



*Tuesday, 31 March 2026*

No. 27 – 2026

THIRD SESSION, EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

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

**TUESDAY, 31 MARCH 2026**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcements by the Deputy Speaker in terms of Rule 117(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**
  - (i) The Deputy Speaker reported that the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026 marks twenty years since the passing of Dr. Mosè Tjitendero, the Founding Speaker of the National Assembly and Member of the Constituent Assembly.

The Deputy Speaker further reported that the Chairperson of the Organising Committee, Hon. Prof. Peter Katjavivi, in charge of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorating the life and remembrance of the late Dr. Tjitendero, on behalf of the Tjitendero Family, is cordially inviting Members of the National Assembly to partake in the commemoration event scheduled to take place at Heroes Acre on Sunday, 26 April 2026 at 10:00.

It will be a low-key event that will be attended by family members and friends.

- (ii) The Deputy Speaker further informed the House that a meeting of Chief Whips held this morning in the Constitution Room resolved that this Thursday, 2 April 2026, the sitting of the Assembly be held in the morning from 09:00, but not later than 13:00.

Agreed to.

3. **URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Mouton (IPC) asked the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 225) – *Replied to.*
- (ii) Hon. Venaani (PDM) asked the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister (No. 226) – *Replied to.*

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

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Fridrick Shitana from today until further notice.

Agreed to.

5. **Hon. Kaaronda moved without Notice in accordance with Rule 76(b) and Rule 124(h) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements –**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Longinus Iipumbu until further notice.

Agreed to.

6. **Hon. Kumbwa moved without Notice in accordance with Rule 76(a) and Rule 124(h) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements –**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Bishop Festus Thomas until 1 April 2026.

Agreed to.

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

That the proceedings on Votes 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 29 and 31 of the *Appropriation Bill* [B. 1 – 2026] be, in accordance with Rule 159(1) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements not interrupted if they are still under consideration at 17:45, but not later than 23:45.

Agreed to.

8. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

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

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

Agreed to.

**ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:**

The Deputy Chairperson of the Whole House Committee stated that when progress was reported yesterday, 30 March 2026, Votes 08, 09 and 31 had been introduced, while Votes 13 and 30 had been agreed to.

For introduction:

Vote 07 – International Relations and Trade: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 15 – Industries, Mines and Energy: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 16 – Justice: Introduced by the Rt. Hon Prime Minister.

Vote 29 – Information and Communication Technology: Introduced by the Minister.

For discussion and adoption:

Vote 08 – Defence: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 09 – Finance: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 31 – Veterans Affairs: Discussed and agreed to.

**ASSEMBLY RESUMED:**

Progress reported to the Deputy Speaker and leave granted to sit again.

9. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 22:30 until Wednesday, 1 April 2026.

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

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