



Tuesday, 17 February 2026

No. 7 – 2026

THIRD SESSION, EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2026

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcement in terms of Rule 137 of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements:**

Hon. Prof. Dr. Amupanda brought it to the attention of the Speaker, for the House to be made aware, and to acknowledge the contribution made by a prominent civil rights and social justice activist Rev. Jesse Jackson, who died on Tuesday, 17 February 2026 at the age of 84.

Agreed to.

A minute of Silence Observed in his honour.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Hon. Bishop Thomas (BCP) to ask the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (No. 350).
 - (ii) Hon. Lukato (NDP) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 351).
 - (iii) Hon. Mouton (IPC) to ask the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 352).
 - (iv) Hon. Moongo (PDM) to ask the Right Hon. Prime Minister (No. 353).

- (v) Hon. Hishoono (IPC) to ask the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 354).
- (vi) Hon. Cloete (IPC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Trade (No. 255).
- (vii) Hon. Mbundu (RP) asked the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations and Trade (No. 256).
- (viii) Hon. Mbinge-Mbinge (IPC) asked the Minister of International Relations and Trade (No. 257).
- (ix) Hon. Kambala (AR) moved that Question No, 274 posed to the Minister of Finance forthwith be withdrawn from the Question Paper – *Agreed to*.
- (x) Hon. Kandorozi (NUDO) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 258).
- (xi) Hon. Ihemba (IPC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 259).

4. URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:

- (i) Hon. Prof. Dr. Amupanda (AR) asked the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (No. 172) – *Replied to*.
- (ii) Hon. Mouton (IPC) asked the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 173) – *Replied to*.
- (iii) Hon. Lukato (NDP) asked the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 174) – *Replied to*.
- (i) Hon. Hengombe (IPC) asked the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (No. 175) – *Replied to*.

5. Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 136 of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements:

The Right Hon. Prime Minister addressed the Assembly, about two sacred points that should guide the House, and inform Members' debates as they start the new year. These two are the national interest, and national security.

The full Statement of the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister is available on Telewgram.

6. FIRST ORDER READ:

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Amendment Bill* [B. 12 – 2025].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 11 February 2026, as moved by the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (page 4): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

7. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:47 until Wednesday, 18 February 2026.

MS. E. N. KAAPANDA

Secretary: National Assembly

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