



*Wednesday, 18 February 2026*

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THIRD SESSION, EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

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

**WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2026**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcements by the Speaker in terms of Rule 117(b) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements:**
  - (i) The Speaker acknowledged the presence of Members of the Parliament of Uganda in the Public Gallery.

The fifteen (15) Members delegation are led by Hon. Joel Ssenyonyi, and they are on a benchmarking visit to Namibia from 15 to 22 February 2026.

The Speaker welcomed them to Namibia and expressed the hope that they will enjoy their stay here.
  - (ii) Secondly, the Speaker informed the Assembly that she has been informed by the Chief Whip of SWAPO about the following deployment and adjustments of their Members to the following Parliamentary Standing Committees and Groups:
    - (a) Hon. Ithete is now replacing Hon. Amutse on the Committee on:
      - Constitutional, Legal Affairs and Petitions; and
      - Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements.
    - (b) Hon. Busch is now replacing Hon. Amutse on the Committee on:
      - Public Accounts.

- (c) Hon. Tutjavi is now replacing Hon. Amutse on the Committee on:
  - Natural Resources.
- (d) Hon. Pohamba is withdrawn from the Committee on Poverty, Eradication, Labour and Social Welfare, and is replaced by Hon. Ithete.
- (e) Hon. Amutse is further replaced by Hon. Herunga at PGA.
- (f) Hon. !Naruseb is replacing Hon. Herunga at Pan African Parliament (PAP).
- (g) Hon. Herunga is to serve on the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

The Speaker declared the afore-mentioned Members as duly nominated to the said Parliamentary Standing Committees and Parliamentary Groups.

- (iii) Further, the Speaker reported that she has been informed that the following Hon. Members have been nominated to the following Parliamentary Friendship Groups.

**China – Namibia**

- (i) Hon. Nico Somaeb
- (ii) Hon. Bishop Festus Thomas

**United Kingdom – Namibia**

- (i) Hon. Nico Somaeb
- (ii) Hon. Vetaruhe Kandorozi

**Germany – Namibia**

- (i) Hon. Nico Somaeb
- (ii) Hon. Bishop Festus Thomas

**Cuba – Namibia**

- (i) Hon. Mathias Mbundu
- (ii) Hon. Bishop Festus Thomas

**Morocco – Namibia**

- (i) Hon. Bishop Festus Thomas
- (ii) Hon. Longinus Iipumbu

**Brazil – Namibia**

- (i) Hon. Mathias Mbundu

**Indonesia – Namibia**

- (i) Hon. Bishop Festus Thomas

**Russia – Namibia**

- (i) Hon. Bishop Festus Thomas

**Algeria – Namibia**

- (i) Hon. Bishop Festus Thomas

The Speaker declared the afore-mentioned Members as duly nominated to the said Parliamentary Friendship Groups.

**3. NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Moongo (PDM) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services Energy (No. 360).
- (ii) Hon. Hengari (PDM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 361).
- (iii) Hon. Lukato (NDP) to ask the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 362).
- (iv) Hon. Likando (IPC) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 363).
- (v) Hon. Mbundu (RP) to ask the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister (No. 364).

**4. URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 176) – *Replied to.*
- (ii) Hon. Nghifikwa (IPC) asked the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 177) – *Replied to.*
- (iii) Hon. Mbinge-Tjeundo (IPC) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 178) – *To be put in writing.*
- (iv) Hon. Bishop Thomas (BCP) asked the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 179) – *To be put in writing.*
- (v) Hon. Kaaronda (SWANU) asked the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister (No. 180) – *To be put in writing to the line Minister, Minister of Justice and Labour Relations.*
- (i) Hon. Kaaronda (SWANU) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 181) – *Replied to.*

**5. FIRST ORDER READ:**

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

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 17 February 2026, as moved by the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (page 4): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

6. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:45 until Thursday, 19 February 2026.

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

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