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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 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:**

On the erroneously recorded counting of results:

The Speaker announced that on Wednesday, 21 October 2026, when the Question was put for the Assembly to go in Committee Stage of the Petroleum Exploration and Production Amendment Bill, the Secretariat during the counting erroneously recorded that;

- 32 Members voted against the Assembly to go into the Committee Stage instead of 31 Members.

The Secretariat regret the inconvenience and the error has been rectified as captured in the Minutes of Proceedings of 21 October 2026.

3. **Ruling by the Speaker in terms of Rule 6 of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements:**

On papers presented by Hon. Amupanda for tabling in the House:

- The Speaker have considered whether Hon. Amupanda's paper, presented on 6 October 2026, falls within Standing Rule 117(f), which provides for "*Other reports and papers*".

- Rule 117(f) is in the daily routine of business, is separate from Committee reports, notices of questions and motions, and reports from the Committee of the Whole House.
- Read in that context, the Speaker interpreted Rule 117(f) as providing for formal reports and papers presented to the House and not a route for an individual Member to initiate debate or seek referral to parliamentary committees of privately prepared academic papers.
- The Constitution provides for the Assembly to receive reports on Executive activities (Article 63(2)(f) and requires annual reports from the Ombudsman and Auditor-General (Articles 91(g) and 127(2)). Article 59(1) empowers the Assembly to regulate its proceedings.
- Therefore, the provision under that rule provides for reports emanating from oversight institutions and organisations under the mandate of the National Assembly
- Having taken the relevant provisions of the Constitution into account, the Speaker ruled under Standing Rule 6(1) that Hon. Amupanda's paper does not qualify for tabling under Rule 117(f).

So, the Speaker ruled.

4. **Delayed distribution of the Minutes of Proceedings, Order Paper and Questions Paper:**

Honourable Amupanda raised concern about the late distribution of Minutes of Proceedings, Order Paper and the Questions Paper of the National Assembly to the Members.

The Speaker assured the Member that wherever practically possible the parliamentary papers will be distributed to the Members as earlier as possible.

5. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Lukato (NDP) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 782).
- (ii) Hon. Vries (PDM) to ask the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 783).
- (iii) Hon. Thomas (BCP) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (No. 784).
- (iv) Hon. Mbuti (IPC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 785).
- (v) Hon. Nashinge (IPC) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 786).
- (vi) Hon. Mouton (IPC) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 787).

- (vii) Hon. Hengari (PDM) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 788).

6. **URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Amupanda (AR) asked the Right Honourable Prime Minister (No. 401) – *Replied to*.
- (ii) Hon. Amutenya (SWAPO) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (No. 402) – *Replied to*.
- (iii) Hon. Emvula (LPM) asked the Right Honourable Prime Minister (No. 403) – *Replied to*.

7. **NOTICE OF MOTION:**

Hon. Eigub moved without Notice:

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Utaara Mootu during the period 27 – 29 October 2026, due to official business, in terms of Rule 124(h) read with Rule 76(1)(d)(f) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements.

Agreed to.

8. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Minister of Finance moved, seconded by the Right Honourable Prime Minister:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Appropriation Act, 2026 so as to increase and decrease certain amounts of money in the Schedule to that Act, to meet the financial requirements of the State during the remainder of the Financial Year ending 31 March 2027.

Agreed to.

Appropriation Amendment Bill [B. 4 – 2026] read a First Time.

The Minister of Finance moved, subject to Rule 176(1) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements, seconded by Hon. Matundu: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Hon. Mwashindange, seconded by Hon. Lizazi, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 27 October 2026.

9. On the Motion of the Right Honourable Prime Minister, seconded by Minister of Works and Transport, the Assembly adjourned at 17:41 until Tuesday, 27 October 2026.

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