



Thursday, 8 May 2025

No. 19 – 2025

FIRST SESSION, EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

THURSDAY, 8 MAY 2025

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.

2. **NOTICE OF A QUESTION:**

Hon. Kandorozi (NUDO) to ask the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister (No. 42).

3. **Hon. Kooper moved without Notice:**

That the proceedings on Votes 15, 23, 24, 29, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40 of the *Appropriation Bill* be, in terms of Rule 159(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, not interrupted if still under consideration at 17:45.

Agreed to.

4. **Hon. Lizazi moved without Notice in terms of Rule 124(d) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

That a maximum period for which a Hon. Member may speak on any Vote under discussion during the Committee Stage, be only once instead of thrice, with a time limit still of 5 minutes.

Agreed to.

5. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 136 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Minister of Works and Transport reported that following thorough consultations with relevant stakeholders, and in line with the Public Procurement Act (Act No. 15 of 2015), Section 54(1)(g) which states that “*the Board or a public entity may, at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid reject all bids or cancel the bidding process, if it does not create or achieve the expected outcome*”, a strategic decision was made to halt/stop the procurement process as it will not fully serve the desired outcome in a broader sense, considering the future perspective.

To that effect, as the line Ministry and shareholder in accordance with Article 40(a) and (b) of the Namibian Constitution, the Minister has directed TransNamib Holdings Limited to, with immediate effect, to cancel the procurement process, and in compliance with the Namibia procurement laws and regulations, to commence with a procurement process that embraces other procurement venues, which do not support acquiring locomotives from a single manufacturer.

6. **ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Committee Stage – *Appropriation Bill* [B. 6 – 2025].

The Minister of Finance moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

The Deputy Chairperson of the Whole House Committee Hon. Herunga stated that when progress was reported yesterday, 7 May 2025, Votes 15, 23, 24, 29 and 36 had been introduced while Votes 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 21, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31 and 35 had been agreed to.

Vote 37 – Agriculture and Land Reform: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 38 – Water and Marine Resources: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 39 – Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 40 – Education: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 15 – Mines, Energy and Industry: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 23 – Works: Agreed to unanimously.

Vote 24 – Transport: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 29 – Information and Communication Technology: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 36 – Gender Equality and Child Welfare: Discussed and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

The Deputy Chairperson of the Whole House Committee Hon. Herunga reported progress to the Deputy Speaker, who gave approval for the Assembly to sit again.

7. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 23:35 until Friday, 9 May 2025 at 09:00.

MS. E. N. KAAPANDA
Acting Secretary: National Assembly

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