

TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2015

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The House met at 10:11.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto) took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayers or meditation.

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): [*Singing in the gallery.*] Could we all be seated? Thank you. [*Singing in the gallery.*] Order! [*Singing in the gallery.*]

Order! Order, members of staff in the gallery! [*Singing in the gallery.*] Order! [*Singing in the gallery.*] Members of staff in the gallery ... [*Singing in the gallery.*] Can I please ask the members of staff in the gallery to be quiet! [*Singing in the gallery.*] Order! [*Singing in the gallery.*]

I would like to advise members of staff in the gallery ... [*Singing in the gallery.*] I would like to advise members of

staff in the gallery ... *[Singing in the gallery.]* Can you be quiet for a moment? *[Singing in the gallery.]* Thank you very much. *[Singing in the gallery.]* Thank you! *[Singing in the gallery.]* Thank you very much! *[Singing in the gallery.]* Please sit down and let me address you! *[Singing in the gallery.]*

Unfortunately, we can't address you. *[Singing in the gallery.]* Hon members and honourable members of the union in the gallery, I would like to advise you ... *[Singing in the gallery.]*

Hon members, can you hear me? *[Singing in the gallery.]* Can you hear me? *[Singing in the gallery.]* No. *[Singing in the gallery.]* All right. *[Singing in the gallery.]* Hon members ... if you give me two minutes I'll be done. *[Singing in the gallery.]*

I would like to advise the members of staff in the gallery that in terms of the Powers, Privileges and Immunities of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, a person may not improperly interfere with or impede the exercise or performance by Parliament or a House or committee of its authority or functions. *[Singing in the gallery.]* This includes interference with the performance of a member in the process of carrying out his or her functions. *[Singing in the*

gallery.] You cannot, while Parliament or a House or committee is meeting, create or take part in any disturbance within the precincts or in the Chamber. *[Singing in the gallery.]*

Behaving in the manner listed above constitutes an offence in terms of the Act. *[Singing in the gallery.]*

I am now appealing to the members of staff in the gallery to keep quiet and allow the proceedings to continue uninterrupted. *[Clapping in the gallery.] [Singing in the gallery.]* I repeat, I am appealing to the members of staff in the gallery to keep quiet and allow the proceedings to proceed uninterrupted. *[Clapping in the gallery.] [Singing in the gallery.]* For the last time, I repeat, I am now appealing to the members of staff in the gallery to keep quiet and allow the proceedings to continue uninterrupted! *[Clapping in the gallery.] [Chanting in the gallery.]*

Hon members, order! *[Clapping in the gallery.] [Chanting in the gallery.]* In light of the members of staff not listening to the appeal, I am going to suspend the proceedings of the House until further notice. *[Clapping in the gallery.]*

[Chanting in the gallery.] Thank you very much. *[Cheering from the gallery.]*

Business suspended at 10:15 due to grave disorder in terms of Rule 56.

The House adjourned at 10:15.

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