



SEVENTEENTH SESSION, FIFTH NATIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, November 05, 2019

(09:30 - 13:00)

No. 24 – 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 NOTICE OF MOTION(S)

Hon. Shilenga gave notice: That on Wednesday, 06 November 2019, she shall move the Report of the National Council Standing Committee on Security, Constitutional and Legal Affairs on its Oversight visits to border posts in Hardap, //Kharas, Omaheke, Erongo, Otjozondjupa, Kavango East, Kavango West, Zambezi and Omusati Regions from 03 June 2019 to 01 July 2019.

4.0 STATEMENT BY A MEMBER

Hon. Shikongo P.H from Ohangwena Region delivered a Statement to the House on water crisis in his Region. The Statement is reproduced hereunder:

“In accordance with rule 38 (p) of the Standing rules and orders of the National Council, I am taking this floor to give a statement on the update of water crisis in Ohangwena Region. For the past years as representatives of Ohangwena Region, we have been inundating this house with complaints about water crisis versus the much talked about aquifer 11 in the region. Apart from the already functioning boreholes at Omalapapa in Omundaungilo Constituency, one additional deep drill was done this year at the same site to serve as a supplementary borehole to the existing ones. A deep borehole at Oshidute in Epembe Constituency which was used by the Ministry of Agriculture Water and Forestry for hydrological monitoring purposes which taps water from aquifer 11, has now been installed and piped to 7 water points in both Epembe and Oshikunde Constituencies.

Office of the Prime Minister has allocated funds to our region for drilling and rehabilitation boreholes, maintenance and repair for water infrastructures. As I speak today, 7 out of 15 boreholes are completed and 5 are under construction in Okongo constituency.

Out of the total 214 million allocation to all regions, 24.7 million has been allocated to our region. Procurement process has already been commenced to procure water pipes in order to extend water reticulation to the water depressed areas, and also to have more additional deep drilling, particularly, in the 4 eastern constituencies.

Another program which is running parallel with drilling and installation program is the services of water tankers by NAMWATER, Ministry of Defence and directorate of education in the region. They are ferrying water to villages and schools where roads are making it possible for the water tankers to be driven to the affected communities.

Private water off takes connections is another program in the region which is running well in the constituencies with rural water pipelines.

During his visit to Ohangwena region to conduct town hall meeting, on the 7 August 2019, His Excellency, our President, Dr. Hage G. Geingob took a decision to go down to the grassroots’ level for him to see himself how water crisis has been affecting his people. He visited Ohakafiya village in Epembe constituency where he found people taking water from

the traditional wells. He noted with great concern and instructed that Government should, with immediate effect, do something to arrest the situation regarding portable water provision to those communities.

Therefore, Your Excellence President, I am hereby confirming to you that the village you visited whereby you found people taking water from the traditional wells, is currently provided with portable water. It is a fact that the world is experiencing the global economic downturn of which Namibia is of no exception. Despite all the economic headwinds, our government is making its way through in making sure that the little we have is equally shared and used for the benefit of all Namibians. Therefore Hon. Vice - Chairperson, Honorable Members, join me in applauding our government under the leadership of a visionary leader Dr. Hage for his tireless efforts in terms of uplifting the living standards of our people. In the same vain I also want to call on all Namibians irrespective of color, ethnic origin, or political affiliations to join hands in support of our President on his journey towards inclusivity, shared prosperity, transparency, accountability and that no Namibian should feel left out in the Namibian house.

Hon. Vice - Chairperson, the statement I am making will not be proper should I fail to thank the Ministry of Environment and Tourism under the leadership of Hon. Pohamba Shifeta, the Executive Director, Mr. Nghitila and Chief Executive Officer of Environment Investment Fund, Mr. Benedict, for making funds available for Oshidute borehole installation and water pipes reticulation to nearby villages.

The Ministry Agriculture, Water and Forestry for availing one its monitoring boreholes to the Regional Council to be used for water provision to our communities.

Thanks for NAMWATER and Ministry of Defence for coming to our rescue by providing our region with the services of water tankers.

