The DEPUTY SPEAKER

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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**Tuesday, 3 March 2015 Take: 12**

**CONSIDERATION OF PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR APPOINTMENT TO ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

Mr B L MASHILE: Deputy Speaker, the Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs met on 24 February 2015, to consider the request to the National Assembly by the Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa to nominate a suitable candidate to fill in a vacancy in the Electoral Commission. The vacancy arose due to the resignation of Advocate Pansy Tlakula at the end of September 2014.

That request was referred to the committee by the Speaker on 25 November 2014 for consideration and report. The letter dated 21 November 2014 from the Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa Mr Moeng Moeng, submitted to the National Assembly a list of recommended candidates for the filling of the vacancy in the Electoral Commission.

The committee deliberated on the names recommended extensively. After such deliberations, it was clear that there was no agreement on one name for recommendation to this House. Between the two names of Mr Vuma Mashinini and Ms Janet Love, the majority of committee members supported Mr Vuma Glenton Mashinini for recommendation to this House for the filling of the vacancy in theIndependent Electoral Commission, IEC.

The following are facts noted by the panel led by the Chief Justice about Mr Vuma Glenton Mashinini. Mr Vuma Glenton Mashinini is the former Deputy Chief Electoral Officer of the Electoral Commission during the period of 1998 to 2001. During his tenure, he was instrumental in the establishment of key systems in the Electoral Commission. He has valuable institutional memory which will assist him in dealing with any challenges that the commission will be faced with. He is a strong administrator and has wealth of knowledge and experience in electoral matters which is borne out by his successful implementation of the e-voting system in Nigeria. He has assisted in running of free and fair elections in countries such as theDemocratic Republic of Congo, DRC, Mozambique, Swaziland and Angola. Those are the facts that are contained in the report of the Chief Justice.

Given the fact that we are filling a full time vacancy and preparations for the 2016 local government elections are underway, we need a commissioner who will hit the ground running. Mr Mashinini is seen as an appropriate person for this post as he is available and prefers to serve on a full time basis. The panel of the Chief Justice had this to say about Mr Mashinini, I quote:

He will be an excellent commissioner of the Electoral Commission.

I, therefore, present our report and request the House to agree to it. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, I put the question. What are you rising on, hon member?

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Just to let you know that we would like to make a declaration on the matter.

Mr M Q NDLOZI: Hon Deputy Speaker, with your direction and advice, we were part of the committee and in terms of our conversation in there we could not find each other about the name that was proposed. I would like to pursue the ruling party, perhaps, and the House that the matter must actually go back to the committee because of the recent developments in the IEC which have meant that there is no longer women representatives. We need to go back and relook at all those names that we were given in the interest of gender balance within the commission. It is a persuasion with your direction, hon Deputy Speaker, as to at least we can find each other and build a consensus. This name is going to divide us in a huge way and it will dent the integrity of the IEC once more.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, take your sit. Hon members, we are now at the stage where we should indicate “yes” or “no”. A declaration has been called. The process suggested should have happened before the matter came before the House. We can’t change that matter at this stage.

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*Declarations of vote:*

Mr M H HOOSEN: Deputy Speaker, the DA vehemently opposes this report and its recommendation to appoint Glenton Mashinini, a known ally and personal advisor to President Jacob Zuma, as one of the IEC commissioners.

At last week’s Home Affairs portfolio committee, the ANC used its majority to bulldoze Mashinini’s candidacy through the review process. Mashinini’s close relationship with the President presents a clear conflict of interest that renders him unsuitable to hold office at a Chapter 9 institution charged with the carrying out of free and fair elections and remaining politically independent.

Deputy Speaker, the ideal candidate is one who is independent and commands the respect of all political parties in this House, and not just the ANC. Let examine for a minute what his CV says about his independence. Well, according to his CV, he was actively involved with the ANC abroad; he was actively involved in the ANC’s political campaigns; he participated in the ANC alliance delegations; and the ANC provincial organiser as well as the ANC spokesperson. I tell you, Deputy Speaker, is this the ANC that borders about democracy in South Africa or about protecting their President? The IEC is one of South Africa’s constitutional cornerstones and Mashinin’s recommendation flies directly in the face of the institution’s principles.

