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Thursday 14th August, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 9:00 a.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

P R A Y E R S

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MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Pray be seated! Order! Order! Honourable Members, good morning. I understand that Honourable Minister David Tshere has a procedural Motion to move.

BUSINESS MOTION

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): Good morning Mr Speaker, and good morning to the House. Mr Speaker, I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 30.2 for variation of the Order Paper of the order of public business as it stands in today's Order Paper. Mr Speaker, I am proposing that this House deal and dispose the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (No. 22 of 2025) and all its stages before proceeding to deal with and disposing of the Committee Stage of all other stages of the Digital Services Bill, 2025 (No. 23 of 2025), Cybersecurity Bill, 2025 (No. 24 of 2025) and the Cannabis Bill, 2025 (No. 25 of 2025), and after that the disposal of the above Bills, the House now revert to the presentation of the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (No. 26 of 2025).

The reason for this request Mr Speaker is that, His Honour the Vice President and Minister of Finance, Honourable Ndaba Gaolathe, he is Acting President and he has other official engagements that he has to undertake. I move accordingly Mr Speaker, thank you.

Question put and **agreed to.**

MR SPEAKER: Let us go to Committee Stage.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE

(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)

VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025 (NO. 22 OF 2025)

MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! Honourable Members, please note that the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (No. 22 of 2025) has 16 Clauses, no amendments have been noticed. I shall therefore, call the Clauses in groups.

Clauses 1 - 10 **agreed to.**

Clauses 11 - 16 **agreed to.**

VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025 (NO. 22 OF 2025)

Bill reported from Committee **without amendments.**

Third Reading - **Forthwith.**

Third Reading

VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025 (NO. 22 OF 2025)

(Minister of Finance)

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! Honourable Members, the question is that the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (No. 22 of 2025) be read a third time. Let me call His Honour the Vice President, Minister of Finance to move.

MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I would like to thank all Members of Parliament for their comments and support of the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (No. 22 of 2025). As I have already indicated, the Bill seeks to introduce taxation of remote services and make electronic invoicing mandatory. I now Mr Speaker, move that the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (No. 22 of 2025) be read a third time and do pass.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members the question is that the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (No. 22 of 2025) be read a third time and do pass. Honourable Members, in accordance with Standing Order 62.1 (c), I shall now order a division and that division shall be held in the manner prescribed under Order 63. Clerk, you will ring the bell for two minutes, at the elapse of two minutes, Sergeant-at-Arms, you lock the doors.

Question put and **Division Ordered.**

MR SPEAKER: I am going to activate, press one to indicate that you are present or to activate your machine, two for “aye” or “yes”, press three for “no” press four for “abstain”. *Le tlhophile?*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Murmurs)...

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, here are the results of your voting. Present in the House le 29, the “Ayes, 27”, “No, 1”, “Abstain, 1”. So, the “Ayes” have it. The Bill has been passed.

Bill read a third time and **passed**.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE

(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)

DIGITAL SERVICES BILL, 2025 (NO. 23 OF 2025)

MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! Honourable Members, we go to the Digital Services Bill, 2025 (No. 23 of 2025). Note that the Digital Services Bill, 2025 (No. 23 of 2025) has 41 Clauses. An amendment has been noticed. I shall therefore, call the Clauses consecutively.

Clauses 1 - 2 **agreed to**.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, there is a proposed amendment at Clause 3 by Honourable Minister David Tshere. Honourable Minister, please move the amendment.

Clause 3

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): Thank you very much Mr Chairperson. The Bill is amended at Clause 3 appearing on page B.542, by substituting for sub-Section (2), appearing therein, the following new subSection -

“(2) This Act shall not apply to the provision of digital services by or on behalf of the State, to the extent that adequate safeguards have been provided for or established necessary, where it involves national security, defence, public safety, customs and taxation”.

This is the proposed new sub-section Mr Speaker, I think *fa le ka bona* from the original one, we have only added the last two words “customs and taxation.” *Re*

ne re di tsenya in the application of the law such that customs and taxation digital services be exempted from this application of this law. The reason being, we want to maintain autonomy of the tax administration under Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS). These are international obligations such that *re itse gore dikgang tse di buang le makgetho di tshwanetse di nne sephiri fa gare ga mokgethisi le mokgethi. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, re ntsha dithulaganyo tsotlhe tse di amang ba bokgethisi ka gore ba na le thulaganyo ya bone. Ga re batle go tsenelela mo go tsone*, because they are done on behalf of the state. I therefore, move Mr Chairperson. Thank you.

