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KWAZULU-NATAL LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Friday, 29 November 2024

The Hybrid House met at 09h05.

1. 09h06 Members were given an opportunity for silent prayers or meditation.
2. 09h07 The Speaker made announcements, including the passing away of the following persons:
 - 2.1 Professor Enos Ngutshane, a 1976 uprising activist and Chairperson of the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration (CCMA) governing body who passed away on the 24th of November 2024;

- 2.2 All victims of gender-based violence, femicide and hate crimes;
- 2.3 Public servants and traditional leaders of this province and the country at large who have passed away; and
- 2.4 Various victims of road accidents and others who have lost their lives in our province during recent times.

The Hybrid House observed a minute of silence.

- 3. 09h10 The Speaker made further announcements.
- 4. 09h11 The Speaker read into the record the tabling of the following documents:

4.1 KwaZulu-Natal Legislature:

4.1.1 KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Legislature Draft Strategic Plan: 2025 – 2030.

4.2 Standing Committee on Oversight:

4.2.1 Report of the Standing Committee on Oversight on the consideration of the 2024/2025 Second Adjustment Appropriation for the Legislature.

4.3 Portfolio Committee on Finance:

4.3.1 Report of the Portfolio Committee on Finance on the KwaZulu-Natal Adjustments Appropriation Bill, 2024.

4.4 Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

4.4.1 Umkhanyakude District Municipality Annual Report, 2021/22, and Umkhanyakude

District Municipality Oversight Report, 2021/22; and

4.4.2 Umkhanyakude District Municipality Annual Report 2022/23, and Umkhanyakude District Municipality Oversight Report, 2022/23.

5. 09h15 The Premier made an announcement.
6. 09h20 The following Members gave notice of their intention to move motions on the next sitting day of the House:

6.1 Mr M B Gwala, IFP, to move:

This House notes:

The infrastructure challenges arising from the dilapidated state of many police stations across the country, which impact the ability of the police to serve communities effectively, as well as the issue of meager police salaries;

Police officers must be provided with sufficient resources to perform their duties, and dilapidated police stations must be improved; and

Failure to improve salaries for police officers could result in them being tempted to engage in criminal activities.

This House therefore resolves:

To call for an urgent debate on the infrastructure challenges within the SA Police Service and the issue of inadequate police salaries.

6.2 Mr P N Msimango, IFP, to move:

LeNdlu Iyakunaka Ukuthi:

Zinkani zababili okhalweni lukangcede omhlophe ngeviki elizayo njengoba kuzokweqana izibiba kuWard 16 eMtubatuba okhethweni lokuchibiyela. Kuyaziwa ukuthi le-Ward ibiphethwe isigomagoma soqobo sekhansela uMnu Qhina Mkhwanazi weqembu leNkatha osebenze ngokukhulu ukuzikhandla ekuletheleni abantu intuthuko abebeyibona ngamehlo bengayizwa ngephunga.

LeNdlu Inquma kanje:

Ukudlulisa amazwi enduduzo emndenini kanye nezihlobo zika Khansela uQhina Mkhwanazi kanye neqembu leNkatha.

Ukunxusa umphakathi wonke waka-Ward 16 eMtuba ukuthi uphume ngothi lwawo uyovotela iqembu leNkatha ngesonto elizayo mhlaka 4 kuZibandlela ngoba alikho elinye iqembu eliyokwazi ukubalethela intuthuko ebonakala ngamehlo ngaphandle kweNkatha futhi lokho kuzobe kuyisipho esikhulu sokuhlonipha uKhansela uMkhwanazi kanye noMntwana waKwaPhindangene uqobo.

6.3 Ms NJ Nkwanyana, IFP, to move:

This House notes:

That World Toilet Day is observed annually on 19 November to raise awareness about the importance of sanitation and hygiene;

The lack of proper sanitation has far-reaching consequences as it perpetuates the cycle of poverty and exacerbates social inequalities; and

It poses significant health risks, particularly for vulnerable populations such as children, women and the elderly.

This House therefore resolves:

To call upon our government to take immediate action to provide proper sanitation facilities to all citizens, regardless of geographical location; and

To urge the government to promote good hygiene practices and educate communities about the importance of sanitation and hygiene.

6.4 Ms TP Mthethwa, IFP, to move:

This House notes:

That farmers, especially those in rural areas, have suffered losses amounting to R65 million due to natural disasters in the current financial year; and

Despite these significant losses, affected farmers have not yet been compensated by the government, placing their livelihood and the agricultural sector at risk.

