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PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The House met at the Century City Convention Centre at 14:05.

The Speaker took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayer or meditation.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker announced that Mr M Ntuli had been elected as Chief Whip of the Majority Party and Mr G Michalakis as Chief Whip of the Opposition.

The Speaker further announced that the vacancy which occurred in the National Assembly owing to the ineligibility of Mr I Ismail-Moosa to take up his seat in terms of section 47(1)(b) of the Constitution had been filled by the nomination of Adv S Salie with effect from 28 June 2024.

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The member had made and subscribed the affirmation in the Speaker's office.

WITHDRAWAL OF MOTIONS

The Chief Whip of the Majority Party, with leave, withdrew, in terms of Rule 128, the following motions appearing on the Order Paper in his name:

Draft resolution (Chief Whip of the Majority Party): That the House, in terms of Rule 22, elects the following members as House Chairpersons:

- (a) Mr C T Frolick
- (b) Mr S O R Mahumapelo
- (c) Ms Z Majozi

Draft resolution (Chief Whip of the Majority Party): That the House elects the following members to represent Parliament in the Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum in terms of article 7(2) of the Constitution of the Forum:

- (a) Ms A T Didiza (Speaker of the National Assembly)

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- (b) Ms S E Lucas (ANC)
- (c) Mr B S Madikizela (DA)
- (d) Mr D M Skosana (MK)
- (e) Ms N V Mente-Nkuna (EFF)

Draft resolution (Chief Whip of the Majority Party): That the House designates the following members to the Judicial Service Commission in terms of section 178(1)(h) of the Constitution, 1996:

- (a) Mr M S Lekganyane (ANC)
- (b) Ms F Hassan (ANC)
- (c) Adv G Breytenbach (DA)
- (d) Dr M J Hlophe (MK)
- (e) Mr J S Malema (EFF)
- (f) Mr R A P Trollip (Action SA)

APPROPRIATION BILL [B 5 - 2024]

The Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved that the House revives the Appropriation Bill (B 5 - 2024) National Assembly section 77 and resumes proceedings on the Bill from the stage it reached on the last day of the sixth session of the Sixth Parliament, taking into account the provisions of the Money

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Bills Amendment Procedure and Related Matters Act, Act 9 of 2009.

Question put.

Motion agreed to.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT

The Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved that the House elects the following members to represent Parliament in the Pan-African Parliament in terms of article 4(2) and (3) of the Protocol to the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community Relating to the Pan-African Parliament:

- (a) Mr M Ntuli (ANC)
- (b) Mr M Chetty (DA)
- (c) Ms D Zuma-Sambudla (MK)
- (d) Mr V Pambo (EFF)

Mr E M NTSHINGILA: Madam Speaker, I'm worried we're moving in a huge speed and we're deferring issues. And we are not consulted on some of the issues that are being deferred. And

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we are not given an option to know on what basis are the issues being deferred. Speaker, can you protect me?

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members, can we allow the member to conclude his point? I will then respond.

Mr E M NTSHINGILA: Speaker, we are busy from the Judicial Service Commission, JSC issues, we are deferring it and we are being told which is there is we are it's given a space to discuss matters but we don't know why the matter has been defeated and as the MK party, we haven't been informed about the deferment of that issue on what's the reason and what is happening.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. Just to indicate that the Chief Whip, in introducing the matters, indicated that he would like to propose the following Orders to be withdrawn for today to allow for consultation amongst parties. So, that was the reason that was given. I put the motion and there was no hand and that is why I then said, there being no amendment or objections, we move forward with the motion.

Mr K B MADLALA: We are raising our hand, Speaker.

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The SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr K B MADLALA: We are raising our hand, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Order! Yes, hon member?

Mr K B MADLALA: Hon Speaker, may, the Chief of the Majority Party walk us through the decisions as to why the motion was withdrawn? We want to know; we're entitled to understand what informs that determination.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member. As indicated, this is a withdrawal of a motion, which is done in accordance with Rule 128 of our rules. And in the withdrawal in reading the motion, the Chief Whip indicated the request that he is withdrawing this motion in his name to allow for consultations among parties. That was the reason given. In terms of procedure, I put the matter for the House and there was no response. I then also said, are there objections and there were none. That's why we then proceeded.

So, I would really appeal that we proceed with the business of the day and there can be consultation amongst Whips of parties on issues concerned. Thank you very much, hon members. Can we

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now move on the issue of the motion on the recommendations of members to the Pan-African Parliament which has been tabled?

Question put.

Motion agreed to.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE MAGISTRATES COMMISSION

The Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved that the House designates the following members to the Magistrates Commission in terms of section 3(1)(a)(x) of the Magistrates Act 90 of 1993:

- (a) Ms A F Muthambi (ANC)
- (b) Mr A C Roos (DA)
- (c) Mr S Nomvalo (MK)
- (d) Ms O M C Maotwe (EFF)

Question put

Motion agreed to.

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members.

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An HON MEMBER: We are Government of National Unity, GNU, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hello? Well, I think that was ...

An HON MEMBER: I was just saying we are moving as the GNU. We are aligned.

The SPEAKER: Well ... [Laughter.] ... Order! I was saying are we moving as a House? So, I got the nod. And I've noted the other issue that has been expressed by another member. There is no other agenda item that we have. Hon members, other than me wishing well the members of the executive - there was a member earlier on in our induction who was concerned that members of the executive were not in the meeting, so I'm sure you have seen that most of them are here. Tomorrow morning they'll be sworn in and I'm sure after being sworn in, they will come back and join the induction. We would like to congratulate all of you members who have been appointed in your various positions.

Order, hon members. This brings the business of the House to an end. I would like - order! I would like to request that members of the Whippery, the Chief Whips Forum go to room 11

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as they had agreed last time on some of the business that they have to address. I will suggest that we do it now so that we do not wait until 3 o'clock because the business finished very early.

The House adjourned at 14:18.