

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2023

1. The House met at 14:00.
2. House Chairperson Ms M G Boroto took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayer or meditation.
3. FIRST ORDER [14:01]

Consideration of **Candidate nominated to fill a vacancy in Electoral Commission** (Report of Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs, see Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 12 September 2023, p 14).

Mr M S Chabane, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Freedom Front Plus, National Freedom Party, African Independent Congress, Al Jama-ah and African National Congress.

Question put: That the nomination of Ms J Y Love to serve on the Electoral Commission be approved.

House Chairperson Ms M G Boroto announced that the Speaker had determined that, in accordance with the Rules, a manual voting procedure would be used and that the whips would conduct a headcount of members in the chamber and on the virtual platform for the purpose of ascertaining quorum and voting.

A quorum being present in terms of Rule 98(1), voting commenced.

AYES – 283: (ANC – 190; DA – 71; IFP – 6; ACDP – 3; FF Plus – 8; NFP – 1; AIC – 1; Cope – 1; PAC – 1; Al Jama-ah – 1).

ABSTAIN – 20: (EFF – 20).

Question agreed to.

Nomination of Ms J Y Love accordingly agreed to in accordance with section 193(5)(b)(ii) of the Constitution, 1996, read with section 6(2)(c) of the Electoral Commission Act, 1996.

4. SECOND ORDER [14:35]

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services on **Judicial Matters Amendment Bill** [B 7 - 2023] (National Assembly – sec 75) (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 12 September 2023, p 4).

Mr G Magwanishe, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

The Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved: That the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted.

5. THIRD ORDER [14:39]

Second Reading – **Judicial Matters Amendment Bill** [B 7B - 2023] (National Assembly – sec 75).

There was no debate.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, African Christian Democratic Party, Al Jama-ah and African National Congress.

Bill read a second time (Economic Freedom Fighters and Al Jama-ah dissenting).

6. FOURTH ORDER [15:02]

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services on **Correctional Services Amendment Bill** [B 14 - 2023] (National Assembly – sec 75) (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 6 September 2023, p 3).

Mr G Magwanishe, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

The Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved: That the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted.

7. FIFTH ORDER [15:06]

Second Reading – **Correctional Services Amendment Bill** [B 14 - 2023] (National Assembly – sec 75).

There was no debate.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, African Christian Democratic Party, Al Jama-ah and African National Congress.

Bill read a second time.

8. SIXTH ORDER [15:30]

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Public Service and Administration on **Public Administration Laws General Amendment Bill** [B 16 – 2021] (National Assembly – sec 76) (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 21 September 2022, p 2).

Ms T Mgweba, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

The Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved: That the Report be adopted.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Freedom Front Plus, African Christian Democratic Party, African Independent Congress, Pan Africanist Congress, Al Jama-ah and African National Congress.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

House Chairperson Mr M L D Ntombela announced that, the Speaker had determined that, in accordance with the Rules, a manual voting procedure would be used and that the whips would conduct a headcount of members

in the chamber and on the virtual platform for the purpose of ascertaining quorum and voting.

A quorum being present in terms of Rule 98(1), voting commenced.

AYES – 195: (ANC – 194; PAC – 1).

NOES – 123: (DA – 74; EFF – 26; IFP – 11; FF Plus – 8; ACDP – 3; AIC – 1).

Question agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted.

9. SEVENTH ORDER [16:19]

Second Reading – **Public Administration Laws General Amendment Bill** [B 16 – 2021] (National Assembly – sec 76).

There was no debate.

Bill not read a second time (Democratic Alliance, Freedom Front Plus, African Christian Democratic Party and Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

10. EIGHTH ORDER [16:20]

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development on **Animals Protection Amendment Bill** [B 1 – 2021] (National Assembly – sec 76) (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 30 August 2023, p 3).

Inkosi Z M D Mandela, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

The Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved: That the Report be adopted.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Freedom Front Plus, African Christian Democratic Party, Al Jama-ah and African National Congress.

Motion agreed to (Democratic Alliance, Freedom Front Plus, African Christian Democratic Party and Al Jama-ah dissenting).

Report accordingly adopted.

11. NINTH ORDER [16:49]

Second Reading – **Animals Protection Amendment Bill** [B 1 – 2021] (National Assembly – sec 76).

There was no debate.

Bill not read a second time. (Democratic Alliance, Freedom Front Plus and African Christian Democratic Party dissenting).

12. TENTH ORDER [16:50]

Consideration of Third Request for **Permission in terms of Rule 286(4)(b) to inquire into extending the subject of Cannabis for Private Purposes Bill** [B 19 - 2020] (National Assembly – sec 75) (Interim Report of Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services on Cannabis for Private Purposes Bill [B 19 - 2020] (National Assembly – sec 75), see Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 12 September 2023, p 7).

There was no debate.

Permission granted to the Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services to inquire into extending the subject of Cannabis for Private Purposes Bill in terms of Rule 286(4)(b) (Al Jama-ah dissenting).

13. ELEVENTH ORDER [16:51]

Consideration of Second Report of National Assembly Rules Committee on **Party Funding and Oversight of Electricity Portfolio** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 15 September 2023, p 1).

The Deputy Chief Whip of the Majority Party as a member of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

The Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved: That the Report be adopted.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Freedom Front Plus, African Christian Democratic Party and African National Congress.

Motion agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

Report accordingly adopted.

14. The House adjourned at 17:15.

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Secretary to Parliament