This House therefore resolves:

To urge the national government to take decisive action by expediting compensation for affected farmers and establishing a ring-fenced disaster relief fund to address future crises; and

To debate this motion to seek ways of promoting the sustainability of the agricultural sector.

6.5 Mr OB Kunene, IFP, to move:

This House notes:

That the appointment of municipal managers is a critical decision requiring vision, integrity and a relentless focus on service delivery.

This House therefore resolves:

To commend the MEC for Cogta, hon TD Buthelezi, for appointing Mr Mpumelelo Mnguni as acting Municipal Manager of Nongoma Municipality;

To congratulate Mr Mnguni on his appointment and urge him to safeguard public funds by ensuring that those who embezzle funds face the full might of the law; and

To call for a debate on the urgent need for competent, qualified, and experienced senior managers at municipalities.

6.6 Mr SE Hlomuka, ANC, to move:

This House notes:

A report on the successful administration of the largest cohort of matric candidates in the country who registered to write their NSC examinations under the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education;

This delicate process was carefully administrated amid dangerous and inclement weather conditions in the province;

The Department of Education, in partnership with Emergency Rescue Services, enabled the safe

transportation of scripts and question papers; and

This error-free process saw 190 452 candidates write a credible examination which concluded on 28 November 2024.

This House therefore resolves:

To wish the 9 390 markers, who will start marking the papers at 32 centres, the best of luck.

6.7 Dr NNG Mahlaba, ANC, to move:

This House notes:

The persistent challenge of inequality in our education system due to the historical injustices of the apartheid legacy.

This House therefore resolves:

To adopt a deliberate approach of addressing shortcomings in our education system, ensuring that children of working-class parents can access improved educational opportunities, regardless of their circumstances;

To commend the ANC for championing the BELA Bill that was signed by President Cyril Ramaphosa; and

To call for the urgent implementation of the Bill, whilst having a responsibility to educate society about the good story behind the BELA Bill that will transform our education system and bridge existing gaps.

6.8 Ms CQ Madlopha, ANC to move:

This House notes:

SASCO's tireless efforts in promoting student activism throughout the country, advocating for accessible and affordable education, and fostering a culture of inclusivity and diversity on our campuses.

This House therefore resolves:

To congratulate SASCO at the University of Zululand on its overwhelming victory in obtaining seven out of 10 seats, enabling it to champion the general interests and rights of students; and

To call upon this progressive Legislature to partner with SASCO in institutions of higher learning and support this progressive movement during its *Right to Learn Campaign* at the beginning of the year as SASCO remains the home and hope for students.

6.9 Mr MD Mndebele, ANC, to move:

This House notes:

That on 26 November 2024, *Takealot* opened a 43 000m² distribution centre in Durban, capable of shipping 45 000 units daily; and

That this investment boosts KwaZulu-Natal's economy, creating jobs and supporting SMMEs.

This House therefore resolves:

To commend this significant contribution to economic development and job creation in KwaZulu-Natal; and

To urge this Seventh Administration to build on the foundation laid by previous administrations to attract similar investments for inclusive growth.

6.10 Ms M Nair, DA, to move:

This House notes:

The recent protest action by residents of uMgudulu informal settlement in eThekweni who expressed frustration over delays in receiving rebuilding materials after the M19 disaster that left them homeless; and

The significant delays in providing immediate housing materials to disaster-affected communities in KwaZulu-Natal due to the centralisation of emergency housing provision under the national Department of Human Settlements which has left affected communities vulnerable.

The House therefore resolves:

To engage the national Minister of Human Settlements on decentralising housing responsibilities to provincial authorities to enable KZN's Human Settlements and Cogta's Disaster Management to respond swiftly and effectively to post-disaster housing needs.

6.11 Mr S Mngadi, DA, to move:

This House notes:

The ongoing practice of some schools withholding learners' results due to unpaid fees;

This contravenes the National Protocol of Assessment of 2011, and violates learners' constitutional right to education;

No child should be punished for their family's financial challenges; and

Such actions entrench inequality and deny learners the opportunity to progress academically.

This House therefore resolves:

To ensure that KwaZulu-Natal's Department of Education provides schools with clear guidelines to ensure that results are issued to all learners in KwaZulu-Natal.

