

[No. 11/2024] SIXTH SESSION, SIXTH LEGISLATURE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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TUESDAY, 07 MAY 2024

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VIRTUAL SPECIAL SITTING: 08H30

1. PRAYER (Item 1 on the Order Paper)

Opportunity for Prayers or Silent Meditation.

- 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER (Item 2 on the Order Paper)
 - 2.1 ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE REASON FOR THE VIRTUAL SPECIAL SITTING OF TODAY, TUESDAY, 07 MAY 2024

Honourable Members, thank you for availing yourselves for today's special sitting. The Office of the Speaker was advised to call a special sitting to comply with NCOP processes and to enable the Legislature to participate in the mandates required at the NCOP. Today's special sitting is being held to deal with the debate and voting on the Conferral of Final Mandates on the following Bills:

- (i) Public Procurement Bill [B18D-2023];
- (ii) Railway Safety Bill [B7B-2021]; and
- (iii) Preservation and Development of Agricultural Land Bill [B8B-2021].

I trust Members will find this to be in order.

2.2 RULING ON VIRTUAL SITTING AND VOTING ANNOUNCEMENT ON PARTY VOTING DURING THE SPECIAL SITTING

Honourable Members, you are reminded that this is a special sitting, with Members having connected virtually. As always, the sitting will be conducted in terms of our Standing Rules.

Party voting

Rule 288(4) of the Rules states that –

The presiding officer or chairperson must, before or at the start of the discussion on the matter, expressly inform members if a party vote will be taken.

In line with the above, I can confirm that voting will take place on the Conferral of Final Mandates on the:

(i) Public Procurement Bill [B18D-2023];

- (ii) Railway Safety Bill [B7B-2021]; and
- (iii) Preservation and Development of Agricultural Land Bill [B8B-2021].

Bear in mind that a party vote is a collective vote on behalf of all the Members of a party present at a virtual sitting, up to the total membership of that party in the sitting.

I will, however, allow an opportunity for any individual Member to vote differently from his/her party, or to abstain, if any Member wishes to do so.

We will now proceed with the rest of the items on the Order Paper.

2.3 OBITUARIES

Honourable Members, let us take a moment to remember in our thoughts and prayers all those souls who have departed from our midst since the previous sitting, either due to natural causes or otherwise.

- 2.3.1 Dr Sam Motsuenyane, pioneer, businessman, farmer, philanthropist and founding father of the African Bank. Dr Motsuenyane was a doyen of black business and a torchbearer of black economic empowerment. He was also a veteran of our liberation struggle;
- **2.3.2** Ms Sindisiwe Sibisi, a staff member from the Legislature's ICT Unit;
- 2.3.3 Four pupils from a high school in Ivory Park, Gauteng, who died after allegedly consuming poison at their homes within the space of nine days;

- 2.3.4 Five people who were declared dead after a building, which was under construction, had collapsed in George;
- **2.3.5** All victims of gender-based violence, femicide and hate crimes;
- **2.3.6** All public servants and traditional leaders of this province and the country at large; and
- **2.3.7** All victims of road fatalities in our province during the recent past.

Let us now observe a moment of silence to honour all those who have gone before us.

2.4 APOLOGIES

- **2.4.1** Honourable Mr FA Rodgers, honourable Mr SE Manqele and honourable Mr ME Phakathi have prior party commitments.
- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS BY THE PREMIER (Item 3 on the Order Paper)

Opportunity for the Premier to make Announcements.

- 4. TABLING OF REPORTS OR PAPERS (Item 4 on the Order Paper)
 - 4.1 Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs

- **4.1.1** Mandeni Local Municipality, 2022/2023 Financial Year Oversight Report and 2022/2023 Annual Report.
- 5. FORMAL MOTIONS OR NOTICES BY THE CHIEF WHIP (Item 5 on Order Paper)

Opportunity for the Chief Whip to present motions or notices.

- 6. ORDERS OF THE DAY (Item 6 on the Order Paper)
 - **6.1** Debate and Voting on the Conferral of a Final Mandate on the Public Procurement Bill [B18D-2023].
 - **6.2** Debate and Voting on the Conferral of a Final Mandate on the Railway Safety Bill [B7B-2021].
 - 6.3 Debate and Voting on the Conferral of a Final Mandate on the Preservation and Development of Agricultural Land Bill [B8B-2021].

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