Amendment **agreed to**.

Clause 3 as amended **agreed to**.

Clauses 4 - 10 **agreed to**.

Clauses 11 - 20 **agreed to**.

Clauses 21 - 30 **agreed to**.

Clauses 31 - 40 **agreed to**.

Clause 41 **agreed to**.

CYBERSECURITY BILL, 2025 (NO. 24 OF 2025)

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, please note that the Cybersecurity Bill, 2025 (No. 24 of 2025) has 66 Clauses. Some amendments have been noticed. I shall therefore, call the Clauses *ad seriatim*.

Clauses 1 - 2 **agreed to**.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, there is a proposed amendment at Clause 3 by Honourable Minister David Tshere. Honourable Minister, please move your amendment.

Clause 3

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): Thank you very much Mr Chairperson. The Bill is amended at Clause 3 (2) appearing on page B.564, by inserting immediately after paragraph (g), the following new paragraph - “(h) Botswana Unified Revenue Service”.

Mr Speaker, this speaks to the application again of the law. It is for the same reason that I gave under the

Digital Services Bill that we want to exempt any tax related matters, exempt it from the provisions of this Act, mainly to create the independence needed for tax administration, so that it is between the taxpayer and the tax administrator. Thank you very much. I move accordingly.

Amendment **agreed to.**

Clause 3 as amended **agreed to.**

Clauses 4 - 10 **agreed to.**

Clauses 11 - 20 **agreed to.**

Clauses 21 - 30 **agreed to.**

Clauses 31 - 40 **agreed to.**

Clauses 41 - 45 **agreed to.**

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, there is a proposed amendment at Clause 46 by Honourable Minister David Tshere. Honourable Minister, please move your amendment.

Clause 46

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): Thank you very much Mr Chairperson. The Bill is amended at Clause 46 (2), appearing on page B.579, by substituting for the word “Authority”, the word “Minister”. Mr Chairperson, this one talks to the categorisation of critical information and critical national information infrastructure under Subsection 1. So, this Bill instead of the Authority being the one that makes the provision *kana* authorises *gore* this is critical information, the suggestion here is that it should be the Minister. I do not know whether it is clear Mr Chairperson. That is on 46 (2).

MR CHAIRPERSON: It is clear, what you have not done is the motivation.

MR TSHERE: This one is critical information and critical information infrastructure. You remember we said under the Authority, there has to be application and critical information, and critical information infrastructure *kana re raya bone bo* Financial Instructions, *bo* Health, *bomangmang*. *Jaanong* determination *ya gore golo moo ke* critical information

infrastructure, we want to leave it with the Minister, obviously with the suggestion and recommendation of the authority. I therefore, move Mr Chairperson. Thank you.

Amendment **agreed to.**

Clause 46 as amended **agreed to.**

Clauses 47 - 50 **agreed to.**

Clauses 51 -60 **agreed to.**

Clauses 61 - 66 **agreed to.**

CANNABIS BILL, 2025 (NO. 25 OF 2025)

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, please note that the Cannabis Bill, 2025 (No. 25 of 2025) has 67 Clauses, no amendments have been noticed. I shall therefore, call the Clauses in groups.

Clauses 1 - 10 **agreed to.**

Clauses 11 - 20 **agreed to.**

Clauses 21 - 30 **agreed to.**

Clauses 31 - 40 **agreed to.**

Clauses 41 - 50 **agreed to.**

Clauses 51 - 60 **agreed to.**

Clauses 61 - 67 **agreed to.**

DIGITAL SERVICES BILL, 2025 (NO. 23 OF 2025)

Bill reported from Committee **with amendments.**

Third Reading - **Later Today.**

CYBERSECURITY BILL, 2025 (NO. 24 OF 2025)

Bill reported from Committee **with amendments.**

Third Reading - **Later Today.**

CANNABIS BILL, 2025 (NO. 25 OF 2025)

Bill reported from Committee **without amendments.**

Third Reading - **Later Today.**

Third Readings

DIGITAL SERVICES BILL, 2025 (NO. 23 OF 2025)

(Minister of Communications and Innovation)

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! Honourable Members. The question is that the Digital Services Bill, 2025 (No. 23 of 2025) be read a third time.

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): Thank you very much Mr Speaker. I move that the Digital Services Bill, 2025 (No. 23 of 2025) be read a third time and do pass.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members. The question is that the Digital Services Bill, 2025 (No. 23 of 2025) be read a third time and do pass. You know the drill. I shall now invoke Standing Order 62.1 (c) and order a division and that division shall be held in a manner prescribed under Standing Order 63.

