



SEVENTEENTH SESSION, FIFTH NATIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Monday, October 28, 2019

(09:30 - 13:00)

No. 19– 2019

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

1.0 The Vice - Chairperson took the Chair.

2.0 The Vice - Chairperson read the Prayer and Affirmation.

3.0 OPENING STATEMENT BY THE VICE - CHAIRPERSON

The Vice - Chairperson delivered a Statement to the House at the opening of the Seventeenth Session of the 5th National Council on 28 October 2019.

The Statement is reproduced hereunder:

- “ HONOURABLE LEBBIUS TOBIAS, CHIEF WHIP OF THE RULING PARTY
IN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL;**
- HONOURABLE WHIPS OF THE OPPOSITION PARTIES IN THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL;**
 - HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT IN THE NATIONAL
COUNCIL**
 - Mr. TOUSY NAMISEB, SECRETARY TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL;**

- **MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES**
- **LADIES AND GENTLEMEN**

Honourable Members,

I'm honoured to welcome you all back to the National Council from your respective regions. I wish to welcome you all from our three months recess. Before I commence with my remarks, I want to inform you that one of the founder Members of the National Council, Mr Eseguel Max UIRAB, who was from the Kamanjab Constituency in Kunene Region, has passed away on Monday, 21st October 2019. Therefore, in honour of his memory let us observe a minute of silence.

Honourable Members, it is common knowledge that three of our Members have resigned since they are candidates for the National Assembly; amongst them is the former Chairperson of the National Council. As a result of these resignations we now have three vacancies that will have to be filled in the course of the year at the appropriate time. The respective Regional Councils have been informed about the vacancies as required by our Standing Rules and Orders. I am further pleased to inform you also that the Oshana Region, has nominated a replacement for the late Honourable Lotto Kuushomwa (May His Soul Rest In Peace); in that regard, arrangements have been made for the new Member to be sworn-in tomorrow, on Tuesday, 29 October 2019.

Furthermore, we have received three Bills from the National Assembly and we are still expecting more Bills, amongst them the Appropriation Amendment Bill to be referred to us before the National Assembly adjourn at the end of this month. We are therefore expected to work diligently to ensure we review these Bills before we go into recess. The three bills are the *Namibia Financial Institutions Supervisory Authority Bill*, *Financial Services Adjudicator Bill* and *The Prevention and Combating of Pollution of the Sea by Oil Amendment Bill*.

Honourable Members,

I believe the National Council, with its roots firmly established in the 14 regions, is uniquely positioned to bring the needs and aspirations of our people at the grassroots to the national agenda.

Therefore, as duly elected representatives of the people in our respective regions, we must continue to carry our constituents' messages and convey them in this House through our debates and the amendments we propose. I believe we have done a splendid job in this regard since we took office.

In the same light, I would like to once more encourage you Honourable Members to keep up your good work for it is by our work through which we will be remembered.

Honourable Members,

Fellow Namibians,

With these few words, I thank you for your kind attention!

4.0 MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Vice - Chairperson announced to the National Council that the National Assembly has passed and referred the following Bills to the National Council for review in accordance with Article 75(1) of the Namibian Constitution:

a) Prevention and Combating of Pollution of the Sea by Oil Amendment Bill

[B.4 – 2019].

b) Namibia Financial Institutions Supervisory Authority Bill [B.11 - 2018]

c) Financial Institutions and Markets Bill [B.13 – 2018]

The Vice - Chairperson then called upon the Secretary to read the Bills a First Time.

The Secretary read the Bills a First Time.

The Bills stood referred to a **Second Reading**.

- 5.0 Mr. Tobias, seconded by Mr. Khavura, adjourned the Council at 09:45 until Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 09:30.

Mr Tousy Namiseb
Secretary to the National Council
