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

MONDAY, 13 APRIL 2026

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.

2. **SPEAKER'S RULINGS:**

- (i) ON THE ADMISSIBILITY OF A MOTION REGARDING THE REFERRAL OF ANNUAL REPORTS OF STATUTORY BODIES TO STANDING COMMITTEES (Hon. Amupanda).

Having considered the matter, the Speaker found that:

- (a) The motion is competent in substance and seeks to advance legitimate parliamentary oversight;

However, it is defective in form due to:

- (b) failure to align with the procedural framework under Rule 222; and
(c) an overbroad retrospective application which is impractical and incapable of implementation.

The Standing Rules establish a clear procedural framework for the handling of reports of statutory bodies:

- (a) Tabling in the Assembly (Rule 222) – the report is formally placed before the House;
(b) Processing by the Assembly – including possible referral by resolution; and

- (c) Consideration by Standing Committees (Committee Rules, Rule 28) – where the matter is formally before the Committee.

Accordingly, the Speaker indicated that the motion is not admissible in its current form: That Hon. Prof. Dr. Amupanda may resubmit the motion, provided that it is reformulated to:

- (a) anchor the referral mechanism to the tabling of reports in terms of Rule 222; and
 - (b) ensure that the motion is capable of practical and orderly implementation.
- (ii) Secondly, the Speaker said she also considered the Notice of Motion submitted by the Hon. Lukato, as well as the related intention to raise the same subject matter by way of a question.

The Speaker reported that as she has previously ruled, the Motion in its current form does not meet the requirements of admissibility in terms of Standing Rules 122 and 123, and is therefore not admitted.

In terms of the Standing Rules, questions are intended to obtain information from the Executive (Rule 131), while motions are intended to bring matters before the House for decision. Although both may appear on the Order Paper (Rule 117), their use is subject to the rules of admissibility, including the rule of anticipation (Rule 98) and the authority of the Speaker to regulate proceedings (Rule 6).

The tabling of a question and a motion on the same subject by the same Member, particularly for the same sitting, constitutes a duplication of process and risks anticipating debate on a matter intended for decision by the House; and that the Chair will not permit such practice.

Accordingly, the Speaker directed Hon. Lukato to proceed with one appropriate procedure only. In light of the inadmissibility of the Motion, Hon. Lukato may, if so advised, pursue the matter by way of a properly framed question in accordance with the Standing Rules.

- (iii) Finally, the Speaker reported that she has also considered another Notice of Motion submitted also by Hon. Lukato.

The said in terms of the Standing Rules, a motion must bring a matter before the House for consideration and decision (Rule 122) and must be properly framed in substance and form (Rule 123). The Speaker said she is further empowered to regulate proceedings and determine admissibility (Rule 6).

Having perused the Motion, the Speaker said she is not satisfied that its intended purpose and effect are sufficiently clear to determine its admissibility. In particular, it is unclear whether the Motion seeks to obtain information, call for Executive action, or secure a substantive resolution of the House. Accordingly, the Motion does not meet the requirements of admissibility in its current form.

The Speaker ruled that Hon. Lukato is directed to clarify and, if necessary, refine the Motion to reflect a clear and actionable resolution.

3. **NOTICE OF A QUESTION:**

Hon. Lukato (NDP) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (No. 469).

4. **Hon. Emvula moved without Notice in terms of Rule 76(1)(c) and Rule 124(h) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Utaara Mootu from 13 April 2026 until further notice.

Agreed to.

5. **Hon. Kooper moved without Notice:**

That the proceedings on Votes 27, 37, and 38 of the *Appropriation Bill* be, in terms of Rule 159(1) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements not interrupted if still under consideration at 17:45, but not later than 21:00.

Agreed to.

6. **Hon Karupu moved without Notice in terms of Rule 124 (f) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements:**

That subject to the unanimous concurrence of the Assembly, that the House deal with the Committee Stage and the Third Reading of the *Appropriation Bill* [B. 1 – 2026], today.

Agreed to.

7. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred to Tuesday, 14 April 2026.

8. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Committee Stage – *Appropriation Bill* [B. 1 – 2026].

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

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

The Chairperson of the Whole House Committee stated that when progress was reported on Friday, 10 April 2026, Votes 27, 37 and 38 had been introduced, while Votes 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 35, 36 and 39 had been agreed to.

For discussion and adoption:

Vote 27 – Sport, Youth and National Service: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 37 – Agriculture and Land Reform: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 38 – Water and Marine Resources: Discussed and agreed to.

IN THE BILL:

Clause 1 put and agreed to.

Clause 2 put and agreed to.
Schedule put and agreed to.
Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported without amendments.

The Minister of Finance moved, seconded by Hon. Jonas: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

Appropriation Bill [B. 1 – 2026] read a Third Time with 65 voting Members present.

9. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 20:36 until Tuesday, 14 April 2026.

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