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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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The House met at 14h02.

1. 14h03 Members were given an opportunity for silent prayers or meditation.
2. 14h04 The Speaker made announcements.
3. 14h07 The Premier made announcements.
4. 14h10 The Speaker read into the record the tabling of the following reports:
 - 4.1 Zululand District Municipality: Annual Report 2017/18; and
 - 4.2 Umngeni Local Municipality: Annual Report 2017/18.
5. 14h11 The following Members gave notice of their intention to move motions on the next sitting day of the House:
 - 5.1 **Ms Z L I Cele, ANC, to move:**
Le Ndlu iyakuqaphela:
Ukuguquguquka kwesimo sezulu lapho kubonakala khona

kuguguleka komhlabathi ezindaweni zasemakhaya.

Ngakho-ke le Ndlu inquma kanje:

Uhulumeni makabuyekeze indlela yokufakwa kwezimali ngenhloso yokunqanda lesi simo esikhungethe imiphakathi yasezindaweni zasemakhaya, ukuze uma umhlaba usubuyiselwa kubantu bawuthole ukulungele ukusetshenziswa.

[*This House notes:*

That climate change results in soil erosion in rural areas.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on government to review the funding allocation model in order to prevent this situation that rural communities are faced with, and to ensure that, when the land is returned to the people, it is in a usable condition.]

5.2 Ms M C Frazer, ANC, to move:

This House notes:

That the DA and EFF formed a coalition in the metros after the 2016 local government elections;

That their aim was to cripple the ANC which had won the majority of wards, defeating democracy through PR councilors; and

That the EFF now claims that the DA is corrupt and mismanaging these municipalities.

This House therefore resolves:

To remind the DA and EFF that their artificial unholy matrimonial union, based on lies and deception, will never last.

5.3 Mr T M Kaunda, ANC, to move:

This House notes:

That KwaZulu-Natal hosted an incident-free Vodacom Durban July over the weekend; and

That this event was attended by thousands of local and international visitors.

This House therefore resolves:

To thank the police for doing a sterling job in ensuring that the people of KwaZulu-Natal and visitors were safe, both on the road and at various places of entertainment; and

To thank road users and members of the public for adhering to the rules of the road.

5.4 Ms N J Nkwanyana, IFP, to move:

Le Ndlu inaka:

Ngokukhathazeka izigaba ezingezinhle ezihlale njalo zenzeka esibhedlela e-RK Khan. Muva kusanda kusabalala i-video eveza owesilisa egcwele izibungu emlonyeni nokushaqise kakhulu izwe lonke.

Ngakho-ke le Ndlu inquma:

Ukuba uMnyango Wezempilo wenze uphenyo olunzulu mayelana nalesi sigameko.

Ukuba uMnyango Wezempilo uqinise isandla kubasebenzi bezempilo abangazinaki iziguli kodwa bebe benza izifungo ukuthi bayosebenza ngokwethembeka.

Uma kukhona abasebenzi bezempilo abangafuni ukusiza iziguli abaphume baphele ezibhedlela badelele labo abazoba nothando lo msebenzi.

Akuxazululwe zonke izinkinga ezikhungethe izibhedlela ezigcina ziholela ekutheni onesi ezibhedlela bagcine sebenesihluku eziguli ngenxa yezimo ezinzima abasebenza ngaphansi kwazo.

[This House notes:

With concern the negative incidents that continue to plague the RK Khan [Hospital]; and

The recent video of a male patient's maggot-infested gums that went viral, sending shockwaves throughout the country.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on the Department of Health to conduct a comprehensive investigation into this incident;

To call on the Department of Health to come down hard on health practitioners who neglect patients when they had all signed a pledge to do their work with integrity;

To call on all healthcare workers who refuse to assist patients to vacant their positions at hospitals and let those who are prepared to do so remain; and

To call for the resolution of all problems that plague our hospitals and result in nurses abusing patients because of the conditions under which they work.]

5.5 Mr S Moodley, IFP, to move:

This House notes:

That the spotlight needs to fall on the role of the RTI in the prevention of road accidents;

That the ongoing road carnage necessitates a thorough review of RTI officials' role and function;

That the latest example of this carnage took place between Shaka's Head and Ballito on Sunday, 7 June [2019];

That this accident could have been prevented had RTI officials been effectively deployed; and

That RTI officials have for far too long been saddled with administrative tasks which deviate from their core function of ensuring that accidents and unnecessary traffic delays are prevented.

5.6 Mr B Singh, DA, to move:

This House notes:

That the SA soccer team has done our country proud by progressing to the quarter finals of the African Cup of Nations (Afcon).

