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KWAZULU-NATAL LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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The House met at 14h06.

1. 14h07 Members were given an opportunity for silent prayers or meditation.
2. 14h08 The Speaker made announcements.
3. 14h10 The Premier made remarks.
4. 14h12 The Speaker read into the record the tabling of the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature Annual Performance Plan, 2019/20.
5. 14h13 Mr N Ntombela tabled the report by the Standing Committee on Oversight on the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature, 2019/20.
6. 14h14 The following Members gave notice of their intention to move motions on the next sitting day of the House:

6.1 Ms N M Khoza, ANC, to move:

Le Ndlu inaka:

Ukukhula kwezinga lokuhlukunyezwa kwabantu abadala emiphakathini yethu bedlwengulwa abanye baze babulawe ngezinsolo zokuthakatha lapho sebehanelwe

umqondo.

Ngakho-ke le Ndlu inquma kanje:

Ukunxenxa imiphakathi ukuba ibathande abantu abadala ibanakekele.

Nalabo abagciniwe kuma-homes bathandwe banakekelwe bangazizwa belahliwe.

[This House notes:

The increasing number of incidents of abuse against the elderly in our communities; some are raped, while others are even killed for allegedly engaging in witchcraft when dementia sets in.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on all communities to love and care for the elderly; and

To call for people in old-age homes to be cared for so that they do not feel neglected.]

6.2 Ms J N Cele, ANC, to move:

Le Ndlu:

Izwakalisa ukulila kunye nozwelano kulandela ukudlula emhlabeni kwamalungu omndeni wakwaNgxolo odlulelwe amalunga omndeni amathathu umama osemncane nezingane zakhe ezimbili omdala on 2 owesibili onezinyanga ezingu 7 ngenxa yomlilo oqubuke entathakusa yayizolo laphaya endaweni yase-Clermont KwaShembe Ward 22.

Ngakho-ke le Ndlu inquma kanje:

Ukusukumela phezulu kweminyango kahulumeni ekusizeni imiphakathi ehluphekile.

Ukukhuthaza uMasipala ukuqhubeka nohlelo lokufakwa kwagesi.

Ukukhuthaza uhulumeni ukuthi uqhubeke nokuthwalisa umndeni ufihle abathandiweyo ngesizotha.

[This House:

Expresses its sympathy and condolences to the Ngxolo family who lost three of its members – a young mother and her two kids (a two-year-old toddler and a seven-month-old baby) following a fire that erupted at dawn yesterday in Ward 22, KwaShembe, Clermont.

This House therefore resolves:

To commend government departments for responding speedily to assist the affected community;

To urge the municipality to continue with its electrification project; and

To call on government to assist the family with funeral costs so that they can lay their loved ones to rest in a dignified manner.]

6.3 Ms N R Majola, ANC, to move:

This House notes:

The status of the Nduduzweni National Immunisation Programme (NIP) site in Umlaza where some beneficiaries of the service have been left disabled (blind);

That the place is totally dilapidated, with the roof caving in; and

That there have been reports of sexual abuse.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on the Portfolio Committee on Health and the Portfolio Committee on Social Development to prioritise an urgent visit to the site in order to prevent a recurrence of another tragedy like Esidimeni.

6.4 Ms T J Gumede, IFP, to move:

This House notes:

That a South African woman was nabbed with liquid cocaine to the value of R4 million hidden in shampoo bottles at Durban's King Shaka International Airport.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on law-enforcement agencies and communities to work together in eradicating the scourge of drugs in all communities across KwaZulu-Natal;

To urge law-abiding citizens to play a vital role in providing police with information about any criminal activities in their areas;

To commend the law-enforcement personnel who conducted the operation; and

To call on prosecuting authorities to ensure that such cases are swiftly finalised.

6.5 Mr M B Gwala, IFP, to move:

Le Ndlu:

Iyayinaka imibiko ethi baningi abantu abangena kuleli zwe besebenzisa imingcele ehlukana leli zwe nelaseSwatini kanye nelaseMozambique. Laba bantu basuke bezokwemukela inkece yezibonelelo ekhishwa nguhulumeni wakulelizwe. Imibiko iqhubeka ithi laba bantu basuke befumene omazisi bakuleli zwe. Futhi babuye basebenzise bona labo mazisi ukuvotela abantu abathile beqembu limbe eNingizimu Afrika.

Okusikhathazayo ukuthi konke lokhu kwenziwa kungalandelwanga umthetho ogunyaza ukuba laba bantu babe yizakhamizi zakuleli zwe; okungukuthi yizenzo zobugebengu.