It is also worth noting that currently the board is all male and the ANC would prefer to protect the President instead of our democratic institutions and dismissed a string of suitable and impartial female candidates that would have brought much needed skills, experience and gender equity to the board.

The chairpersonship of this institution must be held by someone who is beyond reproach and capable of fairly and effectively running an organisation that manages multimillion rand budgets and electoral credibility of our country. The DA does not believe that Mr Mashinini is a suitable candidate and strongly urges this House not to support this recommendation. I thank you. [Applause.]

Ms H O MAXON

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Ms H O MAXON: Deputy Speaker, at the committee level we rejected the appointment of President Zuma’s advisor. We are saying that this is a political appointment. That is a clear daily robbery.

Chairperson, the EFF is a Marxist-Leninist Fanonian organisation where its ideology is very clear on gender issues. A former IEC chairperson was a woman and can’t be replaced by a man and expect the EFF to sell a gender struggle while we have capable women in our land. It can’t be, not in our name.

The only remaining woman Commissioner Taljaard has resigned from the IEC. It must tell something is wrong in the IEC. No woman is left at the IEC at the moment. It is not in the best interest of gender struggle to have a male replacing a woman. It is an insult, in short. It is not in the best interest of free and fair elections for such body to be led by a person with close and intimate relationship with the President of the ruling party; pull want to cling into power no matter what. The EFF rejects this and forward with the gender struggle. [Applause.]

Ms S J NKOMO

Ms H O MAXON

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Ms S J NKOMO: Deputy Speaker, the IFP would like to state that we received the eight CVs which were referred by the Chief Justice. The ANC moved for Mr Glenton Mashinini who has a CV which shows extensive work that he has done in South Africa as well as in other countries. It was a beautiful CV. However, an individual who moves into a position of an electoral commission needs to be a person who is none partisan, who is not actually a person [Interjections.] Of course everything that I am stating was stated in the CV, so you just need to read that CV...[Interjections.]

Mr A M MPONTSHANE: Standing where I am I cannot hear my own member speaking from the podium. I can’t hear my own member. Can you ask the House to...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, please allow Hon Mpontshane to hear the member. Order, hon members!

Ms S J NKOMO: It is also extremely worrying that the issue of the gender component was not actually expressed in a way that we were all comfortable with in our community. And also is the rushing where the whole matter was actually rushed.

But we do know that, of course, the ANC would vote in Mr Mashinini, but we are warning ourselves as well as the country that as long as that person has been working in the Presidency, and as long as the person is not an independent person, it will always look like a political deployee. Thank you, Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

Dr P J GROENEWALD / GC / TAKE ENDS AT: 15:47

Ms S J NKOMO

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*Declarations(s) of Vote*

*Afrikaans:*

Mnr P J GROENEWALD: Agb Adjunkspeaker, as ek na die agb lede van die ANC kyk wanneer die kwalifikasies van die benoemde uitgeleees word, dan lyk hulle soos ’n juigkommando.

Ek wil vir u sê dat u mag dalk ’n juigkommando wees, maar u doen die demokrasie van Suid-Afrika ’n onreg aan. Die hoof van die verkiesingskommissie moet ’n man of ’n vrou wees wat bo verdenking is, want slegs ’n persoon wat bo verdenking is sal kan sê dat die basiese beginsels van demokrasie – waar die kieser vertroue in die verkiesingsproses sal hê – moet dan bo verdenking wees.

Dit is nie wat hier gebeur nie. Hier word ’n persoon aangestel wat nie bo verdenking is nie. In Potchefstroom het ons gesien dat die verkiesingskommissie se amptenare eindlik bedrog gepleeg het en dat daar hof toe gegaan moet word om dit reg te stel.

