

PARLIAMENT

OF

ZIMBABWE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE

FIRST SESSION - NINTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 2018

Half past two o'clock pm.

The President of the Senate in the Chair.

PRAYERS.

Chabuka K.,

Chidawu O.,

Chifamba J.,

Chikwaka Chief,

Chimbudzi A.,

Chinake V.,

Chirongoma J. M.,

Chitanga Chief,

Chundu Chief,

Dube A.,

Dube M. R,
Gumpo, S.,
Gweshe K.,
Hungwe S. O.,
Khupe W.,
Komichi M.,
Makone T. M.,
Makumbe Chief,
Malinga J. T.,
Maluleke O. M.,
Mapungwana Chief,
Masendu Chief,
Mavetera T.,
Mathupula Chief.,
Mathuthu T,
Matiirira, A,
Matsiwo Chief,
Mbowa M,
Mkwebu, A,
Moeketsi V,
Moyo S. K,
Mpofu B,
Mtshane Chief,
Mudzuri E,
Muronzi M.,
Muzenda V. T.,
Mwonzora T. D.,
Ncube S.,
Ndlovu M.,
Ndlovu P.,
Nechombo Chief.,
Nembire Chief.,
Ngezi Chief,
Ngungumbane Chief,
Nhema Chief,
Ntabeni Chief.,
Nyambuya M. R.,

Nyangazonke Chief,
 Nyathi R.,
 Parirenyatwa D. P.,
 Phuthi M.,
 Rambanepasi C.,
 Rwambiwa E.,
 Sekeramayi S. T.,
 Shoko G.,
 Shumba C.,
 Timire R.,
 Timveos L.,
 Tongogara A. K.,
 Tsomondo B.,
 Wunganayi T.,
 Zivira H.

In attendance in terms of section 138(2) and (3) and section 104(3) of the Constitution

Printed by Order of the Senate

Absent with leave

Hon. Sen. Chief Charumbira, Hon. Sen. Mohadi

1. The President of the Senate informed the Senate that there would be a Pre-Budget Briefing Seminar on Friday, 2nd November, 2018 at Sango Cresta Lodge from 0830 hours and that buses would depart from Parliament at 0730 hours.
2. The President of the Senate also informed the Senate that all Members of the Committee on Standing Rules and Orders, Chairpersons of Committees, Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Women's Caucus, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Legal Committee and Deputy Whips were invited to a Workshop on the Formulation of the Parliament of Zimbabwe Institutional Strategic Plan (2018-2023) from 2nd to 5th November, 2018 at Rainbow Hotel in Bulawayo.
3. The President of the Senate advised the Senate that the Induction Workshop for Committee Chairpersons had been rescheduled for 6th to 7th November 2018, at Holiday Inn Hotel in Bulawayo.
4. The President of the also advised the Senate that all Members of Parliament were invited to the 2018 Annual Pre-Budget Seminar from 7th to 11th November 2018, at Holiday Inn Hotel in Bulawayo and that Members were requested to confirm attendance, travel and accommodation arrangements with Public Relations Officers at the Members Dining Hall during sittings.

5. The President of the Senate further advised the Senate that all women Parliamentarians were invited to the inaugural meeting of the Zimbabwe Women Parliamentary Caucus (ZWPC) on Wednesday, 14 November 2018 at 0900 hours in the Senate Chamber.
6. Adjourned debate on motion in reply to the Presidential Speech (*Adjourned 10th October, 2018- Hon. Sen. S. K. Moyo*).

[Time elapsed: 2 hour 21 minutes]

Question again proposed: That a respectful address be presented to the President of Zimbabwe as follows: –

May it please you, your Excellency, the President:

We, the Members of Parliament of Zimbabwe desire to express our loyalty to Zimbabwe and beg leave to offer our respectful thanks for the speech, which you have been pleased to address to Parliament- **Hon. Sen. S. K. Moyo**.

On the motion of Hon. Sen. S. K. Moyo, seconded by Hon. Sen. Chirongoma: Debate adjourned until tomorrow.

7. Adjourned debate on motion on the call for devolution (*Adjourned 10th October, 2018- Hon. Sen. Mwonzora*).

[Day elapsed: 2]

Question again proposed: That this House:

RECALLING that during the historic constitution making process and the subsequent constitutional referendum in 2013, the people of Zimbabwe unequivocally endorsed the principle of devolution of power and the transformation of the Zimbabwean State from a two tier to a three tier state.

NOTING that our Constitution makes provision for the election of Provincial Councils as well as the specific manner of the election of the Provincial Council leadership.

ACKNOWLEDGING that the current government has stated at least on paper that it is committed to implementing devolution in the current dispensation.

RECOGNISING the fundamental constitutional principle of the sovereignty of the people and the important fact that devolution is widely regarded by Zimbabweans as the answer to uneven regional development in the country.

