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

**WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2026**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Ruling by the Speaker in terms of Rule 6 of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements:**

## **On the report of the Committee of the Privileges:**

The report of the Committee of Privileges cannot be routed to the Standing Committee on Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements because the rules explicitly limit jurisdiction over such reports to the House itself.

The procedural destination for reports from the Committee of Privileges is strictly defined by the nature of the investigation, requiring direct submission to the Assembly.

Under Rule 71(1), the Committee of Privileges must submit its report on findings and recommended penalties directly “to the House” within 7 days of making a finding.

Under Rule 112(1), “The House must consider” reports and recommendations furnished by the Committee of Privileges regarding investigations into contempt (Rule 111) or extended absences (Rule 77).

The Standing Rules do not grant the Standing Committee on Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements any appellate or review authority over the Committee of Privileges. The Standing Rules Committee’s mandate is restricted

to procedural oversight, such as reviewing the rules (Rule 237), processing petition reports (Rule 219).

It lacks the statutory authority to intercept, review, or alter findings related to member conduct or parliamentary privilege.

Therefore, only the House possesses the authority to accept the Committee of Privileges' recommendations and enforce subsequent penalties. (Rule 71(2) and Rule 112(2)).

So, the Speaker ruled.

3. **Minutes of Proceedings of the National Assembly:**

Some Members raised concern that Minutes of Proceedings of the National Assembly does not fully capture issues raised in the National Assembly:

The Speaker informed the Members that the Minutes of Proceedings of the National Assembly only provides procedural summary on an item on the Order Paper. Detail discussions are available in the hansard that also forms part of the Official records of the National Assembly.

4. **Hon. Amupanda rose in terms of Rule 117 of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements to lay upon the Table a report titled "From Nujoma to Nandi-Ndaitwah", comprehensive analysis of maiden State of the Nation Addresses from 1990-2025".**

The Speaker deferred the tabling until a ruling is made on the previous submission by Honourable Amupanda titled "Presidential Impeachment and National Assembly dissolution under the Namibian Constitution: Who blink first?

5. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Venaani (PDM) to ask the Minister Justice and Labour Relations (No. 777).
- (ii) Hon. Mwashindange (IPC) to ask the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 778).
- (iii) Hon. Moongo (IPC) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 779).
- (iv) Hon. Mbinge – Tjeundo (PDM) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 780).
- (v) Hon. Gaobaeb (UDF) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 781).

6. **URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Hengombe (IPC) asked the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (No. 396) – *Replied to.*

- (ii) Hon. Emvula (LPM) asked the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (No. 397) – *Replied to. (Minister make a commitment to deliver a ministerial statement).*
- (iii) Hon. Nghifikwa (IPC) asked the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 398) – *Replied to.*
- (iv) Hon. Kalola (AR) asked the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 399) – *Replied to.*
- (v) Hon. Kaaronda (SWANU) asked the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 400) – *Replied to.*

7. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS:**

- (i) **Hon. Kooper on behalf of Hon. !Naruseb moved without Notice:**  
That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Sophia N. Shaningwa and Hon. Peya Mushelenga 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.

- (ii) **Hon. Nghifikwa on behalf of Hon. Likando moved without Notice:**  
That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Immanuel Nashinge during the period 26 October – 2 November 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.

8. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Consideration of the 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.

The Order deferred to Thursday, 22 October 2026 by the Mover. The Speaker also requested the Secretariat to ensure that the Member who is the subject of the report is informed to be in the House tomorrow, when the report is considered.

9. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage– *Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Amendment Bill* [B. 12 – 2025].

The Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy moved, seconded by Hon. Matundu: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Hon. Amupanda, seconded by Hon. Kalola registered an objection for the Speaker to leave the Chair for the House to go into Committee.

House divided

**In favour: 48.** Hons. Elijah Ngurare, Veikko Nekundi, Phillipus Katamelo, Helaria Mukapuli, Sophia Shaningwa, Uahekua Herunga, Modestus Amutse, Alexia Manombe – Ncube, Emma Theofelus, Emma Kantema, Indileni Daniels, Charles Mubita, Sirkka Ausiku, Lucia Iipumbu, Gaudencia Krohne, Ruth Masake, Linda Mbwale, Dinno Balloti, Pohamba Shifeta, Tobie Aupindi, Hilma Iita, Elder Filipe, Clemencia Coetzee, Willem Amutenya, Marius Sheya, John Likando, Marlayn Mbakera, Ephraim Nekongo, Modestus Asthipara, Christine Haindaka, Nono Katjingisua, Tuulikki Abrahams, Martha Itope, Justina Jonas, Fenny Tutjavi, Sharonice Busch, Werner Iita, Peya Mushelenga, Natangue Ithete, Jenelly Matundu, Evelyn !Nawases – Taeyele, Fenny Nanyeni, Iipumbu Shiimi, Paula Kooper, Alpheus !Naruseb, Sebastiaan Karupu, Derek Klazen and Austin Samupwa.

**Against: 31.** Hons. Job Amupanda, Fredrick Shitana, Hidipo Kambala, Tuhafeni Kalola, Festus Thomas, Martin Lukato, Immanuel Nashinge, Rodrick Likando, Alosius Kangulu, Nelson Kalangula, John Louw – Mouton, Michael Mwashindange, Armas Amukoto, Lillian Lutuhezi, Lilani Brinkman, Elvis Lizazi, Otilie Haitota, Abednego Hishoono, Bertha Nghifikwa, Lucia Mbuti, Michael Mulunga, Boniface Susiku, Rodney Cloete, Vilho Ihemba, Bernadus Swartbooi, Eneas Emvula, McHenry Venaani, Diederick Vries, Rosa Mbinge – Tjeundo, Evalistus Kaaronda and Mathias Mbundu.

**Abstain: 1.** Hon. Hendrik Gaobaeb.

#### ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole explained to the Members the procedures to be followed during the committee stage in terms of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements.

The Chairperson announced, that when the Committee of the Whole Assembly resume it will proceed from where the process stopped.

The Chairperson reported the Bill without progress due to the time of adjournment.

10. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:46 until Thursday, 22 October 2026.

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

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