Ek wil vandag vir u sê dat die ANC die demokrasie van Suid-Afrika nie ’n guns met hierdie aanstelling doen nie, en die VF Plus sal dit nie ondersteun nie. [Applous.]

Ms D CARTER

Mr P J GROENEWALD

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*English*:

Ms D CARTER: Deputy Speaker, Cope cannot support the appointment of the President’s personal advisor to the position of commissioner at the Independent Electoral Commission, IEC. The IEC should be ... we require free and fair elections in this country and we need an impeccable person to ensure that. So we cannot support it. I thank you.

Mr B NESI

Ms D CARTER

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Mr B NESI: Hon Deputy Speaker, comrades and friends, as the ANC we declare today once more that the South African colonial experience was based on the intersection of class, race and gender relations ... [Inaudible.] ... These distinctive features of social and biological ... have been used in human history to exclude the press and stifle the progress of individuals and communities.

The struggle against colonialism of a special type sought to eliminate most of these manifestations of unequal social relations. It is documented throughout the principles and policies of the ANC – the gender question – how passionate we are in ensuring that we transform this society. [Applause.]

Those of us who today choose to be Marxists fail to understand a few things ... that the ANC chose one and only one thing.

*IsiXhosa*:

Sikhethe ukwenza ubuntu, ukuthanda isizwe, umanyano ngoba asinamona singenanzondo. Xa sisithi siza kuthatha umhlaba siwubuyisele kubantu abamnyama, asenziwa kukubamonela abelungu abangabanini bawo nababewuthathe ngendlela engafanelekanga. Ngelishwa ke umbutho we-EFF ukhethe ukuzenza oongqondo-ngqondo bento yonke.

*English*:

Nevertheless, incumbent are the distinctive features ...

Mr N F SHIVAMBU: Deputy Speaker, I really don’t think that we should be abused in this House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What’s happening hon member?

Mr N F SHIVAMBU: There are declarations being made as to whether we should appoint a deployee of the ANC or not. [Interjections.] The hon member is not speaking about the issue but he is talking about something else. Can we not be diverted from what we are busy with please. [Interjections.] We sympathise but we should really not be abused like that. [Interjections.] Eish!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Take your seat, hon member. I will address it. Conclude your comment, sir.

Mr B NESI: Hon Deputy Speaker, the ANC, without any fear ...

*IsiXhosa:*

Siqesha uMashinini. Siyaqhuba.

*English*:

We are leading the country; we are not sharing power with the DA and the EFF. The fact is that they have a passionate hatred towards President Zuma but we are not going to entertain that.

*IsiXhosa*:

Siza kubeka uMashinini bethanda bengathandi. [Kwaqhwatywa.] Siza kufane sinimamele nangona nisichithela ixesha, kodwa ukuba niyaqhubeka nisiqhela, siza kunibetha emzimbeni ngoku. [Kwahlekwa.]

*English*:

Ms N V NQWENISO: Deputy Speaker ...

*IsiXhosa*:

Utata lo uthethayo ndicela arhoxise amazwi akhe. Akanakho ukuthi siyaqhubeka, siyamqhela kwaye baza kusibetha emzimbeni. Nathi siyasiva isiXhosa. Makarhoxise oko agqiba ukukuthetha kwaye acele uxolo. Asimqheli, yiNdlu le.

*English*:

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, please withdraw those words! [Interjections.]

*IsiXhosa:*

Mnu B NESI: Makandixelele ukuba ukuqhela kuthetha ukuthini ngesiXhosa.

*English*:

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member ...

*IsiXhosa*:

Le nto yokuthi abantu uza kubabetha emzimbeni ayifanelekanga, yirhoxise.

*English*:

Mr B NESI: Deputy Speaker, I will withdraw it because ...

*IsiXhosa*:

... kuba ndithatha ukuba isiXhosa akasazi.

