



NINTH SESSION, SIXTH NATIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Monday, July 03, 2023

(09:30 - 13:00)

No.16 – 2023

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

- 1.0 The Chairperson took the Chair.
- 2.0 The Chairperson asked Honourable Likando in terms of Rule 23(2), to pray and Honourable Likando, read the Prayer.
- 3.0 The Chairperson. read the Affirmation.
- 4.0 OPENING STATEMENT BY PRESIDING MEMBER

Honourable Muha, Chairperson of the National Council made a Statement to the House at the opening of the Ninth Session of the 6th National Council on 03 July 2023.

The Statement is reproduced hereunder:

**“Honourable Victoria Mbawo Kauma, Vice-Chairperson
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

Good morning,

Honourable Members,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to you on behalf of the entire leadership, to the 8th Session of the 6th National Council. This session is scheduled to last for three weeks, starting today the 3rd to 20th July 2023.

During the three weeks, National Council is expected to consider, among others:

- All bills referred to us by National Assembly and
- Conduct Standing Committee and related meetings

Honourable Members.

The National Assembly has been working around the clock to ensure that most needed urgent bills are referred to National Council in a reasonable space of time.

So far they have referred eight (8) urgent Bills and one (1) ordinary Bill for review. Hence our early arrival and resumption. We shall commence with the urgent bills before other bills will be considered.

It is therefore my humble request to you, Hon. Members, to further ensure the speedy but effective review of the referred bills. By so doing, we shall demonstrate our commitment to the Namibian Nation and International communities. It will as well assist us to escape being grey-listed by The Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

That set and done, Honourable Members, I wish you a fruitful July session ahead.

And I thank you”.

5.0 MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER OF 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:

1. *Financial Intelligence Amendment Bill* [B.2 – 2023];
2. *Extradition Amendment Bill* [B. 8 – 2023];
3. *International Co-operation in Criminal Matters Amendment Bill* [B.7 – 2023];
4. *Livestock and Livestock Products Amendment Bill* [B.4 – 2023];
5. *Virtual Assets Bill* [B.12 – 2023];
6. *Prevention of Organised Crime Amendment Bill* [B.11 – 2023];
7. *Prevention and Combating of Terrorist and Proliferation Activities Amendment Bill* [B.13 – 2023];
8. *Police Amendment Bill* [B.5 – 2023]; and
9. *Criminal Procedure Amendment Bill* [B.10 – 2023].

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**.

7.0 Honourable Shiimi, seconded by Honourable Nambondi, adjourned the Council at 09:55 until Tuesday, July 04, 2023 at 09:30.

Mr Tousy J. Namiseb
Secretary to the National Council