



FIFTH SESSION, SIXTH NATIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Monday, August 01, 2022

(09:30 - 13:00)

No.32 – 2022

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

- 1.0 The Chairperson took the Chair.
- 2.0 The Chairperson asked Honourable !Haoseb, in terms of Rule 22(2) to pray and Honourable !Haoseb read the Prayer.
- 3.0 The Chairperson read the Affirmation.
- 4.0 OPENING STATEMENT BY CHAIRPERSON

Honourable Muha, Chairperson of the National Council made a Statement to the House at the opening of the Fifth Session of the 6th National Council on Monday, 01 August 2022.

The Statement is reproduced hereunder:

*“Honourable Gerhard Shiimi, Chief Whip, and all Whips;
Honourable Members;*

Adv. Tousy Namiseb, Secretary to the National Council;

National Council Staff Members;

Media Representatives;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

We are once again gathered here in this August House for the next three weeks to deliberate on matters of Regional and National concern as per Article 74 and 75 of the Namibian Constitution.

Honourable Members, I comment you that for the past twenty months, you have demonstrated your responsibilities of representing, reviewing and holding the executive accountable.

As Members of Parliament at National Council, it is important to note that our recess are normally working sessions. During the just ended recess, the Council has recorded a number of activities; that included:

1. The familiarization visits to Recon Africa / Namibia exploration site that took place on 27th of June 2022,
2. As a branch of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), we participated in the 52nd CPA Africa Regional Conference held in Freetown, Sierra Leone from 03-09 June 2022,
3. Furthermore, we attended and participated in the plenary of Pan African Parliament (PAP) in June 2022. It is indeed my distinct honour to comment the SADC delegation (to that conference) for ensuring the delivery of PAP chairmanship to the Southern African candidate, Hon. Fortune Z. Charumbira from Zimbabwe. Hon. Members, Please, join me as I congratulate Hon. Charumbira for his new assignment.

4. National Council further conducted capacity building training on Women in Politics and decision making from 13-14 June 2022.
5. I am equally happy to inform this August house that the training workshop on leadership and management meant for Chairpersons and Deputy-Chairpersons of National Council Standing Committees, from 11-15 June 2022, has been successful, and
6. The just concluded National Council Chairperson's Outreach Programme, under the able leadership of Hon. Vicky Kauma, Vice-Chairperson of the National Council to Oshana, Omusati and Kunene regions, from 18-30 July 2022, is one of the very important activities undertaken by National Council during the recess. The outreach program is aimed at creating awareness among stakeholders on the work of Parliament. Since its inception, the public (target group) has shown much appreciation.

Honourable Members, I further would like comment many of you for not observing the recess but rather opted to be busy engaging communities in our various constituencies. Similarly, do I encourage those who did not yet start visiting communities to follow suit as this will enable us to inform them on government programs and activities. The fact that many of us regularly visit communities is a clear demonstration that we are committed to our elementary responsibilities.

Honourable Members,

During the next three-week session, we have quite a hectic schedule to honor. It is expected of us to look at but not limited to:

1. The four (4) bills referred to us by the National Assembly,

2. The seven (7) regional council reports and one (1) National Council Standing Committee report postponed to this session by the previous session, and other incidental matters as they may arise.

It is because of the busy schedule of this session, that I wish to request all Members of this House and our esteemed administrative staff to remain focused, attentive, and most importantly to portray attributes of servanthood.

Honourable Members,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I now conclude by welcoming you to the fifth session of the 6th National Council, and in the same vein thank you for your continuous dedication and commitment shown since its inception.

Take care and stay safe!

I thank you for your kind attention!”

5.0 MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Chairperson announced to the National Council 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) *Access to Information Bill [B.4 – 2020];*
- b) *Combating of Domestic Violence Amendment Bill [B.1 – 2022];*
- c) *Combating of Rape Amendment Bill [B.2 – 2022];* and
- d) *Metrology Bill [B.9 – 2021].*

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

The Secretary read the Bills a First Time.

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

6.0 DEBATE ON REPORTS

6.1 FIRST ORDER READ

Resumption of Debate on Report of the *//Kharas Regional Council for the Financial Year 2021/2022*.

On the motion of Honourable Mbangi, seconded by Honourable Shiimi, the debate of the report was adjourned to Wednesday, 03 August 2022.

6.2 SECOND ORDER READ

Resumption of Debate on Report of the *Kavango East Regional Council for the Financial Year 2021/2022*.

On the motion of Honourable Busihu seconded by Honourable Tjaveondja, the debate of the report was adjourned to Thursday, 04 August 2022.

6.3 THIRD ORDER READ

Resumption of Debate on Report of the *National Council Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Housing's visits to the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development National Projects on Sanitation in the Khomas, Omaheke, Hardap, //Kharas, Erongo, Otjozondjupa, Kavango East, Zambezi, Ohangwena, Oshana, Omusati and Kunene Regions from 10 February 2022 to 18 March 2022*.

On the motion of Honourable Kambrude seconded by Honourable Katura, the debate of the report was adjourned to Monday, 08 August 2022.

6.4 FOURTH ORDER READ

Resumption of Debate on Report of the *Kunene Regional Council for the Financial Year 2021/2022*.

On the motion of Honourable Mbangi, seconded by Honourable Ngunaihe, the debate of the report was adjourned to Tuesday, 09 August 2022.

6.5 FIFTH ORDER READ

Resumption of Debate on Report of the *National Council Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources on its oversight visits on Rural Water supply, Community Based Conservancies and Open Mining Pits to the Zambezi, Kavango East, Kavango West, Ohangwena, Oshikoto, Oshana, Omusati, Kunene and Erongo Regions, from 26 February 2022 to 26 March 2022*.

On the motion of Honourable Likando, seconded by Honourable Abraham, the debate of the report was adjourned to Wednesday, 10 August 2022.

6.6 SIXTH ORDER READ

Resumption of Debate on Report of the *Khomas Regional Council for the Financial Year 2021/2022*.

On the motion of Honourable Nambondi, seconded by Honourable Mbangi, the debate of the report was adjourned to Thursday, 11 August 2022.

6.7 SEVENTH ORDER READ

Resumption of Debate on Report of the *Omusati Regional Council for the Financial Year 2021/2022*.

On the motion of Honourable Gaoseb, seconded by Honourable Ndjambula, the debate of the report was adjourned to Monday, 15 August 2022

6.8 EIGHTH ORDER READ

Resumption of Debate on Report of the *Otjozondjupa Regional Council for the Financial Year 2021/2022*.

On the motion of Honourable Mbangu, seconded by Honourable Shiimi, the debate of the report was adjourned to Tuesday, 16 August 2022

7.0 Honourable Shiimi, seconded by Honourable Muteka, adjourned the Council at 10:11 until Tuesday, August 02, 2022 at 09:30.

Mr Tousy Namiseb
Secretary to the National Council