Mr N F SHIVAMBU: Deputy Speaker, there is a proposal put on the table that all political parties are objecting to the appointment of the electoral commissioner ... [Interjections.] ... who is supposed to preside over elections for all of us on an equal platform. Can we appeal to you and the ruling party to develop some sense of wisdom to know that you can’t impose an electoral commissioner on all of us?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, can I remind you ...

Mr N F SHIVAMBU: We don’t have a problem with a variety of other people who are proposed but we can’t do it through a vote, because we are going to vote now. You can’t impose an electoral commissioner ... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Shivambu!

An HON MEMBER: As what is he speaking now?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, please do not speak before I recognise you. Hon member from the NFP, what are you rising on, sir?

Prof N M KHUBISA: Hon Deputy Speaker, I had my hand up long ago. I wanted to say that we don’t doubt that Mr Mashinini has impeccable credentials ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, did your party make a declaration?

Prof N M KHUBISA: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: If your party has made a declaration what are you rising on hon member?

Prof N M KHUBISA: I’m starting now.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, so you haven’t as yet done so.

Prof N M KHUBISA: I’m saying that the IEC is a very critical entity. Before there was a woman who was the chairperson, and for the sake of gender the NFP would say that we need a female IEC chairperson in that portfolio. So, we object to Mr Mashinini becoming the chairperson. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, the House ... what are you rising on, sir?

Mr M A PLOUAMMA: Hon Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.] ... I want to go on record by saying that Agang SA does not support this appointment. [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, as the question has not been put before the House as yet, the DA, given the views that have been expressed in the House today and the obvious importance of this position and how we fill it, would like to formally move a reference back to the committee for them to reconsider this matter. [Interjections.] We move a reference back to the committee. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, the Chief Whip of the Opposition moves a reference. Is there anybody ... hon Chief Whip of the Majority Party?

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY / TH//NS (isiXhosa) / TAKE ENDS AT: 15:57

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION (DECLARATIONS OF VOTE CONT**.)**

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The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Hon Deputy Speaker, they can’t have their cake and eat it. They participated in declarations and opposing. It’s not the first time we differ, and we will continue to differ and that’s why we have the majority. The majority must prevail, it’s a democratic process. [Applause.]

Mr M Q NDLOZI: Hon Chairperson, we want to address ourselves to the proposal that it must be referred back. Of the eight candidates, Chief Whip of the Majority Prty, that were forwarded to the committee ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, you can’t go back to the debate, please.

Mr M Q NDLOZI: I’m not going back to the debate, Chair, just give me a chance. I’m saying that there are other capable candidates upon whom we can find consensus.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, hon member. What is your point of order, hon Chief Whip?

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Hon Deputy Speaker, on a point of order: They had an opportunity to declare. Now, you’re giving them a second chance of declarations.

Mr M Q NDLOZI: But I’m addressing myself to the new proposal.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Chief Whip, you interrupted me while I was talking to him about the matter. Hon member, you can’t go back to the debate, the opportunity for moving this thing for reference has been objected to. We are now putting the question to the House. All those who say Aye ... [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, I moved a motion for reference back. I believe it’s apposite for you to put that to the House. I mean we have heard that the Chief Whip of the opposition has opposed the reference back. But, respectfully, I would ask you that the reference back is moved and be put to the House. The House can decide. You have not put the official question yet, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, the Chief Whip has opposed it. Let me put to the House. Those who say yes to the reference, say yes. Those who say no, say no. The reference move is rejected. The noes have it.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, the DA calls for a division. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, a division having been called, the bells will be rung for three minutes.

Question put: That the nomination of Mr Vuma Glenton Mashinini to serve on the Electoral Commission be approved.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER / NN/NM-ed / TAKE ENDS AT: 16:07

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Wait! Who is keeping thecount? It is supposed to be three minutes. We have gone beyond three minutes now. Hon members, the question that we must decide on ... Yes, hon Minister, what are you rising on?

The MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: Deputy Speaker, on a point of order: Before you proceed, indicate to us in terms of which Rule is this matter that we are now dividing on, tabled. There is no provision for a referral or for whatever the member referred. There is provision for a motion which is written, presented prior to noon as a motion to be debated upon. However, if a motion is put and it is requested that a decision be made on the day on which it is put, there must be concurrence of the entire House that we should divide or debate that matter. I do not recall concurrence being sought, so I am not sure in terms of what Rule we are proceeding now. Could you guide us?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER:Hon members, the Rule that would have allowed this matter - and I will point out that the situation changes because of the language used by the Chief Whip to request us to refer the matter - is section 97, motions without notice.Let’s go to (c). Yes, skip the two. Every motion requires notice, except a motion for postponement or discharge of and giving precedence to an order of the day. Here it is about referring a Bill to a committee and (d) refers to a Bill and we do not have a Bill. The Chief Whip did not ask for postponement. He asked us to refer this back and so on.

So, in both of them - postponement or discharge - you could interpret it differently. Hon Minister, if I were to allow it, it would be on the basis of postponement. If we were to allow it, that would be the only reason. Postponement is one way of doing it and that would be the basis on which we allow it. [Applause.]

Dr P J GROENEWALD: Agb Adjunkspeaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

Dr P J GROENEWALD: Hon Deputy Speaker, can I ask you a question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Ask your question.

Dr P J GROENEWALD: Are you confused or not? [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, I have been asked a question and we always consult, literally in public, in front of your eyes. I want to suggest that you are confused by asking that question.

Hon members, the member has not offered a reformulation of this matter so that the language fits with the Rules as stated here. Therefore, we are going to use what we indicated earlier on - the question of putting the matter before the House. So hon Chief Whip, that is the decision that we are making now. [Interjections.] That matter has been dealt with earlier on and has not been accepted. So, the question we are going to put to the House now is the matter of the original motion before the House. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Go ahead.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Obviously, the red phone of Luthuli House has been ringing off the hook. If that is the case I will then, in terms of Rule 76, request you to postpone this decision.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, what about 76?

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, Rule 76 gives you the power to postpone this decision. And I want to say that this is an important point, that we are not filling, you know, the tiddlywinks committee here. This is a Commission of the Independent Electoral Commission, IEC, and it should be somebody who has broad appeal across all political parties. We are going to undermine the credibility of that person, if we proceed in this House the way we have done today.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, why do you refer me to section 76 when I have given you my opinion?

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, I am respecting your ...

Dr M S MOTSHEKGA: Hon Deputy Speaker, on a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: You can’t take a point of order on a point of order.

Dr M S MOTSHEKGA: Point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, can you take your seat. I am speaking to the Chief Whip of the opposition party here.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, I am respecting your ruling that you have made earlier about the reference back. I am saying to you that, in terms of Rule 76, it is in your power to postpone this decision, once this debate has concluded.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: And I am asking you to please, given the seriousness of the matter and the very partisan manner in which it has been dealt with, postpone this decision for further engagement as political parties.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, you are delegating a decision to me that the House has already made effectively here. Let me explain to you. Hon member, the reason why we give each of you the opportunity to declare is that we hear what your view is on the matter, and you have expressed your views on that matter. I put it to the House to indicate its views on the matter of reference.

Mr N F SHIVAMBU: Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Shivambu, what are you rising on?

Mr N F SHIVAMBU: Hon Deputy Speaker, a very sincere request is being made. All political parties, except the ruling party are objecting to the appointment of an Electoral Commission. We are saying, let us utilise the rules to postpone this question and try to build consensus.

The DEUTY SPEAKER: Okay.

Mr N F SHIVAMBU: It is not impossible for us to have a sense of common ground with regard tothe people who must be part of the Electoral Commission. Let us allow political engagement. We don’t narrowly want to work in a framework that you want to impose on us now. Can we then deal with this question on a different platform after there has been engagements on what becomes a common ground with regard topeople who should preside over elections, which outcomes all of us have to accept. It is a sincere request that we are making to you. If it is difficult from that chair to take a decision, consult the political leadership and then you come back to us. We can do this in a different manner.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay.

