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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2025

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

The Speaker announced that on Monday, 10 November 2025, she convened a consultative meeting with the Chief Whips of various political parties, in consideration of the upcoming Regional and Local Authorities elections, which is scheduled for 26 November 2025, and which is in the public interest. The Speaker reported that the views of the majority of Chief Whips were that this Assembly adjourn for recess this Thursday, 13 November 2025 and to resume again on the first Tuesday of February 2026, for the continuation of the 3rd Session.

The early rising of the National Assembly is in due regard to the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements of the National Assembly, in particular Rules 5 (Sessional Orders), 8 (Circumstances not provided for) and 12 (Annual sessions).

The Speaker requested the consensus of the Hon. Members that the House adjourn tomorrow until next year February 2025.

The Speaker's request was supported by the majority of parties, with only Hon. Mouton raising an objection on behalf of IPC.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Likando (IPC) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 291).
- (ii) Hon. Lukato (NDP) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 292).
- (iii) Hon. Lutuhezi (IPC) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 293).
- (iv) Hon. Mbundu (RP) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 294).
- (v) Hon. Brinkman (IPC) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 295).
- (vi) Hon. Atshipara (SWAPO) to ask the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 296).

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

The Minister of Justice and Labour Relations informed the Assembly about the adoption of six important International Labour Organisation (ILO) instruments by the International Labour Conference during its recently ended sessions.

These are –

- (i) Convention No. 192 – *Prevention and Protection against Biological Hazards*, adopted at the 112th Session of the ILC;
- (ii) Recommendation No. 209 – *Prevention and Protection against Biological Hazards*, adopted at the same Session;
- (iii) Convention No. 191 – *Safe and Healthy Working Environment*, adopted at the 111th Session of the ILC;
- (iv) Recommendation No. 207 – *Safe and Healthy Working Environment*, adopted at the 111th Session of the ILC;
- (v) Recommendation No. 208 – *Quality Apprenticeships*, adopted at the 111th Session of the ILC; and
- (vi) Recommendation No. 206 – *Violence and Harassment at Work*, adopted at the 108th Session of the ILC.

Of the six instruments tabled today, four are Recommendations, serving as non-binding guidelines in the mapping of the national policy direction. While they are not subject to ratification, our Constitution encourages that their provisions be implemented out of practicality and possibility.

The remaining two instruments, i.e Conventions Nos 191 and 192, are open and candidates for ratification. In this pursuit, the Minister said his Ministry will undertake a thorough assessment of Namibia's readiness to ratify these Conventions, ensuring that any commitments we make are realistic, implementable and aligned with our national interests and collective aspirations.

5. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Committee Stage – *Mental Health Bill* [B. 8 – 2025].

The Minister of Finance moved, seconded by Hon. Mbakera: That the Assembly goes now in Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

The Deputy Chairperson of the Whole House Committee indicated that when progress was reported yesterday, 11 November 2025:

Arrangements of Sections were put and agreed to
Clauses 1 to 11 were put and agreed to
Clause 12, as amended by the Minister, was put and agreed to.
Clause 13 to 15 were put and agreed to.

In the Bill:
Clauses 16 to 19 put and agreed to.

The Deputy Chairperson of the Whole House Committee indicated that she will report progress to the Hon. Speaker, and will ask leave to sit again.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Progress reported to the Hon. Speaker and leave asked to sit again.

Leave to sit again granted by the Hon. Speaker.

6. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Public Enterprises Governance Amendment Bill* [B. 10 – 2025].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 5 November 2025, as moved by the Right Hon. Prime Minister (page 151): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

7. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:50 until Thursday, 13 November 2025.

MS. E. N. KAAPANDA
Secretary: National Assembly

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