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THIRD SESSION, EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

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

TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 2026

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

The Speaker informed the Assembly that on Friday, 24 April 2026, Hon. Dr. Peya Mushelenga was officially sworn in and has taken the Oath of Office in accordance with Article 55 of the Namibian Constitution.

The Speaker said Hon. Dr. Mushelenga has now assumed his responsibilities in this House and will henceforth discharge his duties as entrusted to him as a representative of the people.

On behalf of the National Assembly, the Speaker extended a warm welcome to Hon. Dr. Mushelenga. She said she trust that his contributions will enrich the deliberations of the House and strengthen the collective commitment to serving the nation with integrity, diligence and respect for democratic principles, and to achieve the mandate of the National Assembly.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Hon. Mbuti (IPC) to ask the Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare (No. 492).
 - (ii) Hon. Lukato (NDP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No, 493).

- (iii) Hon. Amukoto (IPC) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 494).
- (iv) Hon. Mbundu (RP) to ask the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 495).
- (v) Hon. Kalangula (IPC) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 496).
- (vi) Hon. Brinkman (IPC) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 497).
- (vii) Hon. Susiku (IPC) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 498).

4. **URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Nashinge (IPC) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 242) – *Replied to.*
- (ii) Hon. Prof. Dr. Amupanda (AR) asked the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 243) – *Replied to.*
- (iii) Hon. Bishop Thomas (BCP) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services – *Ruled out of Order.*
- (iv) Hon. Lizazi (IPC) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 244) – *Replied to.*
- (v) Hon. Kandorozi (NUDO) asked the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister of (No. 245) – *Replied to.*
- (vi) Hon. Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 246) – *Replied to.*

5. **Hon. Kooper moved without Notice in terms of Rule 124(h), read with Rule 76(1)(d) and (f) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Modestus Atshipara during the period of 5 – 13 June 2026.

Agreed to.

6. **Hon. Hangula moved without Notice in terms of Rule 124(h), read with Rule 76(1)(d) and (f) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Prof. Dr. Job Amupanda during the period of 5 – 13 June 2026.

Agreed to.

7. **Hon. Karupu moved without Notice in terms of Rule 124(h), read with Rule 76(1)(a) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Marius Sheya on 28 April 2026.

Agreed to.

8. **Hon. Dr. Aupindi moved without Notice in terms of Rule 124(h), read with Rule 76(1)(d) and (f) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Helaria Mukapuli during the period of 5 – 13 June 2026.

Agreed to.

9. **Hon. Mootu moved without Notice in terms of Rule 124(h), read with Rule 76(a) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Eneas Emvula as from 28 April 2026 until further notice.

Agreed to.

10. **Hon. Rodrick Likando moved without Notice in terms of Rule 124(h), read with Rule 76(1)(d) and (f) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Bertha Nghifikwa during the period of 5 – 13 June 2026.

Agreed to.

11. **Hon. Kalangula moved without Notice in terms of Rule 124(h), read with Rule 76(1)(d) and (f) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. John Louw-Mouton during the period of 5 – 13 June 2026.

Agreed to.

12. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

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

The Minister of Health and Social Services moved, seconded by Hon. Klazen: That the Assembly goes now in Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

The Chairperson of the Whole House Committee reported that when progress was reported on Wednesday, 12 November 2025:

Clauses 16 to 19 were put and agreed to.

In the Bill:

Clause 20 put.

House divided on how to proceed, whether to restart the Bill from Clause 1 or to continue from Clause 20.

In favour to proceed from Clause 20 were 67 Voting Members:

Hons. Abraham, Amutenya, Amutse, Atshipara, Aupindi, Ausiku, Ballotti, Busch, Coetzee, Filipe, Kantema-Gaomas, Haindaka, Herunga, Lucia Iipumbu, Hilma Iita, Werner Iita, Ithete, Itope, Jonas, Karupu, Katjingisua, Klazen, Kröne, John Likando, Masake, Manombe-Ncube, Matundu, Mbakera, Mubita, Mbwale, Nanyeni, Nekongo, Nekundi, Ngurare, Samupwa, Shaningwa, Shifeta, Mushelenga, !Nawases-Taeyele, /Ui/o/oo, Kumbwa, Amukoto, Brinkman, Hengombe, Hishoono, Ihemba, Kalangula, Kanyemba, Rodrick Likando, Lizazi, Lutuhezi, Mbuti, Mouton, Mulunga, Mwashindange, Nashinge, Susiku, Longinus Iipumbu, Lukato, Kandoroza, Hengari, Mbinge-Tjeundo, Moongo, Venaani, Vries, Mbundu, Somaeb.

Abstaining from voting were 7 Voting Members:

Hons. Amupanda, Ester-Haikola, Hangula, Kalola, Kambala, Shitana, Kaaronda.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

The Deputy Chairperson of the Whole House Committee reported to the Hon. Speaker and asked leave to sit again.

13. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:50 until Wednesday, 29 April 2026.

MS. E. N. KAAPANDA
Secretary: National Assembly

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