Le Ndlu inquma:

Ukunxusa uMhlonishwa uNdunankulu wesiFundazwe ukuba aphuthume asungule uphenyo oluzoqinisekisa ukuthi le mibiko iyiqiniso yini noma kayisilo, bese ebika kule Ndlu ngokushesha.

[This House notes:

Reports that a growing number of people enter this country by crossing South African borders with Swaziland and Mozambique;

That these people come here to collect this country's social grants;

That these people are reportedly in possession of South African identity documents and use these same IDs to vote for a certain political party in South Africa.

What is most worrying is that all of this happens without people following proper processes which could legally grant them South African citizenship; in other words, they are involved in acts of criminality.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on the hon Premier of KwaZulu-Natal to speedily institute an inquiry to ascertain whether or not these reports are true, and to report back to this House as a matter of urgency.]

6.6 Mr H U de Boer, DA, to move:

This House notes:

Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife has denied allegations of killing and selling the meat of 32 buffalo that had been housed in the Hluhluwe/uMfolozi Game Capture Unit; and

That the buffalo, if not shot, must then have been relocated to another reserve in KwaZulu-Natal.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on the MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs to urgently set up an investigative task team to determine exactly where the buffalos are, and to take disciplinary action against management who had misled the media and/or given the order to shoot the animals, should it be found that they had indeed been killed.

6.7 Ms S Hoosen, DA, to move:

This motion was ruled out of order as it had exceeded the maximum length of 100 words, as laid down by Rule 98 (1) of the Standing Rules of the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature.

6.8 Mnr L M Meyer, DA, sal voorstel:

Hierdie Raad neem kennis:

Dat daar lede in die KZN Wetgewer is wat Afrikaanse moedertaalsprekers is; en

Dat die Grondwet van die Republiek van Suid Afrika gelyke status aan al elf amptelike tale gee.

Hierdie Raad besluit derhalwe:

Om te versoek dat vertallings van en na Afrikaans gedurende sittings van die KZN Wetgewer verskaf sal word.

[This House notes:

That there are Members of the KZN Legislature whose home language is Afrikaans; and

That the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa grants equal status to all eleven official languages.

This House therefore resolves:

To call for the provision of translations from and into Afrikaans during sittings of the KZN Legislature.]

6.9 Mr V R Mlotshwa, NFP, to move:

Le Ndlu iyakunaka ukuthi:

Ukuhlukumezeka kwamalungu alesi siShayamthetho ikakhulukazi uma kunomcimbi kugcwele izivakashi.

Ngokuvaleka kwezindawo zokupaka izimoto, ugcina usubona uMhlonishwa esengumantunta nendishi, noma esedabukisa esewuntshingo ubethwa ubani, okugcina kubenza bangene kule Ndlu yakho sekudlule isikhathi.

Kubukeka kukhethwa iphela emasini ngohlelo lokuhlukanisa amalungu ePhalamende lesithupha, alikho elisha nelidala sonke sikwi-Sixth Parliament,

Ngakho-ke amalungelo amaLungu ayefana futhi ayalingana. Okudala kudlulile, okusha lokhu; asibacoshe sonke omakhalekhukhwini.

Ngakho-ke inquma kanje:

Ukuthi uSomlomo nesekele lakhe balubheke lolu daba bese belifaka kule Ndlu ukuba ludingidwe lube inkulumo mpikiswano.

[This House notes:

The ill-treatment of Members of the Legislature, especially during events that involve external guests;

That due to the non-availability of parking bays, hon Members find themselves stranded, not knowing where to go and ending up joining the House late;

That there seems to be preferential treatment when it comes to dividing members of the Sixth Legislature along the lines of new and old Members. There is no old or new member; we are all part of the Sixth Legislature;

That Members therefore have the same equal rights; the past should stay in the past because this is a new term. Everyone should receive cell phones.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on the Speaker and her deputy to look into this matter and to table it in this House for debate.]

6.10 Ms S Thakur-Rajbansi, MF, to move:

This House notes:

That Eastern arts, culture and languages give identity to KwaZulu-Natal's predominantly Indian population; and

That there has been a trend to decrease annual budget allocations which are meant to preserve and promote our Eastern culture in KwaZulu-Natal.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on the new MEC for Arts and Culture to review this budget with this directorate and to correct this wounding trend.

6.11 Mr S E Manqele, ACDP, to move:

This House notes:

That the KZN Department of Transport and the SA National Roads Agency Ltd (Sanral) had some great ideas to provide street lights at all major crossroads to contribute to the safe and comfortable movement of vehicles and pedestrians after dark and to reduce serious crimes, including murder, robbery and aggravated assault; and

That infrastructural items were stolen in areas like KwaBoboza, Msane, Nkodibe, Hluhluwe and Mkhuze.

