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FOURTH SESSION, EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 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:**

The Speaker announced that on Sunday, 18 October 2026, the nation woke up to the devastating news of the passing of Madam Penehupifo Pohamba, Second First Lady of our Republic and the beloved wife of His Excellency, Dr. Hifikepunye Pohamba, the Second President of the Republic.

Madam Pohamba, throughout her life as a freedom fighter, health worker and a beloved Second First Lady, served the Namibian people with utmost dedication and commitment. Madam Pohamba was a passionate health worker, who championed the health and rights of both men and women, and continuously advocated for the empowerment of women to enable them to contribute meaningful to the development of our society. Indeed, she was an epitome of calmness and humility, the Speaker said.

The Speaker expressed on behalf of the entire membership of the National Assembly and the Secretariat, collective profound sympathy and condolences to His Excellency, Dr. Hifikepunye Pohamba, the Children, the entire extended family and the Namibian Nation during this time of immense bereavement.

Minute of Silence was Observed.

3. **Hon. Mbakera, laid upon the Table in terms of Rule 111 of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements for discussion and consideration.**

Report of the Committee of Privileges pertaining to the inquiry in the conduct of Hon. Vetaruhe Kandorozi during the Parliamentary proceedings on Wednesday, 4 March 2026.

4. **The Minister of Finance moved without Notice, in terms of Rule 222(1)(a) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements that:**

The Reports of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the –

- (i) Town Council of Helao Nafidi for the financial year ended 30 June 2022;
- (ii) Regional Council of the Oshana Region for the financial year ended 31 March 2024;
- (iii) Motor Vehicle Accident Fund of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2025; and
- (iv) Municipality of Windhoek for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts for examination of the audited financial statements.

5. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Iipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Minister in the Presidency (No. 770).
- (ii) Hon. Kalangula (IPC) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 771).
- (iii) Hon. Likando (IPC) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 772).
- (iv) Hon. Amukoto (IPC) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 773).
- (v) Hon. Lukato (NDP) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (No. 774).
- (vi) Hon. Thomas (BCP) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 775).
- (vii) Hon. Nashinge (IPC) to ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister (No. 776).

6. **URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Kaaronda (SWANU) asked the Right Honourable Prime Minister (No. 392) – *Replied to.*

- (ii) Hon. Shitana (AR) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (No. 393) – *Replied to.*
- (iii) Hon. Hishoono (IPC) asked the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 394) – *Replied to.*
- (iv) Hon. Kandorozi (NUDO) asked the Right Honourable Prime Minister (No. 395) – *Replied to.*

7. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS:**

- (i) **Hon. Hon. Nghifikwa on behalf of Hon. Likando moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Ferdinand Hengombe during the period 26 – 30 October 2026, due to official business, in terms of Rule 124(h) read with Rule 76(1)(d) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements.

Agreed to.

- (ii) **Hon. Thomas moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Ambrosius Kumbwa for the period 20 – 22 October 2026, due to medical reasons in terms of Rule 124(h) read with Rule 76(1)(a) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements.

Agreed to.

- (iii) **Hon. Kooper on behalf of Hon. !Naruseb moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Tobie Aupindi during the period 27 – 29 October 2026, Hons. Helaria Mukapuli and Nono Katjingisiua during the period 28 – 29 October 2026 and to Hon. Selma Ashipala – Musavyi during the period 20 – 21, 22, 27, 28 – 29 October 2026 and 3 – 4 and 5 November 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 ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Amendment Bill* [B. 12 – 2025].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 6 October 2025, as moved by the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (page 4): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

Honourable Ihemba, seconded by Hon. Mwashindange demanded for the division of the House on Wednesday, 14 October 2026

Question put: That the House be divided.

Those in favour: 50
Those against: 0
Those abstain: 0

Question put: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

Agreed to.

Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Amendment Bill [B. 12 – 2025] read a Second Time.

9. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Public Enterprises Governance Amendment Bill* [B. 10 – 2025].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 8 October 2025, as moved by the Right Honourable Prime Minister (page 151): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

Honourable Nekundi, seconded by Honourable Amutenya, moved for the closure of the debate on the Bill.

Question put: That the House be divided on the closure of the Bill.

Those in favour: 49
Those against: 0
Those abstain: 0

Question put: That the Bill be read a Second Time

Agreed to.

Public Enterprises Governance Amendment Bill [B. 10 – 2025] read a Second Time.

10. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Land Bill* [B. 2 – 2025].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 1 October 2025 as moved by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (page 139): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

Honourable Nekongo, seconded by Honourable Hilma Iita, moved for the closure of the debate on the Bill.

11. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:47 until Wednesday, 21 October 2026.

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Secretary: National Assembly

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