The IMMS Explormining cc company for their wonderful job in the installation and construction of the short water pipelines in Epembe and Oshikunde constituencies. I also want to thank members of the community who volunteered themselves to help in digging trenches for water pipelines.

I equally want to thank National Council Standing Committee on Habitat under the chairmanship of Hon. Sipapela Sipapela for taking the issue of water crisis in our region seriously that they decided to undertake the site visit to the 4 affected constituencies. I hope the report will be soon tabled in this chamber. With that said Hon. Vice - Chairperson, Honorable Members, I thank you for your attention and I raise my case”.

5.0 DEBATE ON COMMITTEE STAGE

5.1 FIRST ORDER READ

Resumption of Debate on Committee Stage – *Prevention and Combating of Pollution of the Sea by Oil Amendment Bill* [B.4 – 2019].

The Vice -Chairperson put the question: That he leaves the Chair.

Agreed to.

The Vice- Chairperson then called upon Hon. Sipapela, the First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole Council, to take the Chair.

Hon. Sipapela then took the Chair.

Council in Committee:

Clause **1** was put and agreed to.

Clauses **2** to **3** were put and agreed to.

Clause **4, the Short Title**, was put and agreed to.

Council resumed:

Hon. Sipapela, First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole Council, reported the Bill **without amendments**.

The Bill stood referred to **Third Reading**.

5.2 SECOND ORDER READ

Resumption of Debate on Committee Stage – *Namibia Financial Institutions Supervisory Authority Bill* [B.11 – 2018].

The Vice -Chairperson put the question: That he leaves the Chair.

Agreed to.

The Vice - Chairperson then called upon Hon. Sipapela, the First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole Council, to take the Chair.

Hon. Sipapela then took the Chair.

Council in Committee:

Clauses **1** to **40** were put and agreed to.

Clauses **41** to **62** were put and agreed to.

Clause **63, the Short Title**, was put and agreed to.

Council resumed:

Hon. Sipapela, First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole Council, reported the Bill **without amendments**.

The Bill stood referred to **Third Reading**.

5.3 THIRD ORDER READ

Debate on Committee Stage –*Financial Services Adjudicator Bill* [B.10 – 2018].

The Vice -Chairperson put the question: That he leaves the Chair.

Agreed to.

The Vice - Chairperson then called upon Hon. Sipapela, the First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole Council, to take the Chair.

Hon. Sipapela then took the Chair.

Council in Committee:

Clauses **1** to **7** were put and agreed to.

Clause **8** was put and objected to.

Clauses **9** to **41** were put and agreed to.

Schedule was put and agreed to.

Clause **42, the Short Title**, was put and agreed to.

Council resumed:

Hon. Sipapela, First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole Council, reported that the Committee Stage was adjourned until Wednesday, 06 November 2019.

5.4 FOURTH ORDER READ

Debate on Second Reading –*Appropriation Amendment Bill* [B.7 – 2019].

The Council suspended business at 10:33 and resumed at 11:07.

On the motion of Hon. Mupya, seconded by Hon. Muharukua, the debate was adjourned until Wednesday, November 06, 2019.

6.0 INTRODUCTION AND MOTIVATION OF REPORT(S)

5.1 FIFTH ORDER READ

Hon. Shikongo P.H moves the *Report of the National Council Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economy on the 16th Annual General Meeting of the Southern Africa Development Community Organisation of Public Accounts Committees (SADCOPAC), held from 09 to 10 September 2019 in Johannesburg, South Africa.*

The Vice - Chairperson put the question: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

The Report was unanimously adopted.

5.2 SIXTH ORDER READ

Hon. Likando moved the *Report of the National Council Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economy on the 16th Annual General Meeting of the Southern Africa Development Community Organisation of Public Accounts.*

The Vice- Chairperson put the question: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

The Report was unanimously adopted.

- 7.0 Hon. Boois, seconded by Hon. Mupya, adjourned the Council at 12:06 until Wednesday, November 06, 2019 at 09:30.

Mr Tousy Namiseb
Secretary to the National Council