The House therefore resolves:

To call for a meeting between the Department of Transport and Sanral to discuss attaching the cables to the poles again and to re-erect poles in other areas.

6.12 Ms M Ntuli, DA, to move:

This House notes:

The dismal reports by *Statistics SA* on the unemployment rate which is currently pegged at a staggering 29%;

That under the ANC, South Africa's rate of unemployment and inequality continues to rise, plunging the country into despair;

That education was the key to success in the past, but

That these doors have slammed shut due to the ANC's corruption.

This House therefore resolves:

To remind the Premier – because he seems to have forgotten – that the DA-run Western Cape is the only province where unemployment has actually decreased; and

To acknowledge that numbers don't lie and that where we govern, we govern the best.

6.13 Mr F A Rodgers, DA, to move:

This House notes:

The further collapse of Eskom, having increased its losses of R6 billion last year to over R20 billion this year;

Treasury's additional R17 billion bailout;

That the ANC has implemented so many turnaround strategies that it no longer knows which direction to take;

That this is an ANC failure; and

That there will never be radical economic transformation under the ANC.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on the ANC to privatise Eskom and to allow private power producers, thereby creating a reliable and competitive supply of electricity.

6.14 Mr B Singh, DA, to move:

This House notes:

That the 1860 Heritage Centre is an agent for the Department of Arts and Culture;

That this centre celebrates the rich history of KwaZulu-Natal's heritage and culture;

That it is the only centre that actively honours the role of women in the struggle for freedom; and

That the centre showcases exhibits that are not known to many people.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on the MEC for Arts and Culture to immediately begin the process of declaring the 1860 Heritage Centre as a fully-fledged museum in Durban.

6.15 Ms T P Mthethwa, IFP, to move:

This House notes:

The report released by *Statistics SA*, stating that unemployment in South Africa currently stands at 29%, the highest it has been since 2008.

This House therefore resolves:

To declare unemployment as a national disaster;

To call for urgent action and concerted efforts from government and all other stakeholders to prevent job losses and to create more sustainable and decent employment; and

To call for more investments in small businesses in order to solve the country's unemployment problems.

6.16 Mr T S Mtshali, ANC, to move:

This House notes:

That an excess of unskilled labour is one of the key issues facing the South African labour market.

This House therefore resolves:

To implement a curriculum that will respond to the needs and demands of the economy, in line with advancing a skills revolution as part of addressing the issue of youth unemployment in our province; and

To call for a joint partnership between government, organised labour and organised business.

6.17 Mr N M Sibiya, ANC, to move:

This motion was ruled out of order as it had exceeded the maximum length of 100 words, as laid down by Rule 98 (1) of the Standing Rules of the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature.

6.18 Ms A G Mapena, ANC, to move:

This motion was ruled out of order as it had exceeded the maximum length of 100 words, as laid down by Rule 98 (1) of the Standing Rules of the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature.

7. 14h41 The Speaker announced the passing away of Queen Mother Kgoshigadi Lekgolane Malekutu Sekwati Mampuru (Moshopjadi a Phaahla Bauba), mother-in-law to Ms Zamangwane Mampuru, Administrator: Committees Section.

The House observed a minute of silence.

8. 14h42 The Speaker left the Chair.
9. 14h43 The House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply and the debate on Vote 2 – KwaZulu-Natal Legislature commenced and was concluded at 16h53.
10. 16h54 The Speaker resumed the Chair.
11. 16h55 The Chairperson gave a report on the Committee of Supply and indicated that the committee had concluded its work.
12. 16h56 The Speaker made remarks.
13. 16h57 Voting on the Appropriation Bill commenced.

13.1 The DA recorded its opposition to the following programmes in terms of Standing Rule 84:

13.1.1 Vote 5: Education (Programme 1)

13.1.2 Vote 7: Health (Programme 1)

13.2 The DA called for a division on the following Votes:

Vote 5: Programme 6

Vote 7: Programme 3

Vote 11: Programme 2

Results of the division were as follows:

In favour: 61

Against: 10

Question put.

That the KwaZulu-Natal Appropriation Bill, 2019 be approved.

Agreed to.

14. 17h30 Voting concluded.
15. 17h31 Parties made declarations of votes in terms of Standing Rule 83(2) and concluded at 17h49.
16. 17h50 Ms N Simelane-Zulu delivered an Executive Statement on H1N1 and concluded at 18h02.
17. 18h03 Parties commented on the Executive Statement and concluded at 18h18.
18. 18h19 The Speaker made remarks.
19. 18h21 The House was adjourned *sine die*.