Mr N F SHIVAMBU: Not in the manner in which you want to do it now.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Alright.

Mr N F SHIVAMBU: It is a sincere request.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, take your seat, hon member.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION / MALUTA/src (ch) TAKE ENDS AT: 16:17

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The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, just to enforce with you, you made a ruling in terms of Rule 97(a). You don’t want to proceed in that manner. What I am saying to you is that we have a way of pulling this away from the brink by using Rule 76. I need you to make a ruling on that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Alright. Hon member, on the advice of the Chief Whip of the Opposition, I have now made up my mind on the House’s earlier view that this matter must be debated and discussed here. That matter will now proceed to its next stage so that each member in the House expresses his or her view on this matter. That decision will be made by the House, not by the presiding officer here.

I now put the Question to the House. Hon member, we are going to the original motion before the House. Will you listen to me? Please, hon ...

Mr J J MCGLUWA: Hon Deputy Speaker ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What are you rising on, hon member?

Mr J J MCGLUWA: May I address you?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, address me, hon member.

Mr J J MCGLUWA: Deputy Speaker, it has once been said that a fool elected by a fool will be led by a fool, but the biggest fool is the fool who elected that fool. [Interjections.] I am appealing to you, Deputy Speaker, not to fall within that category but to rule in a proper fashion here.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, I notice that the heat in the House is overcoming you. With respect, hon members, let’s also remind you that we need to proceed with the Question before the House. [Interjections.] I want to plead with you not to place before us an obstacle to running the House. The Question before the House is that Mr Mashinini ...

The MINISTER FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION: Deputy Speaker, on a point of order ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What is your point of order, sir?

The MINISTER FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION: The hon member must withdraw that people are sitting here as fools to try and elect a fool. It is not correct. He has to withdraw it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. Take your seat, hon member. Hon McGluwa, what do you say to that request? [Interjections.]

Mr J J MCGLUWA: Deputy Speaker, I said, “It has once been said that a fool elected by a fool will be led by a fool, but the biggest fool is the fool who elected that fool.” [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, and this is your reference to hon members. Do you think we must accept that?

Mr J J MCGLUWA: No. I ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: So, withdraw that if you say “no.”

Mr J J MCGLUWA: No, I was asking for you, Deputy Speaker ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just withdraw it.

Mr J J MCGLUWA: No, I asked you not to fall within that category.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just withdraw it.

Mr J J MCGLUWA: I never said that anyone is a fool here.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just withdraw it.

Mr J J MCGLUWA: I’ve never said anyone is a fool. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just withdraw it. Alright, hon member, I name you. Hon McGluwa, I name you.

Hon members, we will now put the Question before the House. Hon members, order! Hon members, you will be ordered. We will proceed with the business of the House. Please do not act on behalf of the Chair until we finish this business. You will act on behalf of the Chair once the Chair is not here. For now, the Question before the House is that Mr Mashinini be appointed the Chairperson as the Independent Electoral Commission, as recommended. [Interjections.] Those who ...

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY: Deputy Speaker ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Chief Whip?

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Can I correct you, please?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, hon member. I am being given guidance right now. Can I just get that guidance?

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: I want to correct the guidance you just gave us now. Please.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, that is what is being done, hon Chief Whip. Please.

Question put: That the nomination of Mr Vuma Glenton Mashinini to serve on the Electoral Commission be approved.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER /Mia / TAKE ENDS AT: 16:21

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We would like to remind members that they may only vote from their allocated seats.

[TAKE IN FROM MINUTES.]

Question agreed to.

Nomination of Mr Vuma Glenton Mashinini accordingly agreed to in accordance with section 6(2)(c) of the Electoral Commission Act, 1996.

Mr M A PLOUAMMA