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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2025

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcements by the Hon. Speaker in terms of Rule 117(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

- (i) In terms of Rule 137 of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Hon. Speaker announced the passing on of former Member of Parliament and DTA Parliamentarian, now PDM, Hon. Alois Gende, who passed on at Rundu State Hospital on Thursday, 23 October 2025.

Hon. Gende was a Member of the Constituent Assembly from 1998 to 1990, and a Member of the National Assembly from 1990 to 2000.

On behalf of the National Assembly, the Hon. Speaker expressed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, relatives and friends of Hon. Gende.

A Minute in Silent Prayer observed in his honour.

- (ii) Secondly, in terms of *Section 7 of the Powers, Privileges and Immunities of Parliament Act, 1996* (Act No. 17 of 1996), and in accordance with the Committee Rules of the National Assembly (Rule 32), the Speaker informed the House that the Committee on Privileges shall comprise the Speaker, as Chairperson, and five Members of the Assembly.

The following Members have been duly nominated to serve on the Committee on Privileges:

- (a) Hon. Prof. Dr. Job Amupanda
- (b) Hon. Pohamba Shifeta
- (c) Hon. Marlene Mbakera
- (d) Hon. Werner Iita
- (e) Hon. Elvis Lizazi

The Speaker congratulated the appointed Members and wished them well in the discharge of their duties in this important Committee.

- (iii) Lastly, the Speaker announced to the House that a delegation of lawyers from the Department of Legislative Drafting and Procedural Services of the Parliament of Uganda, who are currently on a benchmarking visit to the Parliament of Namibia, is seated in the Public Gallery. The Department is responsible for the drafting and amendment of Bills and other legislative instruments.

The purpose of their visit is to enable inter-dependent skills development between the Parliaments of Uganda and Namibia, aimed at sharing experiences and strengthening the capacity of both institutions in the execution of their respective legislative functions. The said officers are:

- (a) Ms. Deborah Nagudi (head of delegation)
- (b) Ms. Veronica Namuswe
- (c) Ms. Esther Akullu
- (d) Ms. Salaama Nakasi
- (e) Ms. Allion Namara
- (f) Ms. Flavia Asiimwe

On behalf of the House, the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the distinguished guests from the Parliament of Uganda and wished them a fruitful and memorable stay in Namibia.

3. **The Minister of Finance laid upon the Table in terms of Rule 222 of the Standing Rules and Orders –**

Report of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the –

Village Council of Okongo for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

4. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Likando (IPC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 263).
- (ii) Hon. Hengombe (IPC) to ask the Right Hon. Prime Minister (No. 264).
- (iii) Hon. Nashinge (IPC) to ask the Right Hon. Prime Minister (No. 265).
- (iv) Hon. Ihemba (IPC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 266).
- (v) Hon. Kangulu (IPC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 267).

5. **URGENT ORAL QUESTION:**

Hon. Somaeb (UDF) asked the Right Hon. Prime Minister (No. 154) – *Replied to*.

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Appropriation Amendment Bill* [B. 11 – 2025].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 22 October 2025, as moved by the Minister of Finance (page 170): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

7. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Mental Health Bill* [B. 8 – 2025].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 21 October 2025, as moved by the Minister of Health and Social Services (page 160): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

Hon. Jonas to continue with the discussion.

8. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:48 until Wednesday, 29 October 2025.

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Secretary: National Assembly

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