ALSO RECOGNISING that the people of Zimbabwe elected their Members of the Provincial Councils on the 30th of July, 2018, which Members are yet to be sworn into office.

NOW, THEREFORE, Calls upon the Government to:

- (a) Urgently bring a bill to provide for the Devolution, *inter alia* to provide for the key administrative and other processes in the Provincial Councils including the election for the heads of those Councils within 2 months.
- (b) Abolish the post of Minister of State for Provincial Affairs as they

compromise the full implementation of devolution of power.

- (c) Swear into office all the members of the provincial councils immediately and define their conditions of service and other mechanisms to make them more functionally efficient.

- (d) Provide budgetary support to the Provincial Councils **-Hon Sen. Mwonzora.**

On the motion of Hon. Sen. Mwonzora, seconded by Hon. Sen. Shoko: Debate adjourned until tomorrow.

8. Adjourned debate on motion on the call to solve the cash crisis in the country (*Adjourned 11th October, 2018- Hon. Sen. Shoko*).

[Day elapsed: 2]

Question again proposed: That this House:

NOTING the debilitating liquidity crisis facing the country;

CONCERNED that the introduction of Bond Notes has failed to improve the cash crisis;

AWARE that the cash crisis has affected procurement of essential goods and commodities that drive our economy;

NOW, THEREFORE calls upon the Executive to urgently find ways of improving the cash situation in the country – **Hon. Sen. Shoko.**

On the motion of Hon. Sen. Shoko, seconded by Hon. Sen. Ncube: Debate adjourned until tomorrow.

9. Adjourned debate on motion on National Drug Policy and legislative framework to effectively regulate drug use. (*Adjourned 10th October, 2018- Hon. Sen. Timveos*).

[Days elapsed: 3]

Question again proposed: That this House:

NOTING that a National Drug Policy is critical in ensuring that all drugs in the national drug distribution system are safe, efficacious, effective and of good quality whilst it also strengthens administrative, and regulatory controls of the same;

CONCERNED that the existing legal framework, such as the Criminal Law (Codification & Reform), the Dangerous Drugs Act and the Medicines and Allied Substances Act are either outdated and do not sufficiently provide for procurement and use of drugs;

NOTING that these current laws criminalize drug and substance use resulting in drug users fearing to seek treatment for TB and HIV infections;

AWARE that, decriminalization of drug use and drug policy reform as adopted globally by other countries are vital strategies to addressing the drug problem;

NOW, THEREFORE, calls upon Government to come up with a national drug policy and legislative framework that is grounded in science, public health and human rights to effectively minimize the effects of drug use within communities-**Hon. Sen. Timveos**.

On the motion of Hon. Sen. Timveos, seconded by Hon. Sen. Ncube: Debate adjourned until tomorrow.

10. Adjourned debate on motion on finding solutions to challenges associated with vending. (*Adjourned 10th October, 2018- Hon. Sen. Chabuka*).

[Days elapsed: 3]

Question again proposed: That this House:

NOTING that vending has since become the main source of livelihood due to high levels of unemployment in the country;

SADDENED by the heavy handedness on vendors by armed police which has not spared the general public going about their businesses especially in the central business district in urban areas;

Now, therefore, calls upon Government;

- (a) To engage in dialogue with vendors and their associations in an effort to find a lasting solution to the problems of vending; and
- (b) To construct proper vending stalls at easily accessible sites - **Hon. Sen. Chabuka**.

On the motion of Hon. Sen. Chabuka, seconded by Hon. Sen. Hon. Timveos: Debate adjourned until tomorrow.

11. On the motion of Hon. Sen. Muzenda, seconded by Hon. Sen. Makone: The Senate adjourned at two minutes past four o'clock pm.

M. M. CHINOMONA,
President of the Senate.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 2018

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Adjourned debate on motion in reply to the Presidential Speech (*Adjourned 30th October, 2018- Hon. Sen. S. K. Moyo*).

[Time elapsed: 2 hour 39 minutes]

Question proposed: That a respectful address be presented to the President of Zimbabwe as follows: –

May it please you, your Excellency, the President:

We, the Members of Parliament of Zimbabwe desire to express our loyalty to Zimbabwe and beg leave to offer our respectful thanks for the speech, which you have been pleased to address to Parliament- **Hon. Sen. S. K. Moyo.**

2. Adjourned debate on motion on the call for devolution (*Adjourned 30th October, 2018- Hon. Sen. Mwonzora*).

[Day elapsed: 3]

Question proposed: That this House:

RECALLING that during the historic constitution making process and the subsequent constitutional referendum in 2013, the people of Zimbabwe unequivocally endorsed the principle of devolution of power and the transformation of the Zimbabwean State from a two tier to a three tier state.

NOTING that our Constitution makes provision for the election of Provincial Councils as well as the specific manner of the election of the Provincial Council leadership.

ACKNOWLEDGING that the current government has stated at least on paper that it is committed to implementing devolution in the current dispensation.