This House therefore resolves:

To congratulate the team on their dedication to this sport and their excellent playing skills;

To place on record that more attention needs to be given to up-and-coming soccer players, especially young children who need more opportunities given to them, with improved facilities to further enhance their sporting skills; and

To call on the MEC for Sport and Recreation to commit to assisting soccer teams and establishing proper training facilities in KwaZulu-Natal.

5.7 Ms E Rabe, DA, to move:

This House notes:

That a 76-year-old grandmother was recently raped in Gobizembe section in KwaSwayimane;

That we are about to celebrate Women's Month (August); and

That incidents such as these should be at the forefront of the MEC's campaign.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on the MEC for Social Development to urgently consider expanding the hours of service of the R22.3 million care centre in KwaSwayimane since most attacks occur at night; and

To work closely with the SA Police Service to ensure that the perpetrator is arrested with urgency.

5.8 Mr M W Twala, EFF, to move:

This House notes:

Yesterday marks five months since Mlungisi Madonsela was brutally murdered by security guards at DUT;

The EFF student command is going to its third elective conference this weekend; and

To date there has not been free quality education in South Africa.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on the NPA to reopen the case of Mlungisi Madonsela at DUT to ensure justice for him and other students who are brutalised by the police; and

To call on the MEC for Education to ensure that no private security guards are employed at institutions of higher learning as they are not trained in crowd control.

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

This House notes:

The IPID investigation into the murder of former SA Navy officer Seelan Pillay of Phoenix; and

Allegations that SA Police Service officers had been involved in his murder.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on hon Kaunda, MEC for Community Safety and Liaison, to submit the IPID report to the KZN Legislature, along with recommendations on how to curb rogue elements in the SA Police Service, as well as current plans to deal with suburban drug dealers.

5.10 Mr V R Mlotshwa, NFP, to move:

Le Ndlu iyakunaka:

Futhi iyakuqonda ukusweleka kwamanzi elokishini laseKethani e-Winterton oKhahlamba lapho abantu bakhona sekuphele iminyaka eyisishagalolunye bengawazi amanzi.

Wonke umuntu wakhona unendlu yomxhaso enendlu yangasese ngaphakathi, kodwa amanzi do. Abantu sebethenga bathuthelwa amanzi ngo R5 u-20l;

Ababe ngoNdunankulu Senzo Mchunu no-Willies Mchunu bake bafika bathembisa izulu nomhlaba;

NoMhlonishwa uNomusa Dube-Ncube uyalwazi lolu sizi; kodwa dololo usizo.

Ngakho-ke le Ndlu inquma kanje:

Ukuba uMhlonishwa uHlomuka angenelele.

Ukuba uNdunankulu enze isiqinisekiso sokuthi abantu bayawathola amanzi kulelilokishi ukuze bezoyeka ukuthutha indle ngamabhakede bebe benawo amathoyilethi AMANZI KUBANTU!

[This House notes:

And understands the shortage of water in Kethani township, Winterton (oKhahlamba), where people have been without water for nine years;

That all households live in RDP houses that have inside toilets, yet they have no water;

That residents are now buying water at R5 per 20 litre;

That former Premiers Senzo Mchunu and Willies Mchunu had visited the area and promised residents heaven and earth;

That hon Nomusa Dube-Ncube also knows about this community's plight; yet no help has been forthcoming.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on hon MEC Hlomuka to intervene; and

To call on the Premier to ensure that people in this township get water so that they will not be forced to carry around buckets of sewage when they have toilets. Water to the people!!!]

5.11 Ms N R Majola, ANC, to move:

This House notes:

The improvement in maternal, children and women's health, encompassing a 10-point turnaround intervention strategy and a negotiated service delivery agreement;

The upgrading of Umfolozi Hospital in Empangeni into a hospital for mothers and children; and

The upgrading of the neonatal intensive care unit (ICU) at Grey's Hospital and the establishment of ward-based family teams.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on the Portfolio Committee on Health to closely monitor and evaluate the implementation of this outcomes-based approach based on Facility Infrastructure Solutions (FIS).

5.12 Ms N M Khoza, ANC, to move:

This House notes:

That since the Department of Community Safety and Liaison intervened in Weenen to resolve the conflict between the Nhlawe and KwaMadondo communities, police have been making excellent progress in ridding the area of illegal firearms; and

That a faction fights claimed the lives of 39 people last year; and

Following MEC Kaunda's intervention, police have intensified law enforcement operations in that area which have led to the recovery of a number of illegal firearms.

This House therefore resolves:

To commend the Department of Community Safety and Liaison, Inkosi Mthembu, uNdunankulu, izinduna and the police for their efforts in stabilising the area.

5.13 Mr M B Gwala, IFP, to move:

This House notes:

The shocking revelation by some concerned truck drivers in KwaZulu-Natal that government has failed to address the issue of poor working conditions in the trucking industry; and

They have accused government authorities of being in cahoots with trucking companies which are exploiting them and which employ foreign nationals as truck drivers.

