



## SIXTEENTH SESSION, SIXTH NATIONAL COUNCIL



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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*Thursday, May 15, 2025*

(09:30 - 13:00)

No. 4 – 2025

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**The Council met pursuant to adjournment.**

1.0 The Vice-Chairperson took the Chair.

2.0 The Vice-Chairperson asked Honourable Isaak in terms of Rule 23(2), to pray and Honourable Isaak read the prayer.

3.0 The Vice-Chairperson read the affirmation.

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

4.1 The Vice-Chairperson announced that the following Standing Committees of the National Council convened meetings to fill leadership vacancies in accordance with Rule 162 of the National Council Standing Rules and Orders. The Standing Committee on Home Affairs, Security, Constitutional and Legal Affairs elected:

1) **Hon. Phillemon Ndjambula**, as Chairperson, and

2) **Hon. Andreas Amundjindi**, as Vice-Chairperson.

4.2 The Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources elected **Hon. Paulus Mbangu**, as Vice-Chairperson.

4.3 The Implementation and Coordination Committee elected **Hon. Alfeus Kaushiweni Abraham**, as Vice-Chairperson.

4.4 Furthermore, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) convened a meeting and elected **Hon. Johannes Hamba Karondo** as its cluster Coordinator.

The Vice-Chairperson wished all the elected Honourable Members success in their new roles.

## 5.0 NOTICE OF MOTION(S)

5.1 Honourable Shiimi gave notice, in terms of Rule 111 of the Standing Rules and Orders of the National Council, to seek unanimous consent of the Members present: That the Committee Stage and Third Reading Stage of the Roads Bill [B.5 – 2024], be taken care of today, Thursday, 15 May 2025.

5.2 Honourable Kazongominja gave a notice: That on Tuesday, 20 May 2025, he shall move the *Report of the National Council Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economy on the Regional Oversight visit to //Kharas, Otjozodjupa, Zambezi, Kavango West and Oshana Regions on Agro Processing Development Projects conducted from 13<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025*.

5.3 Honourable Shiimi moved a motion without notice: That in accordance with Rule 31 of the Standing Rules and Orders of the National Council, the proceedings on **Votes 29, 36, 38, 16, 28 and 35** of the *Appropriation Bill* [B.6 – 2025], not be interrupted if still under consideration beyond 13:00 hours.

## 6.0 INTRODUCTION AND MOTIVATION OF REPORT(S)

### FIRST ORDER READ

Hon. Nambondi, seconded by Honourable Shiimi, moved the *Report of the National Council Standing Committee on Health, Social Welfare and Labour Affairs on the Basic Income Grant (BIG) Motion consultations conducted with Omitara community and other selected stakeholders on 5th August 2024 and 9th May 2025*. The Report was motivated by Hon. Muteka.

The Vice-Chairperson put the question: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

The Report was unanimously adopted.

*The Council suspended business at 10:37 and resumed at 11:15.*

## 7.0 DEBATE ON THIRD READING

### 7.1 SECOND ORDER READ

Debate on Third Reading – *Judiciary Amendment Bill* [B.1 – 2025].

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

Agreed to:

The Acting Secretary then read the Bill a Third Time.

The Bill was passed **without amendments**.

### 7.2 THIRD ORDER READ

Debate on Third Reading – *Public Procurement Amendment Bill* [B.3 – 2025].

Hon. Muteka, seconded by Honourable Shiimi, moved a motion without notice to recommit the whole *Public Procurement Amendment Bill* [B.3 – 2025], to the Committee Stage, in terms of Rule 122(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders of the National Council. The recommittal is to allow for further consultations and possible amendments to the Bill.

The motion, further sought the concurrence of the House to adjourn the debate to Thursday, 22 May 2025.

The Vice-Chairperson put the question: That the motion be adopted.

Agreed to.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

## 8.0 DEBATE ON COMMITTEE STAGE

### 8.1 FOURTH ORDER READ

Debate on Committee Stage – *Roads Bill* [B.5 – 2024].

The Vice-Chairperson put the question: That she leaves the Chair.

Agreed to:

The Vice-Chairperson of the National Council then called upon Honourable Tjaveondja, the First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole Council, to take the Chair.

The First Vice-Chairperson then took the Chair.

*Council in Committee:*

Clauses **1 to 58** were put and agreed to.

Clause **59, as amended by the National Assembly**, was put and agreed to.

Clauses **60 to 68** were put and agreed to

Schedules **1 and 2** were put and agreed to

Clause **2, the Short Title** was put and agreed to.

*Council resumed:*

Honourable Tjaveondja, First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole Council reported the Bill **without amendments**.

The Bill stood referred to **Third Reading**.

### 8.2 FIFTH ORDER READ

Debate on Committee Stage – *Appropriation Bill* [B.6 – 2025].

[**Votes 29, 36, 38, 16, 28 and 35**]

The Vice-Chairperson put the question: That she leaves the Chair.

Agreed to:

The Vice-Chairperson of the National Council then called upon Hon. Tjaveondja, the First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole Council, to take the Chair.

The First Vice-Chairperson then took the Chair.

*Council in Committee:*

**Votes 29, 36, 38, 16, 28 and 35** were put and agreed to.

*Council resumed:*

Hon. Tjaveondja, First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole Council, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

## 9.0 DEBATE ON THIRD READING

### SIXTH ORDER READ

Debate on Third Reading – *Roads Bill* [B.5 – 2024].

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

Agreed to:

The Acting Secretary then read the Bill a Third Time.

The Bill was passed **without amendments**.

## 10.0 AUTOMATIC ADJOURNMENT

In terms of Rule 30(1) of the National Council Standing Rules and Orders, Honourable Kauma, the Vice-Chairperson of National Council adjourned the House at 14:04 until Monday, May 19, 2025 at 09:30.

*Adv. Tousy Namiseb*  
*Secretary to the National Council*