

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 25 JULY 2024

1. The House met at Nieuwmeester Marquee at 10:05.
2. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayer or meditation.
3. [10:06] The Chief Whip moved: That the House suspends Rule 290(2)(a), which provides *inter alia* that the debate on the Second Reading of a Bill may not commence before at least three working days have elapsed since the committee's report was tabled, for the purpose of conducting the Second Reading today on the **Appropriation Bill** [B 5 – 2024] (National Assembly – sec 77).

Motion agreed to.

4. [10:08] The Chief Whip moved: That the House –
 - (1) notes that Rule 17.1.2 of the PARMED Medical Aid Scheme Rules, as amended in July 2021, states that four (4) Members of Parliament from the National Assembly and the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) shall be appointed as representatives on the PARMED Board of Trustees;
 - (2) further notes the resolution of the National Council of Provinces on 9 July 2024 appointing Mr K M Mmoiemang as the NCOP representative on the Board of Trustees; and
 - (3) appoints Dr A Lotriet (Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly), Mr E J Marais (DA), and Dr S M Dhlomo (ANC), as National Assembly representatives on the Board of Trustees.

Motion agreed to.

5. [10:14] The Chief Whip moved: That the House –
 - (1) notes that the Rules of the Political Office-Bearers Pension Fund require that, after a general election, members of the National Assembly must elect four members as trustees and four as alternates to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Fund;
 - (2) further notes that the Rules provide that two trustees and two alternates are members of the majority party and the remaining two trustees, and two alternates are from amongst members of the minority parties;
 - (3) elects as trustees Ms A Ramolobeng (ANC), Dr C H H Hunsinger (DA), Mr E M Ntshingila (MK), and Dr C P Mulder (Other Parties); and
 - (4) elects as alternate trustees Ms D R Direko (ANC), Mr J N de Villiers (DA), Mr N Ndhlela (MK) and Ms O M C Maotwe (Other Parties).

Motion agreed to.

6. [10:16] The Chief Whip moved: That the House resumes proceedings on the following Bills, which in terms of Rule 333(2) lapsed on the last sitting day of the Sixth Parliament, from the stage that they had reached on that day:
 - (1) **National State Enterprises Bill** [B 1 – 2024] (National Assembly – sec 75);
 - (2) **National Gambling Amendment Bill** [B 27B – 2018] (National Assembly – sec 76);
 - (3) **Electoral Commission Amendment Bill** [B 15 - 2023] (National Assembly – sec 75);
 - (4) **South African Reserve Bank Bill** [B 26 – 2018] (National Assembly – sec 75);
 - (5) **Protection of State Information Bill** [B 6H – 2010] (National Assembly – sec 75) and the President's reservations on the constitutionality of the Bill as submitted to him (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 12 June 2020, p 7);
 - (6) **Transport Appeal Tribunal Amendment Bill** [B 20D - 2020] (National Assembly – sec 76);
 - (7) **Tobacco Products and Electronic Delivery Systems Control Bill** [B 33 - 2022] (National Assembly – sec 76);

- (8) **Merchant Shipping Bill** [B 12 - 2023] (National Assembly – sec 75);
- (9) **Public Service Commission Bill** [B 30 – 2023] (National Assembly – sec 76);
- (10) **South African Broadcasting Corporation SOC Ltd Bill** [B 32 – 2023] (National Assembly – sec 75);
- (11) **Marriage Bill** [B 43 – 2023] (National Assembly –sec 76);
- (12) **Repeal of South African Airways Bill** [B 2 – 2024] (National Assembly –sec 75); and
- (13) **Immigration Amendment Bill** [B8–2024] (National Assembly – sec 75).

Motion agreed to.

7. FIRST ORDER [10:17]

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation on **Budget Vote 35: Science and Innovation (2024/25)** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 18 July 2024, p 6).

There was no debate.

The Chief Whip moved: That the Report be adopted.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

The Deputy Speaker 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 for the purpose of ascertaining quorum and voting.

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

AYES – 235: (ANC – 120; DA – 78; IFP – 11; PA – 7; FF Plus – 4; Action SA – 6; ACDP – 1; UDM – 1; Rise Mzansi -1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1; Good – 1).

NOES – 76: (MK – 48; EFF – 28).

Motion agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted.

8. SECOND ORDER [10: 34]

Consideration of Report of Standing Committee on Appropriations on **Appropriation Bill** [B 5 – 2024] (National Assembly – sec 77) (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 23 July 2024, p 5).

There was no debate.

The Chief Whip moved: That the Report be adopted.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

The Deputy Speaker 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 for the purpose of ascertaining quorum and voting.

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

AYES – 253: (ANC – 136; DA – 79; IFP – 11; PA – 7; FF Plus – 4; Action SA – 6; ACDP – 1; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi – 1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1; Good – 1).

NOES – 72: (MK – 43; EFF – 29).

Motion agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted.

9. THIRD ORDER [10:42]

First Reading debate – **Appropriation Bill** [B 5 – 2024] (National Assembly – sec 77).