This House therefore resolves:

To call for an urgent debate in this House on the poor working conditions of truck drivers in South Africa; and

To call for an urgent investigation into allegations that big companies are bribing government authorities to turn a blind eye to their shenanigans.

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

This House notes:

That Tongaat-Hulett Sugar is in dire financial straits, with cheap sugar imports ruining the industry in KwaZulu-Natal;

That Tongaat-Hulett has concluded comprehensive studies into crop diversification and the production of biofuels which will help save jobs and boost the economy; and

That the government has done little to aid the company, and others like it, in fully developing its biofuel and alternate energy strategy.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on the MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs to establish a multi-disciplinary task team to urgently support the biofuel industry and unlock this undeveloped industry.

5.15 Dr I Keeka, DA, to move:

This House notes:

The alleged gross negligence found at RK Khan Hospital where the late Mr [Sadek] Ebrahim suffered a maggot infestation whilst alive;

That KwaZulu-Natal's healthcare has degenerated to the point where patients' cellphone torches are used to provide light during procedures; and

The Health MEC's investigations into these incidents will likely yield nothing as the ANC rewards human rights violators by appointing them to positions of chairpersons instead of holding them to account.

This House therefore resolves:

To welcome the SAHRC's own initiative to investigate this facility; and

To call for the implementation of all directives issued upon the completion of this investigation.

5.16 Ms M Ntuli, 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.

5.17 Mr N M Sibiya, ANC, to move:

Le Ndlu iyakunaka ukuthi:

Kuyadabukisa ukusweleka ngendlela esezingeni eliphezulu kwamanzi endaweni yaseMzinyathi; Abantu bakulesi sifunda basenhluphekweni enkulu ukutholakala kwamanzi kwehle ngendlela emangalisayo; Abaphathi bomkhandlu behluleka bayancama ukulethela abantu baseMzinyathi amanzi.

Ngakho-ke le Ndlu inquma kanje:

Ukuthi u-COGTA ulubuke lolu daba, ngoba sifisa abantu bawathole amanzi ngokushesha;

Inhlupheko iphezulu eMzinyathi selokhu kwathatha abaphethe;

Abantu bakhathele abantu abangabasizi ngalutho balibele ukuhamba izangoma bayobhula ukuthi yini eyenza bangakwazi ukuletha intuthuko.

[This House notes:

With sadness the severe water shortage in the area of Mzinyathi District;

That people in this district face high levels of poverty and access to water has dropped drastically; and

That the municipal administration is failing dismally in delivering water to the people of Mzinyathi.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on the Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs to look into this matter because we want those people to get water without delay;

There has been extreme poverty in Mzinyathi since the current administration took over; and

People are tired of the relevant people not helping them, and who are instead busy consulting sangomas to tell them why they are failing to deliver services.]

5.18 Ms N Simelane-Zulu, ANC, to move:

This House notes:

That the Department of Transport is making progress in resolving the conflict in the Mandeni/Sundumbili Taxi Association which resulted in the torching of six vehicles last week; and

That the department, in working with Santaco, has identified numerous irregularities in the manner in which the association is governed, including the illegal collection of fees.

This House therefore resolves:

To condemn the violence within the taxi industry;

To inculcate a culture of constructive engagement to resolve disputes; and

To support the department's efforts to stabilise the situation in Mandeni/Sundumbili and other taxi associations which show signs of instability.

5.19 Mr S A Duma, ANC, to move:

This House notes:

The unity displayed by African teams who participated in the Africa Cup [of Nations];

That this was in stark contrast with the negative statement by the US government that the death of former President [Mohamed] Morsi of Egypt would be a threat to the successful hosting of the tournament; and

That we are delighted by *Bafana Bafana's* sterling performance against Egypt, the host nation.

This House therefore resolves:

To celebrate our nation's future under President Cyril Ramaphosa's stewardship;

To call on the Department of Sport and Recreation to invest more in school sports and infrastructure development in the rural hinterlands.

5.20 Ms C Q Madlopha, ANC, to move:

This House notes:

That the recent floods in KwaZulu-Natal claimed the lives of at least 70 people and left hundreds more destitute;

That, coupled with the devastating drought of 2015 to 2017, the floods left a trail of destruction, both in terms of food security and the environment; and

That there is a need to address these threats by collaborating with academics to find ways in which to pre-empt devastating natural disasters.

This House therefore resolves:

To mandate research institutions to develop methods that could indicate precisely where floods and droughts will strike.

6. 14h38 The MEC for Finance delivered the Budget Speech and concluded at 15h40.

7. 15h41 The Speaker referred the Bill to the Portfolio Committee on Finance and Vote 2 of the same Bill to the Standing Committee on Oversight.
8. 15h42 The House was adjourned until Tuesday, 16 July 2019.