REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

WEDNESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2021

1. The Council met at 14:04.

2. The Deputy Chairperson took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayers or meditation.

3. The Deputy Chairperson announced that the virtual sitting constituted a sitting of the National Council of Provinces.

4. [14:08] Notices of motions.

5. [14:18] Ms L C Bebee moved without notice: That the Council –

   (1) notes with sadness the shocking murders of a well known KwaZulu-Natal South Coast couple of the Umtentweni community, Mr Murray and Ms Julie Ross on Saturday 28 August 2021;

   (2) also notes that the police found their bodies with multiple stab wounds to their heads and necks after they were alerted to the double murder;

   (3) further notes that their house was ransacked, forced entry was used to gain entrance and the police have opened charges of murder and house robbery for investigation; and

   (4) therefore, calls on the police to leave no stone unturned in their effort to find the perpetrators of this brutal crime.

   Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

6. [14:20] Mr S F Du Toit moved without notice: That the Council –

   (1) notes that, there is a significant increase in the amount of dysfunctional waste water treatment plants across South Africa;

   (2) also notes that, this is one of the main contributors of pollution to our fresh water pollution;

   (3) further notes that, the current sewage-spillage in Ventersdorp which forms part of the JB Marks Municipality poses a major health concern since traces of COVID-19 might be present in the effluent; and

   (4) finally resolves to urgently debate the matter.

   Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

7. [14:21] Mr M Dangor moved without notice: That the Council –

   (1) notes with a great sense of grief the brutal murder of the senior official of Gauteng Department of Health, the late Ms Babita Deokoran and that this brutal murder was carried out towards the end of the Women's month when the country celebrates a collective heritage of trials, tribulations and resilience of women in South Africa;

   (2) therefore salutes Ms Babita Deokoran for her selflessness, death defying courage, bravery and integrity in the service of our people by exposing corruption;

   (3) further extends our heartfelt condolences to her family and colleagues in the Gauteng Department of Health; and

   (4) lastly salute the men and women in blue for their swift action in arresting the suspects.

   Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

8. [14:24] Mr M S Moletsane moved without notice: That the Council –

   (1) notes that, gender based violence is a serious problem which disproportionately affects woman and the girl child; and

   (2) also note that, this gender based violence is just another pandemic in this country.

   Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

9. [14:26] Mr M E Nchabeleng moved without notice: That the Council –

   (1) notes with great sense of loss, the untimely passing on of one of our own, a former member of this House and the National Assembly, the late Mr Sechaba Dan Montsintsi;

(2) also notes that, Mr Dan Montsintsi embodied the collective heritage of the selfless and courageous martyrs of young people of our country who shook apartheid system to its core on 16 June 1976;

(3) further notes his selfless service to this country and its people without expectation of material reward or fame; and

(4) therefore, extends our heartfelt condolences to his family and the movement that he dedicated his entire life to the African National Congress.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

10. [14:28] Ms E N Nkosi moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes with sadness the untimely passing away of Mr Kebby Maphatsoe on Tuesday, 31 August 2021;

(2) also notes that, Mr Maphatsoe served as the Minister of Defence between 2014 and 2019 and was a former member of the Congress of South African Students (COSAS), Soweto Youth Congress (SOYCO) and South African Youth Congress (SAYCO);

(3) further notes that, Mr Maphatsoe went to Angola and the Soviet Union to receive his military training and was also exiled in Angola before returning to South Africa; and

(4) therefore, sends our heartfelt condolences to his family and his organisation the African National Congress.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

11. [14:31] The Council discussed the following subject: Debate on the Township Economy**: Building a self-reliant and vibrant township economy**.

12. FIRST ORDER [18:13]

Consideration of Report of Select Committee on Health and Social Services (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 15 July 2021, p 15) **Filling of vacancies for the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) Board, dated 15 July 2021**.

Debate concluded.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Western Cape and Mpumalanga.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

IN FAVOUR: Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, Western Cape.

Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

13. SECOND ORDER [18:34]

Consideration of **Domestic Violence Amendment Bill** [B 20B - 2020] (National Assembly – sec 75) and Report of Select Committee on Security and Justice thereon (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 12 August 2021, p 12).

Debate concluded.

Declaration of vote made on behalf of the African National Congress.

Question put: That the Bill be agreed to.

Bill, subject to proposed amendments, agreed to in accordance with section 75 of the Constitution.

14. THIRD ORDER [18:34]

Consideration of **Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act Amendment Bill** [B 16B 2020] (National Assembly – sec 75) and Report of Select Committee on Security and Justice thereon (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 16 August 2021, p 6).

Debate concluded.

Declaration of vote made on behalf of the African National Congress.

Question put: That the Bill be agreed to.

Bill, subject to proposed amendments, agreed to in accordance with section 75 of the Constitution.

15. FOURTH ORDER [18:34]

Consideration of **Criminal and Related Matters Amendment Bill** [B 17B – 2020] (National Assembly – sec 75) and Report of Select Committee on Security and Justice thereon (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 12 August 2021, p 45).

Debate concluded.

Declaration of vote made on behalf of the African National Congress.

Question put: That the Bill be agreed to.

Bill agreed to in accordance with section 75 of the Constitution.

16. The Council adjourned at 19:16.

P TYAWA
Acting Secretary to Parliament