Debate concluded.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

House Chairperson Mr C T Frolick 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 for the purpose of ascertaining quorum and voting.

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

AYES – 242: (ANC – 137; DA – 74; IFP – 12; PA – 7; FF Plus – 3; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi -1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1; Good – 1).

NOES – 85: (MK – 51; EFF – 27 Action SA – 6; ACDP – 1).

Bill accordingly read a first time.

10. FOURTH ORDER [12:41]

Consideration of Votes and Schedule – **Appropriation Bill** [B 5 – 2024]
(National Assembly – sec 77).

Vote No 21 – Civilian Secretariat for the Police Service – put.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 242: (ANC – 135; DA – 74; IFP – 12; PA – 7; FF Plus – 4; ACDP – 1; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi -1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1; Good – 1).

NOES – 84: (MK – 51; EFF – 27; Action SA – 6).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 24 – Independent Police Investigative Directorate – put.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 246: (ANC – 137; DA – 76; IFP – 12; PA – 7; FF Plus – 4; ACDP – 1; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi – 1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1; Good – 1).

NOES – 84: (MK – 51; EFF – 27; Action SA – 6).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 28 – Police – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, uMkhonto weSizwe, African Christian Democratic Party, Rise Mzansi, Build One South Africa, Al Jamaha, Action SA and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe, Economic Freedom Fighters, African Christian Democratic Party and Action SA dissenting).

Vote No 34 – Mineral Resources and Energy – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe, Democratic Alliance, Action SA and African National Congress.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 241: (ANC – 136; DA – 74; IFP – 12; PA – 7; FF Plus – 4; ACDP – 1; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi -1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2).

NOES – 84: (MK – 51; EFF – 27 Action SA – 6).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED AT 13:38 AND RESUMED AT 14:41.

Vote No 1 – The Presidency – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe and African National Congress.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

The Deputy Speaker 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 for the purpose of ascertaining quorum and voting.

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

AYES – 235: (ANC – 129; DA – 76; IFP – 10; PA – 7; FF Plus – 5; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi -1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 85: (MK – 51; EFF – 28; Action SA – 6).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 2 – Parliament – put.

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

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 237: (ANC – 131; DA – 76; IFP – 10; PA – 7; FF Plus – 5; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi -1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 85: (MK – 51; EFF – 28; Action SA – 6).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 3 – Cooperative Governance – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Inkatha Freedom Party and African National Congress.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 239: (ANC – 131; DA – 72; IFP – 10; PA – 7; FF Plus – 5; Action SA – 6; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi – 1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 79: (MK – 51; EFF – 28).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 4 – Government Communication and Information System – put.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 240: (ANC – 132; DA – 73; IFP – 10; PA – 7; FF Plus – 5; Action SA – 5; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi -1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 80: (MK – 51; EFF – 28; Action SA - 1).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 5 – Home Affairs – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Action SA, Patriotic Alliance and African National Congress.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 234: (ANC – 132; DA – 72; IFP – 10; PA – 7; FF Plus – 5; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi – 1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 85: (MK – 51; EFF – 28; Action SA – 6).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

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Vote No 6 – International Relations and Cooperation – put.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 240: (ANC – 132; DA – 72; IFP – 10; PA – 7; FF Plus – 5; Action SA – 6; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi – 1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 79: (MK – 51; EFF – 28).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

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Vote No 7 – National School of Government – put.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 240: (ANC – 132; DA – 72; IFP – 10; PA – 7; FF Plus – 5; Action SA – 6; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi – 1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 77: (MK – 50; EFF – 27).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 8 – National Treasury – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe, Action SA, Economic Freedom Fighters and African National Congress.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 234: (ANC – 131; DA – 73; IFP – 10; PA – 7; FF Plus – 5; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi – 1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 84: (MK – 50; EFF – 28; Action SA – 6).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 9 – Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation – put.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 232: (ANC – 131; DA – 72; IFP – 9; PA – 7; FF Plus – 5; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi – 1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 83: (MK – 51; EFF – 28; Action SA – 4).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 10 – Public Enterprises – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Freedom Front Plus and African National Congress.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 227: (ANC – 133; DA – 70; IFP – 9; PA – 7; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi – 1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 88: (MK – 50; EFF – 28; Action SA – 5; FF Plus – 5).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 11 – Public Service and Administration – put.

Declaration of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 239: (ANC – 133; DA – 73; IFP – 9; PA – 7; FF Plus – 4; Action SA – 5; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi – 1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 77: (MK – 50; EFF – 27).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 12 – Public Service Commission – agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

Vote No 13 – Public Works and Infrastructure – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Economic Freedom Fighters and African National Congress.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

House Chairperson Ms Z Majozi 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 for the purpose of ascertaining quorum and voting.

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

AYES – 227: (ANC – 133; DA – 71; IFP – 4; PA – 7; FF Plus – 4; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi – 1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 82: (MK – 50; EFF – 27; Action SA – 5).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 14 – Statistics South Africa – agreed to.

