed and referred the following Bills to the National council for review in accordance with Article 75(1) of the Namibian Constitution:

- a) *Income Tax Amendment Bill* [B.9 – 2015]

- b) *Value-Added Tax Amendment Bill* [B.10 – 2015]
- c) *Regional Councils Amendment Bill* [B.11 – 2015]
- d) *Local Authorities Amendment Bill* [B.12 – 2015]
- e) *Public Procurement Bill* [B.8 – 2015]
- f) *Judiciary Bill* [B.14 – 2015]
- g) *Civil Aviation Bill* [B.1 – 2015]
- h) *Deeds Registries Bill* [B.13 – 2015]

The Chairperson then called upon the Secretary to read the Bills a First Time.

The Secretary then read the Bills a First Time.

The Bills stood referred to a **Second Reading**.

- 6.0 On the motion of Hon. Sibatani, seconded by Hon. Namwandi, the Council was adjourned at 10:10 until Tuesday, November 10, 2015.

*Emilia Mkusa*  
*Secretary of the National Council*

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