



ELEVENTH SESSION, FIFTH NATIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 21 December 2017

(09:30 - 13:00)

No.31 - 2017

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

- 1.0 The Chairperson took the Chair.
- 2.0 The Chairperson recited the Prayer and Affirmation.
- 3.0 NOTICE OF MOTION(S)

Hon. Kavhura moved a motion without notice, in terms of Rule 51(1)(i), a motion without notice that the *Combating in Trafficking of Persons Bill* [B.14-2017] be recommitted to the Committee of the Whole Council only in respect of Clause 28; and further that the recommittal is done in accordance with Rule 8 of our Standing Rules and Orders.

The reason for recommittal is to allow the House to effect important amendments that will align and harmonise certain provisions of the *Combating in Trafficking of Persons Bill* with those of the *Prevention of Organised Crime Act, 2004* (Act No. 29 of 2004).

4.0 DEBATE ON THIRD READING

4.1 FIRST ORDER READ

Debate on Third Reading – *Urban and Regional Planning Bill* [B.13 – 2017]

The Vice-Chairperson put the question: That Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

The Acting Secretary then read the Bill a Third Time.

The Bill was passed **with amendments**.

4.2 SECOND ORDER READ

Debate on Third Reading – *Combating of Trafficking in Persons Bill* [B.14 – 2017]

The Vice-Chairperson put the question: That Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

The Acting Secretary then read the Bill a Third Time.

The Bill was passed **with amendments**.

4.3 THIRD ORDER READ

Debate on Third Reading – *Education Amendment Bill* [B.15 – 2017].

The Vice-Chairperson put the question: That Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

The Acting Secretary then read the Bill a Third Time.

The Bill was passed **without amendments**.

5.0 CLOSING STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON

Hon. Mensah-Williams, Chairperson of the National Council made a Statement to the House at the closing of the Eleventh Session of the 5th National Council on 21 December 2017.

The Statement is reproduced hereunder:

**“HONOURABLE BERNARD SIBALATANI, VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL,
HONOURABLE HILMA NICANOR, DEPUTY MINISTER OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,
HONOURABLE LEBBIUS, CHIEF WHIP OF THE RULING PARTY IN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL,
MS JULIET MUPURUA, ACTING SECRETARY TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL,
HONOURABLE MEMBERS,
MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.**

We have successfully concluded our business!

I would like to thank each and every one of you Honourable Members for your continued dedication.

This was an unplanned sitting but, without any hesitation, you travelled to Windhoek because you take your oath of office and service to your country very seriously.

Honourable Members,

As we adjourn for the festive season, I would like to encourage you Honourable Members to be role models by obeying the rules of the road.

During this festive season, our national roads are very busy with holiday-makers who want to visit family and tour our beautiful country.

The public looks up to you and me to set the example of the kind of behaviour that is acceptable on Namibia's public roads.

The B1 and B2 national roads have historically produced the highest number of road accidents. I would like you Honourable Members you join other stakeholders by promoting road safety and responsible driving especially on these stretches of road.

We lose too many lives on our roads; we have to do our part to stop this unnecessary loss of lives as the National Council in our own small way.

Honourable Members,

Please allow me to share with you some road safety tips as published by the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund:

1. Make sure your car is roadworthy because a well-maintained vehicle is a safe one;
2. Do not use your mobile phone while driving because using a mobile phone while driving can impair your visual search patterns, reaction times, decision-making processes and your ability to maintain speed, safe following distances, throttle control and lateral position on the road;
3. Do not drink and drive because it is illegal and unsafe to operate a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol;
4. Obey the speed limit at all times;
5. Get plenty of rest if you plan on driving for a long distance.

Honourable Members

I trust you will help spread this message and help save a life.

I would like to encourage our traffic law enforcement to apprehend those who want to endanger the lives of other road users recklessly.

Road safety is everyone's responsibility; together we can make our roads safer.

With these few words, I wish all Namibians a Merry Christmas and a safe journey into 2018.

I Thank you!"

6.0 Hon. Tobias seconded by Hon. Nangolo adjourned the Council at 14:40 until further notice.

Emilia Mkusa
Secretary of the National Council