Vote No 15 – Traditional Affairs – agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters, dissenting).

Vote No 16 – Basic Education – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Freedom Front Plus and African National Congress.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 236: (ANC – 134; DA – 72; IFP – 6; PA – 7; FF Plus – 4; Action SA – 5; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi – 1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 77: (MK – 50; EFF – 27).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 17 – Higher Education and Training – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe, Economic Freedom Fighters, Freedom Front Plus and African National Congress.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 228: (ANC – 133; DA – 74; IFP – 6; PA – 7; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi – 1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 84: (MK – 48; EFF – 27; FF Plus – 4; Action SA – 5).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 18 – Health – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, Economic Freedom Fighters, Freedom Front Plus, Al Jamaha, Action SA and African National Congress.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 227: (ANC – 131; DA – 72; IFP – 5; PA – 7; FF Plus – 4; Action SA – 5; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi – 1; Bosa – 1; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 77: (MK – 50; EFF – 27).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 19 – Social Development – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, United Democratic Movement, Al Jamaha, Patriotic Alliance, and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

Vote No 20 – Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities – agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

Vote No 22 – Correctional Services – put.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 227: (ANC – 132; DA – 67; IFP – 5; PA – 7; FF Plus – 4; Action SA – 5; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi – 1; Bosa – 1; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 72: (MK – 47; EFF – 25).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 23 – Defence – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the United Democratic Movement, Rise Mzansi and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe, Economic Freedom Fighters and Action SA dissenting).

Vote No 25 – Justice and Constitutional Development – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

House Chairperson Mr W Horn 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 for the purpose of ascertaining quorum and voting.

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

AYES – 228: (ANC – 132; DA – 68; IFP – 6; PA – 7; FF Plus – 3; Action SA – 5; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi – 1; Bosa – 1; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 74: (MK – 48; EFF – 26).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 26 – Military Veterans – agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe and Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

Vote No 27 – Office of the Chief Justice – put.

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

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 226: (ANC – 132; DA – 64; IFP – 6; PA – 7; FF Plus – 4; Action SA – 5; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi – 1; Bosa – 1; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 76: (MK – 51; EFF – 25).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 29 – Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development – put.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 226: (ANC – 132; DA – 64; IFP – 6; PA – 7; FF Plus – 4; Action SA – 5; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi -1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 76: (MK – 50; EFF – 26).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 30 – Communications and Digital Technologies – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Inkatha Freedom Party and African National Congress.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 227: (ANC – 129; DA – 68; IFP – 6; PA – 7; FF Plus – 4; Action SA – 5; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi -1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 76: (MK – 50; EFF – 26).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 31 – Employment and Labour – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, Freedom Front Plus and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe, Economic Freedom Fighters, Freedom Front Plus and Action SA dissenting).

Vote No 32 – Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment – put.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 224: (ANC – 131; DA – 64; IFP – 6; PA – 7; FF Plus – 4; Action SA – 4; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi -1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 75: (MK – 50; EFF – 25).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 33 – Human Settlements – put.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 220: (ANC – 128; DA – 63; IFP – 6; PA – 7; FF Plus – 4; Action SA – 4; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi – 1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 75: (MK – 50; EFF – 25).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 35 – Science and Innovation – agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe, Economic Freedom Fighters and Action SA dissenting).

Vote No 36 – Small Business Development – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the United Democratic Movement, Action SA and African National Congress.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 233: (ANC – 132; DA – 72; IFP – 6; PA – 7; FF Plus – 4; Action SA – 4; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi – 1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 75: (MK – 50; EFF – 25).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 37 – Sport, Arts and Culture – put.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 232: (ANC – 133; DA – 70; IFP – 6; PA – 7; FF Plus – 4; Action SA – 4; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi – 1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 74: (MK – 50; EFF – 24).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 38 – Tourism – agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe and Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

Vote No 39 – Trade, Industry and Competition – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, Build One South Africa and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe and Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

Vote No 40 – Transport – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

Vote No 41 – Water and Sanitation – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Economic Freedom Fighters, Al Jamaha and African National Congress.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 230: (ANC – 133; DA – 72; IFP – 6; PA – 7; FF Plus – 4; UDM – 2; Rise Mzansi -1; Bosa – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; PAC – 1).

NOES – 77: (MK – 50; EFF – 23; Action SA – 4).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Schedules – agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe and Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

11. FIFTH ORDER [18:35]

Second Reading – **Appropriation Bill** [B 5 – 2024] (National Assembly – sec 77).

There was no debate.

Bill read a second time.

12. SIXTH ORDER [18:42]

Consideration of **First Report of National Assembly Rules Committee for 7th Parliament** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 24 July 2024, p 4).

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

There was no debate.

The Chief Whip moved: That the Report be adopted.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Freedom Front Plus, Action SA and African National Congress.

Motion agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted.

13. The House adjourned at 19:04.

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Secretary to Parliament