RECOGNISING the fundamental constitutional principle of the sovereignty of the people and the important fact that devolution is widely regarded by Zimbabweans as the answer to uneven regional development in the country.

ALSO RECOGNISING that the people of Zimbabwe elected their Members of the Provincial Councils on the 30th of July, 2018, which Members are yet to be sworn into office.

NOW, THEREFORE, Calls upon the Government to:

- (d) Urgently bring a bill to provide for the Devolution, *inter alia* to provide for the key administrative and other processes in the Provincial Councils including the election for the heads of those Councils within 2 months.
- (e) Abolish the post of Minister of State for Provincial Affairs as they compromise the full implementation of devolution of power.
- (f) Swear into office all the members of the provincial councils immediately and define their conditions of service and other mechanisms to make them more functionally efficient.
- (d) Provide budgetary support to the Provincial Councils –**Hon. Sen. Mwonzora.**

3. Adjourned debate on motion on the call to solve the cash crisis in the country (*Adjourned 30th October, 2018- Hon. Sen. Shoko*).

[Day elapsed: 3]

Question proposed: That this House:

NOTING the debilitating liquidity crisis facing the country;

CONCERNED that the introduction of Bond Notes has failed to improve the cash crisis;

AWARE that the cash crisis has affected procurement of essential goods and commodities that drive our economy;

NOW, THEREFORE calls upon the Executive to urgently find ways of improving the cash situation in the country – **Hon. Sen. Shoko.**

4. Adjourned debate on motion on National Drug Policy and legislative framework to effectively regulate drug use. (*Adjourned 30th October, 2018- Hon. Sen. Timveos.*)

[Days elapsed: 4]

Question proposed: That this House:

NOTING that a National Drug Policy is critical in ensuring that all drugs in the national drug distribution system are safe, efficacious, effective and of good quality whilst it also strengthens administrative, and regulatory controls of the same;

CONCERNED that the existing legal framework, such as the Criminal Law (Codification & Reform), the Dangerous Drugs Act and the Medicines and Allied Substances Act are either outdated and do not sufficiently provide for procurement and use of drugs;

NOTING that these current laws criminalize drug and substance use resulting in drug users fearing to seek treatment for TB and HIV infections;

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5. Adjourned debate on motion on finding solutions to challenges associated with vending. (*Adjourned 30th October, 2018- Hon. Sen. Chabuka.*)

[Days elapsed: 4]

Question proposed: That this House:

NOTING that vending has since become the main source of livelihood due to high levels of unemployment in the country;

SADDENED by the heavy handedness on vendors by armed police which has not spared the general public going about their businesses especially in the central business district in urban areas;

Now, therefore, calls upon Government;

(c) To engage in dialogue with vendors and their associations in an effort to find a lasting solution to the problems of vending; and

(d) To construct proper vending stalls at easily accessible sites - **Hon. Sen. Chabuka.**

THURSDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

◆ QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE.

* QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

- *1. HON. SEN. CHIMBUDZI: To ask the Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs to provide statistics of court cases relating to violation of provisions of the Marriage Act [*Chapter 5:11*].

[Deferred from 11th October, 2018]

- *2. HON. SEN. CHIMBUDZI: To ask the Minister of Women Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprises Development to explain the national achievements and failures of the Beijing Platform of 1995.

[Deferred from 11th October, 2018]

- *3. HON. SEN. CHIMBUDZI: To ask the Minister of Women Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprises Development to advise on government policy regarding small and medium enterprises that have been affected by veld fires.

[Deferred from 11th October, 2018]

- *4. HON. SEN. TIMVEOS: To ask the Minister of Women Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprises Development to-

a) inform the Senate of measures being taken by the Ministry to ensure equal representation of gender in all institutions of government, including membership in independent commissions and other elective and appointed bodies.

b) state steps taken to redress gender imbalances resulting from past malpractices.

[Deferred from 11th October, 2018]

- *5. HON. SEN. CHIMBUDZI: To ask the Minister of Finance and Economic Development to inform the Senate whether there are strategies in place to economically empower women who constitute the majority of the population.

[Deferred from 11th October, 2018]

- *6. HON. SEN. TIMVEOS: To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructural Development to state measures being taken to clear outstanding salary arrears for National Railways of Zimbabwe employees dating back to 2008.

[Deferred from 11th October, 2018]

- *7. HON. SEN. TIMVEOS: To ask the Minister of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing to state whether government would provide funding for rehabilitation of the dilapidated Harare City Council sewer infrastructure since the City is owed huge arrears in outstanding rate payments by government.

[Deferred from 11th October, 2018]

- *8. HON. SEN. CHIEF CHIKWAKA: To ask the Minister of Primary and Secondary Education to advise on government's policy regarding students who dropped out of school due to the fact that their parents could not afford to pay incentives that were required by teachers before the year 2013, resulting in such students being a menace to the communities.

[Deferred from 11th October, 2018]
