

WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL 2022

[No.05/2022] FOURTH SESSION, SIXTH LEGISLATURE

KWAZULU-NATAL LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Wednesday, 20 April 2022

The Hybrid House met at 09h03.

1. 09h04 Members were given an opportunity for silent prayers or meditation.
2. 09h05 The Speaker made announcements, including the passing away of the following persons:
 - 2.1 Mrs Thembi Mthembu;
 - 2.2 Princess Thembi Zulu-Ndlovu;
 - 2.3 Ms Nandisa Chiliza;
 - 2.4 Mrs Christina Zondi;
 - 2.5 Ms Gwynneth Pendock;

- 2.6 Sergeant Busisiwe Mjwara;
- 2.7 Police dog officer Leah;
- 2.8 Constable Thandazile;
- 2.9 Mr Thabo Masebe;
- 2.10 Mr Mfundo Mokoena;
- 2.11 All those that have passed away as a result of the Floods in the Province;
- 2.12 All those souls who have departed from us untimely, either due to Covid-19 or through natural and unnatural causes; and
- 2.13 All road fatality victims over the Easter Weekend.

The Hybrid House observed a minute of silence.

4. 09h11 Mr BM Zuma moved the following formal Motion:

MOTION / RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE
CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF RULE 112(5) AND
(6)

This Motion is a Motion Without Notice moved under **Standing Rule 105(1)(g)** with the unanimous concurrence of all the Members present in the House.

The Presiding Officer is requested to put the motion to the vote for approval as a Resolution of the House under **Standing Rule 103(2)**.

This House notes:

- [1] The recent floods that have affected KwaZulu-Natal and the unprecedented devastation it has caused in the province, resulting in loss of life and damage to property and infrastructure;
- [2] Today's special Sitting has been arranged to allow the Premier to present an executive statement to the Legislature on the state of disaster and the government's intervention efforts in this regard, and to allow parties to express their views on the Premier's statement;
- [3] Due to the seriousness of the matter and the magnitude of the impact of the disaster on the province, it is critical that the matter be discussed fully and that all parties be given adequate time to debate the report and to present their views on the matter;
- [4] Rule 112(5), however, states that "*following any executive statement, and at a time arranged by the Chief Whip, after consultation with the whips, a member or members of each party may comment on the executive statement for not more than three minutes per party ...*";
- [5] Rule 112(6) further provides that the response of the Premier or the MEC who made the executive statement may not exceed five minutes.
- [6] Due to the nature and seriousness of the matter under discussion today, it has been suggested that the speaking time of three minutes for each party and response time of five minutes for the Premier is wholly inadequate, and it has been requested that additional time be granted;
- [7] Rule 4 provides that any provision of these Rules relating to the business of the House or of a committee may be suspended by resolution of the House;
- [8] It is therefore necessary that Standing Rules 112(5) and (6) be suspended in order that parties not be limited to speaking times of three minutes per party, and the

Premier not be limited to a response time of five minutes;
and

- [9] The Chief Whip may, in accordance with Rule 19(1)(e), arrange an appropriate time span for the debate.

This House therefore resolves:

To suspend Rule 112(5) and (6) for purposes of today's debate.

Question put:

That the motion be adopted.

Agreed to.

5. 09h20 The Premier delivered an Executive Statement and concluded at 09h37.
6. 09h38 Parties commented on the Executive Statement and concluded at 10h41.
7. 10h42 The Premier responded to comments by parties and concluded at 10h52.
8. 10h53 The Speaker made remarks.
9. 10h59 The Premier made an announcement.
10. 11h00 The House was adjourned *sine die*.

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