

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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THURSDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2019

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [14:16] The Deputy Chief Whip moved without notice: That, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 18, the hours of sitting on Tuesday, 26 November 2019, shall be: 10:00 to adjournment.
Agreed to.
4. [14:18] The Speaker welcomed the Member of the National Assembly of Pakistan and the International Chairperson of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentary Forum, Ms Shandana Gulzar Khan.
5. [14:19] Interpellations.
6. [14:36] The Speaker announced that a vacancy occurred in the representation of Al Jama-ah in the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. This vacancy has been filled by the nomination of Mr G Brinkhuis with effect from 23 October 2019, and that the Member had taken the oath in the Speaker's office on 23 October 2019.
7. [15:08] Questions.
8. [16:17] Questions to the Premier without notice.
9. [16:40] Statements by Members.
10. [17:01] Response to statements by Members by Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety.
11. [17:05] Notices of Motion
12. [17:06] Mr R Mackenzie moved without notice: That the House:
 - (1) congratulates Washiela Harris on her election as the new councillor for ward 82 and wishes her well in serving the people of Mitchells Plain and Tafelsig; and
 - (2) recognises that residents have once again entrusted us to bring good governance to communities and thanks them for putting their faith in the DA.

Agreed to.

13. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes the sudden passing of amaXhosa King Mpendulo Zwelonke Sigcawu (51) this morning after he was hospitalised last night; and conveys condolences to the amaXhosa nation.

Agreed to.

14. Mr R I Allen moved without notice: That the House:

- (1) notes with sadness the murder of Lt Col André Kay, who was shot in front of his Bishop Lavis home on Thursday morning;
- (2) conveys heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and the entire safety and security fraternity; and
- (3) further notes that Lt Col Kay was a dedicated police officer and that his death was a tragic loss for the Western Cape and that he will be sorely missed by many.

Agreed to.

15. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House extends its sincere condolences to the family and loved ones of Allison Plaatjies, a teacher from Sederberg Primary in Clanwilliam, whose life was taken at a tender age; and also extends its sympathy, thoughts and prayers to the entire family for their loss during this time of grief and mourning.

Agreed to.

16. Ms A P Bans moved without notice: That the House:

- (1) congratulates all South African sports people on the success that they achieved in international competitions, including the national senior rugby players who became the world champion team, the netball team that has taken the African championship, and also our Paralympians who are making us proud with their records and world medals; and
- (2) noting all these achievements, say “well done, South Africa, you are a winning nation in the world”.

Agreed to.

17. Ms N Makamba-Botya moved without notice: That the House:

- (1) congratulates the Springbok national rugby team on winning the 2019 Rugby World Cup, with special gratitude to players such as Siya Kolisi, Sibusiso Nkosi, Makazole Mapimpi, Lukhanyo Am, Tendai Mtawarira, Bongi Mbonambi and other players of colour who played with endurance despite a lack of adequate transformation in the South African national rugby team;
- (2) notes that there were only 11 players of colour in the squad of 31 players;
- (3) also notes that the Rugby World Cup is a reminder to South Africans that sport, like society, is still untransformed, and is also a reminder that, 25 years into democracy, the country is still divided along racial lines with a huge inequality gap, and that, following this rugby triumph, there has been huge excitement about the rugby team representing unity while in Japan but that the same cannot be said with regard to the situation here at home;
- (4) recognises that there are two types of unity – principled unity and ad-hoc unity – where principled unity endeavours to unite a society around a common outlook and how that particular society intends to achieve its common goals, and clarity of ideas and practice are fundamental to succeed, while ad-hoc unity is based on the foundation that one may discard it once short-term goals have been achieved, and it does not last; and
- (5) further notes that true unity must be lived daily and cannot take place one-off, and that the fact remains that the unity that was achieved by the South African national rugby team is an ad-hoc temporary tactical unity.

Agreed to.

18. Mr G Bosman moved without notice: That the House notes and congratulates Lt Col Marthinus from Ladismith in the Kannaland Municipality on his appointment as Colonel; and thanks him for his service and wishes him well in his new position as he works with the community to create a safer province.

