

Tuesday, 6 February 2024

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NINTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
JOINT SESSION ON THE OPENING OF
PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2024

The Parliament met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and Affirmation, and announced that His Excellency the President of the Republic of Namibia Dr. Nangolo Mbumba will open the Ninth Session of the Seventh Parliament today.
2. The Deputy Speaker requested the House to rise and to remain standing while she and her counterpart the Vice Chairperson of the National Council, Hon. Victoria Kauma are going to invite His Excellency the President to the Chamber.

Business suspended

3. The President's procession enters the Chamber.

Business resumed

4. The Speaker made his opening remarks and welcomed His Excellency the President and all invited guests to the Official Opening of the Ninth Session of the Seventh Parliament by His Excellency the President, under the Theme, "2024 Legislative Year".
5. The Speaker reported that "we are gather under the shadow of great loss; that in the early hours of the 4th February 2024 we were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of His Excellency Dr. Hage G. Geingob". On behalf of all present, the Speaker expressed heartfelt condolences to Madame Monica Geingos, the children, the entire extended family and the nation.

Minute of Silence Observed in his Honour and Memory.

6. Secondly, the Speaker reported that on Wednesday, 31st January 2024 the Namibian nation also learnt about the passing on of Hon. Prof. Gerhard Totemeyer. Prof Totemeyer served as a Member of the National Assembly between 2000 – 2005, and as a Deputy Minister of the then Ministry of Regional, Local Government and Housing during the same period. On behalf of all present, the Speaker expressed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and the entire nation.

Minute of Silence also Observed in his Honour and Memory.

7. In conclusion, the Speaker called on His Excellency the President to open the Ninth Session of the Seventh Parliament in terms of Rule 15(d) of the Standing Rules and Orders of the National Assembly, which reads; *“The President will open Parliament at the first session of every year”*.
8. His Excellency the President Dr. Nangolo Mbumba delivered his Opening Address and thereafter declared the Ninth Session of the Seventh Parliament officially open.
9. The Chairperson of the National Council Hon. Lucas Muha delivered a vote of thanks on behalf of Parliament and the people of the Republic of Namibia.
10. The Prime Minister adjourned the Joint Session on the Opening of Parliament until further notice, and the National Assembly sitting until Wednesday, 7 February 2024, 14:30.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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