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THIRD SESSION, EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

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

THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 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 announced that the Standing Committee on Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements at its meeting held on 4 March 2026, resolved to the following changes in Parliamentary Standing Committees' representation of Members of the Independent Patriots for Change (IPC):
 - (i) Hon. Rodney Cloete to serve on the Committee on Economic – replacing Hon. Elvis Lizazi;
 - (ii) Hon. Michael Mulunga to serve on the Committee on Natural Resources – replacing Hon. Armas Amukoto;
 - (iii) Hon. Armas Amukoto to serve on the Committee on Urban and Rural Development – replacing Hon. Michael Mulunga;
 - (iv) Hon. Elvis Lizazi to serve on the Committee on Poverty - replacing Hon. Otilie Haitota;
 - (v) Hon. Lilani Brinkman to serve on the Committee on Urban and Rural Development – replacing Hon. Abed Hishoono;
 - (vi) Hon. Otilie Haitota to serve on the Committee ICT – replacing Hon. Michael Mwashindange; and
 - (vii) Hon. Abed Hishoono to serve on the Committee on ICT – replacing Hon. Elvis Lizazi.

The Speaker declared these Members as duly nominated to the respective Committees and must attend the Committee meetings as per Rule 20 of the Committee Rules.

- II. The Speaker further announced that on the 28th of October 2025, she made an announcement about the nominations of Members of the Committee on Privileges. However, the procedure did not conclude where the nominations were put to the Assembly for appointment as required by the Privileges Act, Act 17 of 1996.

In terms of *Section 7(2)(b) of the Powers, Privileges and Immunities of Parliament Act, 1996 (Act No. 17 of 1996)*, the Committee on Privileges shall comprise the Speaker as Chairperson, and five Members of the Assembly.

Members duly nominated to serve on the Committee on Privileges were:

- (i) Hon. Prof. Dr. Job Amupanda
- (ii) Hon. Pohamba Shifeta
- (iii) Hon. Marlene Mbakera
- (iv) Hon. Werner Iita
- (v) Hon. Elvis Lizazi

The Speaker submitted to the House, these nominations for the Assembly to appoint them in terms of the Privileges Act.

Questions put: That the nomination be adopted.

Agreed to.

3. NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:

- (i) Hon. Cloete (IPC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Trade (No. 448).
- (ii) Hon. Bishop Thomas (BCP) to ask the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 449).
- (iii) Hon. Kumbwa (APP) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 450).
- (iv) Hon. Lukato (NDP) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 451).
- (v) Hon. Mwashindange (IPC) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 452).
- (vi) Hon. Kandorozi (NUDO) to ask the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 453).
- (vii) Hon. Mbundu (RP) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 454).
- (viii) Hon. Likando (IPC) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 455).

4. URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:

- (i) Hon. Susiku (IPC) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 213) – *Replied by the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister.*
- (ii) Hon. Lizazi (IPC) asked the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister (No. 214) – *Replied to.*
- (iii) Hon. Kambala (AR) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 215) – *Replied to.*

5. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Appropriation Bill* [B. 1 – 2026].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 18 March 2026, as moved by the Minister of Finance (page 33): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

6. In terms of Rule 102 of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:25 until Tuesday, 24 March 2026. Minister of Finance to reply on Tuesday, 24 March 2026.

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Secretary: National Assembly

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