Agreed to.

19. Mr F C Christians moved without notice: That the House:

- (1) honours and celebrates the 90-year-old iconic pioneer Mr James David Matthews, one of Cape Town's most phenomenal poets, writers and publishers;
- (2) notes that Mr Matthews was born in District Six, Cape Town, on 29 May 1929, that he grew up in a household without books, that his father was illiterate and that his mother read *Oracle* and *Miracle*, which were hardly considered literature, and that he was recognised at the age of 14 as a writer by his English teacher;
- (3) also notes that his first writings were published in 1946 at the age of 17, that he worked as a journalist and contributed to many national newspapers over the years, and that he explored the issues of the working class in Cape Town and the townships through short stories;
- (4) further notes that his first published collection of poetry, *City rage*, was banned, that his subsequent collection of poetry was also banned by the Apartheid regime, that most of his later publications were also banned, that he was detained at the Victor Verster prison in 1976, that he was repeatedly denied a passport, that his keen sense of purpose led him to establish the first black-owned art gallery in Cape Town and the setting up of his own publishing house, *Black Literature, Culture & Society* (BLAC), and that he was isolated and deprived of the commercial royalties that were due to him as a world-wide poet and writer;
- (5) takes cognisance of the fact that he was recognised at the National Orders Awards in October 2004 for his excellent achievements in literature, his contribution to journalism and his inspirational commitment to the struggle for a non-racial South Africa; and
- (6) recognises him through adopting this motion.

Agreed to.

20. Mr R I Allen moved without notice: That the House congratulates Kholo Montsi, aged 16, from Cape Town, who finished the 2019 tennis season as both South Africa's and Africa's top-ranked junior boys player and the number 18-ranked player in the world, having won four ITF single titles and two doubles titles in different tournaments.

Agreed to.

21. Mr P Marran moved without notice: That the House notes the good-news announcement by the national government to allow small-scale fishers to catch West Coast lobster during the upcoming season; and thanks Minister Barbara Creecy for this consent.

Agreed to.

22. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House condemns in the strongest terms the rape of a 16-year-old girl in Hanover Park on Monday 11 November 2019; and notes that the alleged perpetrator is linked to the gruesome murder of Jesse Hess and her grandfather, Chris Lategan; and welcomes the arrest of the alleged suspect.

Agreed to.

23. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House:

- (1) congratulates the top ten teachers who received awards for excellence in teaching and education leadership in their respective categories;
- (2) notes that an incredible 33 000 teachers were eligible for nomination, despite the fact that teachers face several challenges at our public schools, such as classroom size, lack of parental involvement, and poor learner behaviour and attitudes; and
- (3) recognises that excellent performance must be awarded to every teacher even if they have not received the top reward, and that their efforts in learner development do not go unseen.

Agreed to

24. Mr P Marran moved without notice: That the House calls on the provincial Department of Agriculture to assist farm workers who are about to lose their jobs as the Hoogland farm in Touws River is being liquidated.

Agreed to.

25. Mr D Smith moved without notice: That the House notes that eight people were killed in Athlone fires over two days in that area; and calls on the City of Cape Town and the Province to enhance assistance to people at risk to prevent these devastating disasters from reoccurring.

Agreed to.

26. Mr P Marran moved without notice: That the House denounces the looting of freight trucks in De Doorns where goods were stolen; and commends the SAPS for its work to retrieve goods and arrest various suspects.

Agreed to.

27. Ms N G Bakubaku-Vos moved without notice: That the House notes that the petty slander case by a senior SAPS officer against community activist Colin Arendse was dismissed in the Mitchells Plain magistrate court yesterday.

Agreed to.

28. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House expresses sympathy for the Muslim community after two incidents of the desecration of graveyards in Cape Town.

Agreed to

29. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House condemns the ongoing sexual harassment of learners, such as the four boys at Delft who were raped at The Hague Primary School; and again calls on the WCED to have proper guidelines and to provide assistance to these victims.

Agreed to.

30. The House adjourned at 17:35.

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