6.12 Ms HS Lidgett, DA, to move:

This House notes:

With grave concern the recent slaughter of 20 dehorned rhinos in Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park, emphasising the persistence of poaching syndicates;

In 2024, 145 rhinos were poached in KwaZulu-Natal, accounting for 63% of South Africa's total rhino population, following 307 poached rhinos in 2023; and

Despite EDTEA and Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife's efforts, including the dehorning of 1000 plus rhinos in 2024, KwaZulu-Natal remains the epicentre of this crisis.

This House therefore resolves:

To call for strengthened cross-border collaboration, enhanced law enforcement, and community engagement to protect rhinos.

This is vital for conservation, eco-tourism, and the economic stability of local communities who are reliant on wildlife preservation.

6.13 Ms CM Shinga, NFP, to move:

This House notes:

The increasing frequency of natural disasters like floods and droughts that affect vulnerable communities in KwaZulu-Natal; and

That disaster preparedness systems remain inadequate in many areas.

This House therefore resolves:

To call for improved early-warning systems;

To call for additional disaster management funding; and

To enhance collaboration between municipalities and communities to reduce disaster risks.

6.14 Mr SPG Mbatha, MKP, to move:

This House notes:

The failure of the Department of Public Works to pay municipalities what is due to them in terms of rates and electricity; and

This has resulted in municipalities cutting its services to provincial government offices, which often results in huge stress and frustration among the innocent and dedicated officials of departments.

This House therefore resolves:

To call for a debate on this matter.

6.15 Mr ENM Mthethwa, MKP, to move:

This House notes:

That some Members of the Executive Council bully municipalities that are facing problems and challenges; and

That municipalities are a crucial sphere of government that needs to be treated with respect and wisdom.

This House therefore resolves:

To call for a debate on this matter.

6.16 Mr BC Mngadi, MKP, to move:

Ngiyafisa ukuba leNdlu idingide usizi olubhekene nabasebenzi bakwa masipala wetheku abangaphansi kohlu lwe EPWP.

Selokhu bathenjiswa ukubuyiselwa emsebenzini ezinyangeni eziningi ezedlule, akukaze kwenzeke.

Laba basebenzi balinganiselwe kwizinkulungwane ezintanhu futhi bonke bondla imindeni yabo okuyimanje bayantula futhi abakwazi ukoyothengela nokujabulisa imindeni yabo kulezinsuku zamaholidi.

6.17 Mr SD Mabaso, MKP, to move:

Somlomo ohloniphekile ngiphakama egameni loMkhonto weSizwe ngiphakamisa ukuthi ekuhlaleni kwalendlu okulandelayo Lendlu idingide kabanzi ngosizi lwezaguga ezondla imindeni .Sikwazi sonke ukuthi miningi imindeni esimi ngokondliwa oqogo nomkhulu bondla nezingane ezingabazukulu esezaba umthwalo wogogo nomkhulu kakhulukazi lezo esezahanjelwa ngabazali emhlabeni.

6.18 Ms NF Khumalo, MKP, to move:

This House notes:

The frustrations faced by street vendors in eThekweni Metro who are forced to produce trading licenses which are, in fact, withheld by the municipality itself, in favour of foreign national vendors who allegedly pay bribes to municipality officials to obtain those trading licenses.

This House therefore resolves:

To call for a debate on this matter.

6.19 Ms NGT Mazibuko, MKP, to move:

This House notes:

The dismal failure by the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture to market and promote the noble heritage of KwaZulu-Natal; and

That this department only follows and supports the programmes of His Majesty the King, but does nothing more to promote our heritage as a province.

This House therefore resolves:

To call for a debate on this matter.

7. 09h43 Question Session in respect of Questions to the Premier on Matters of Provincial Importance, in terms of Rule 120 of the Standing Rules of the KZN Legislature, commenced and Questions 1, 2 and 3 from Question Paper No. 01/2024 were answered. The Question Session concluded at 10h04.
8. 10h05 Debate on a Report by the Premier on Programmes and/or Plans by the KZN Government aimed at ending the Scourge of Violence and Abuse directed at Women and Children and was concluded at 11h21.
9. 11h22 Debate and Voting on the KwaZulu-Natal Adjustments Appropriation Bill, 2024, commenced and was concluded at 13h22.

Question put:

That the KwaZulu-Natal Adjustments Appropriation Bill, 2024, be adopted.

Question agreed to.

Results of the vote were as follows:

In favour = 69 Against = 0 Abstentions = 0

10. 13h24 Party Leaders rendered festive season messages and concluded at 13h37.
11. 13h38 The Speaker made announcements, a ruling and remarks.
12. 13h56 The House was adjourned until Tuesday, 03 December 2024 at 08h00.