



**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PROGRAMME COMMITTEE**

Chairperson:  
Speaker

Committee Secretary:  
Andrew Mbanga x 3218

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

Thursday, 6 June 2013, E249

Present:  
Speaker

Hajaig, F	Mfundisi, I S
Jeffery, J H	Motshekga, Dr M S
Kalyan, S V	Mpontshane, A M
Kilian, J D	Schneemann, G D
Kubayi, M T	Skosana, M B

Staff in attendance:

C Mahlangu (NA Table), N Bell (Constitutional and Legal Services Office) and N Giba (Committees).

1. **Opening**

The Speaker opened the meeting at 08:31.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Ms N C Mfeketo: Deputy Speaker, Messrs C T Frolick, A Watson, J H van der Merwe, S Z Ntapane and Ms C Dudley.

3. **Consideration of the agenda**

The agenda was amended to include the following item: Programme of the Youth Day.

The agenda, as amended, was adopted.

4. **Consideration of minutes of meeting of 30 May 2013**

The minutes of 30 May were adopted.

5. **Matters arising**

Mrs Kilian indicated that she had not received the time sheet on the Budget Vote debate on 29 May as she had requested. Mr Mahlangu indicated that the calculation of the time used by the COPE member had been confirmed as correct and the record of the time used by members during the debate was available and would be sent to Mrs Kilian's office immediately after the meeting.

6. **Report by the Committee Section**

Mrs Giba presented a document containing information on the following issues: bills before NA committees, bills initiated by committees and other matters before committees.

Mrs Giba highlighted the changes that had taken place since the last meeting of the Committee as follows:

The Portfolio Committee on Labour would finalise the *Labour Relations Amendment Bill* on 18 June. She indicated that further deliberations on the *Criminal Law (Forensic Procedure) Amendment Bill* were scheduled for 21 June. The Portfolio Committee on Rural Development and Land Reform could not finalise the *Geomatics Profession Bill* on 5 June and had rescheduled its programme to finalise it on 12 June.

The Portfolio Committee on Science and Technology had finalised the processing of the shortlist of candidates for appointment of a candidate to the Board of the National Research Foundation and intended to finalise the *Africa Institute of South Africa Act Repeal Bill* on 12 June.

7. **Report by Constitutional and Legal Services Office (CLSO)**

Mr Bell reminded the Committee that the deadline for submission of certified bills to be passed by the end of 2013 was the following day, Friday 7 June.

Ms Kubayi wanted to know what would be the correct procedure regarding the processing of the *Independent System and Market Operator Bill* which was scheduled for Second Reading debate that afternoon as the bill would be sent back to the committee for further consideration. Mr Mahlangu indicated that it was appropriate for

the House to adopt a motion without notice referring the bill back to the committee for further consideration and effectively discharging the House of the Second Reading debate on the bill. Mr Jeffery added that the House would not be required to pass or reject the Second Reading of the Bill as the NA Rules prescribed, but refer it back to the respective committee.

## 8. **Consideration of draft Parliamentary programme**

Mr Schneemann presented the Parliamentary Programme for the Second Term and highlighted the following:

The *Independent System and Market Operator Bill* had been placed on the Order Paper the previous night. With regard to the inclusion of the *Independent System and Market Operator Bill* on the Order Paper, Mrs Kilian said that she felt disadvantaged in that she did not receive the Order Paper on time before the Programme Committee meeting and therefore she could not have been aware that it was scheduled for that day.

Mr Schneemann reminded the Committee that the debate on Parliament's Budget Vote was scheduled for Tuesday, 11 June. The debate on Vote 1: Presidency and the Reply by the President were scheduled for 12 and 13 June, respectively. The Youth Sectoral Parliament was scheduled for 13 and 14 June,

Mr Schneemann indicated that the *Labour Relations Amendment Bill* and the *Geomatics Profession Bill* were provisionally scheduled for Second Reading debates on 20 June. Committee reports and legislation finalised later would also be scheduled on that day.

Mr Schneemann informed the Committee that the consideration of Votes and Schedule on the *Appropriation Bill* had been scheduled for Tuesday, 18 June and all parties had been requested to indicate their positions by Thursday, 13 June.

Ms Kubayi indicated that there were consultations with all parties on the motion on the centenary of the Native Land Act, Act No.27 of 1913 and the motion also established an *Ad Hoc* Committee to exercise co-ordinated oversight on the Legacy of the Act. She said that the motion would be moved without notice in the House that afternoon. A copy of the motion had been distributed and whips were briefed on the motion by House Chairperson: Mr C T Frolick during the Chief Whips' Forum the previous day.

Mrs Kalyan indicated that it looked like Thursday, 20 June would be a long day and proposed that some of the legislation scheduled for that day be brought forward to Tuesday, 11 June, after Parliament's Budget Vote. Ms Kubayi said that re-arrangement of business would have an impact on preparations already made for a function that afternoon as invitations had already been sent to all members to attend the function.

9. **Programme for the Youth Day**

Ms Kubayi reported that the programme of the Youth Sectoral Parliament was not yet available; however the Programming Whip would liaise with party whips on the matter by the end of business the following day. Mrs Kalyan indicated that a Steering Committee had been set up to organise the event and that the team had already met and a programme of action was available. She said that it appeared that opposition parties would not be invited as no presentations had been made yet and the tendency was that some members would only know about the event on the day it took place. The Chief Whip of the Majority Party indicated that there was no intention to exclude any party from taking part in sectoral parliament events and requested the whips to deal with the matter.

10. **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

11. **Closure**

The meeting adjourned at 08:55.