



**NINTH SESSION, FIFTH NATIONAL COUNCIL**



**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

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*Monday, 31 July 2017*

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**The Council met pursuant to adjournment.**

- 1.0 The Chairperson took the Chair.
- 2.0 The Chairperson recited the Prayer and Affirmation.
- 3.0 OPENING STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON

Honourable Mensah-Williams, Chairperson of the National Council made a Statement to the House at the opening of the Ninth Session of the 5<sup>th</sup> National Council on 31 July 2017. The Statement is reproduced hereunder:

**“HONOURABLE BERNARD SONGA SIBALATANI, VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL;**

**HONOURABLE LEBBIUS TOBIAS, CHIEF WHIP OF THE RULING PARTY IN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL;**

**HONOURABLE HILMA NICANOR, DEPUTY MINISTER OF VETERANS AFFAIRS & MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL;**

**HONOURABLES CHIEF WHIPS OF THE OPPOSITION IN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL;**

**HONOURABLE MEMBERS;**

**ACTING-SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AND STAFF  
MEMBERS;  
MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES**

Good morning and a warm welcome to the National Council once again from your respective constituencies around the country.

We give thanks to the Almighty for his compassion and for ensuring that we travelled safely to come and fulfill our constitutional mandate in service of our country.

Honourable Members, ladies and gentlemen

For the benefit of those tuned in via the media from home or the office, I have the honour to announce that the National Assembly has passed and referred the following bills to The National Council for review during this sitting:

1. The Whistleblower Protection Bill (B.1 - 2017)
2. The Lotteries Bill (B.5 - 2017)
3. The Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Amendment Bill (B.6 - 2017)
4. The One-Stop Border Posts Control Bill (B.8 - 2017)
5. Usury Amendment Bill (B.10 - 2017)
6. Namibia Revenue Agency Bill (B.11 - 2017)
7. Regional Councils Amendment Bill (B.23 - 2016)
8. Local Authorities Amendment Bill (B.25 - 2016)
9. Namibian Time Bill (B.28 - 26)

Honourable Members,

The bills before us are crucial for the continued socio-economic progression of our country; therefore I urge you all to put your best foot forward deliver on the expectations of the electorate.

In addition, this August House will also consider the reports that emanated from the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the Junior National Council and the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Rural Women Parliament with Men as Partners, as well as the report by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Economy.

Honourable Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Standing Committee on Habitat, under the capable leadership of Hon. Sipapela, for its successful oversight tour to the regions which concluded recently. I am sure this tour served as another reminder to the Honourable members of the realities our people face on a daily basis in the regions, particularly in the rural areas.

We can all agree that the perspectives that committee members gained from the trip will further enrich them as makers of national laws.

Honourable Members,

That is all I had to say this morning. All that is left to say is to wish you all a productive two weeks or so ahead.

I thank you!”

#### 4.0 MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Chairperson announced that she received the following official communication from the National Assembly that:

a) 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:

1) *Whistleblower Protection Bill* [B.1 – 2017]

2) *Lotteries Bill* [B.5 – 2017]

3) *Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Amendment Bill* [B.6 – 2017]

4) *One-Stop Border Posts Control Bill* [B.8 – 2017]

5) *Usury Amendment Bill* [B.10 – 2017]

6) *Namibia Revenue Agency Bill* [B.11 – 2017]

7) *Regional Councils Amendment Bill* [B.23 – 2016]

8) *Local Authorities Amendment Bill* [B.25 – 2016]

9) *Namibian Time Bill* [B.28 – 2016]

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

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

b) the National Assembly has, in terms of Article 74(1)(b) of the Namibian Constitution, referred the Audited Financial Reports to the National Council to review and scrutinize them in terms of the said Article. The Audited Financial Reports are as follows:

- 1) Municipality of Windhoek for the Financial Years ended 30 June 2014 and 2015;
- 2) Municipality of Henties Bay for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2015;
- 3) Municipality of Gobabis for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2015;
- 4) Municipality of Outjo for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2015;
- 5) Municipality of Mariental for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2015;
- 6) Municipality of Usakos for the Financial Years ended 30 June 2011; 2012; and 2013;
- 7) Municipality of Tsumeb for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2015;
- 8) Regional Council of the Khomas Region for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2015;
- 9) Regional Council for the Hardap Region for the Financial Years ended 31 March 2014 and 2015;
- 10) Regional Council for the Omaheke Region for the Financial Years ended 31 March 2011; 2012; 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- 11) Regional Council for the Kavango East Region for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2014;
- 12) Regional Council for the Kavango West Region for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2015;

- 13) Regional Council of the Oshana Region for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2015;
- 14) Regional Council of the Ohangwena Region for the Financial Years ended 31 March 2010; 2011; 2012 and 2013;
- 15) Regional Council of the Otjozondjupa Region for the Financial Years ended 31 March 2011; 2012 and 2013;
- 16) Regional Council of the Zambezi Region for the Financial Years ended 31 March 2011 and 2012;
- 17) Town Council of Eenhana for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2014;
- 18) Town Council of Khorixas for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2015;
- 19) Town Council of Otavi for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2015;
- 20) Town Council of Opuwo for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2015;
- 21) Town Council of Rundu for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2015;
- 22) Town Council of Helao Nafidi for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2015;
- 23) Town Council of Katima Mulilo for the Financial Years ended 30 June 2014 and 2015;
- 24) Town Council of Arandis for the Financial Years ended 30 June 2014 and 2015;
- 25) Town Council of Oshakati for the Financial Years ended 30 June 2014 and 2015;
- 26) Town Council of Okahao for the Financial Years ended 30 June 2012 and 2015;
- 27) Town Council of Karibib for the Financial Years ended 30 June 2012 and 2013;
- 28) Town Council of Okakarara for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2013;
- 29) Town Council of Nkurenkuru for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2012;
- 30) Town Council of Oshikuku for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2013;
- 31) Town Council of Ondangwa for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2012;
- 32) Town Council of Oranjemund for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2012;
- 33) Town Council of Lüderitz for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2012;
- 34) Village Council of Gochas for the Financial Years ended 30 June 2014 and 2015;
- 35) Village Council of Leonardville for the Financial Years ended 30 June 2014 and 2015;

- 36) Village Council of Berseba for the Financial Years ended 30 June 2012 and 2015;
- 37) Village Council of Kalkrand for the Financial Years ended 30 June 2012; 2014 and 2015;
- 38) Village Council of Gibeon for the Financial Years ended 30 June 2012 and 2013;
- 39) Village Council of Aroab for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2014;
- 40) Village Council of Stampriet for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2012;
- 41) Village Council of Kamanjab for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2013;
  
- 42) Special Report on non-submission of Financial Statements by some Local Authorities, Regional Councils and Statutory Bodies up to the Financial Year ended 2015.

These reports stood referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economy for consideration and scrutiny. The Standing Committee shall report its observations, findings, conclusions and recommendations to the House at the appropriate time.

5.0 Hon. Tobias, seconded by Hon. Ephraim, adjourned the Council at 09:56 until Tuesday, August 01, 2017.

*Ephraim G. Jane*  
*Acting Secretary of the National Council*

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