Question put and **Division Ordered.**

MR SPEAKER: Clerk, ring the bell. Sergeant-at-Arms, at the elapse of two minutes, lock the doors. Honourable Members, the requirements of Standing Order 63.2 are that, I repeat a question before you, electronically vote. Order! Honourable Members the question is that the Digital Services Bill, 2025 (No. 23 of 2025) be read a third time and do pass. I have now activated. Press one for present or to activate your machine, two for “aye” or “yes,” three for “no,” four for abstain.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: *Le tlhophile* Honourable Members? Should I deactivate.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, here are the results of your votes. Present you are 31, the “ayes” 27, “noes” two, abstain two. The “ayes” have it. The Bill is passed.

Bill read a third time and **passed.**

CYBERSECURITY BILL, 2025 (NO. 24 OF 2025)

(Minister of Communications and Innovation)

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members. The question is that the Cybersecurity Bill, 2025 (No. 24 of 2025) be read a third time.

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): Thank you Mr Speaker. I move that Cybersecurity Bill, 2025 (No. 24 of 2025) be read a third time and do pass.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members. The question is that the Cybersecurity Bill, 2025 (No. 24 of 2025) be read a third time and do pass. I shall invoke Standing Order 62.1 (c). I am ordering a division, that division will be held in the manner you all know, Standing Order 63.

Question put and **Division Ordered.**

MR SPEAKER: Ring the bell Clerk. Sergeant-at-Arms, after two minutes, you lock the doors.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Sergeant-at-Arms, please lock the doors. Honourable Members, I am activating voting. Let me repeat the question. The question is that the Cybersecurity Bill, 2025 (No. 24 of 2025) be read a third time and do pass. Honourable Members, press one to activate your machine to also indicate that you are present, two for “yes” or “aye,” three for “no,” four for abstain. *Tlhophang! Le feditse go tlhophang?*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Yes.**MR SPEAKER:** I am going to deactivate.

Honourable Members, here are the results of your voting; *le* 30; 25 ‘Aye,’ ‘Noes’ two, ‘Abstain’ three. So the ‘Ayes’ have it. The Bill is passed.

Bill read a third time and **passed.**

CANNABIS BILL, 2025 (NO. 25 OF 2025)

(Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture)

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order Honourable Members! In accordance with Standing Order 62.1 (c), I now order a division, and this division shall be held in the manner prescribed under Order 63. Ring the bell for two minutes. Sergeant-At-Arms, lock the doors at the elapse of two minutes. Sergeant-at-Arms, lock the doors.

Question put and **Division Ordered.**

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, the question is that the Cannabis Bill, 2025 (No. 25 of 2025) be read a third time and do pass.

I am activating the machine, I have activated. Press one to indicate that you are present, press two for ‘Aye’ or for ‘Yes,’ press three for ‘No’ press four for ‘Abstain.’ *Tlhophang* Honourable Members. *Le tlhophile*, can I deactivate? I have deactivated.

Honourable Members, here are the results of your voting; you are 34 in the House, 25 ‘Aye’ five ‘No,’ four ‘Abstain.’ The ‘Ayes’ have it. The Bill is passed.

Bill read a third time and **passed.**

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Applause!)...

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Members, *le e fetisitse melao eo e e* four. There is a presentation of a Government Bill. Order! Honourable Members, I understand that the Minister for State President has a Bill to present.

First Reading

PRESENTATION OF A GOVERNMENT BILL

The following Bill was presented and read a first time.

ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025 (NO. 26 OF 2025)

(Assistant Minister for State President)

MOTION TO PROCEED ON A BILL AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MS MOPHUTING): Mr Speaker, I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 72.3 that the Bill be proceeded with under a Certificate of Urgency.

MR SPEAKER: Tswelela o re fe mabaka.

MS MOPHUTING: *Ke a dumedisa gape* Mr Speaker. Honourable Members, *segolobogolo ke dumedisa* Honourable Dr Gobotswang. Good morning sir!

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ... (Inaudible)...

MS MOPHUTING: *Ee rra, le wena* Honourable Kekgonegile *ke a go dumedisa mokaulengwe.*

Mr Speaker, it is requested that the Bill be presented under a Certificate of Urgency as a means of helping to support Government’s priority of diversifying the economy through revenue streams. Honourable Members will recall that this House is debating the Cannabis Bill so to grow the economy and create employment through industrial hemp and medicinal cannabis industries. It is important that existing legislations are harmonised towards enabling the implementation of the Cannabis Act.

Mr Speaker, the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act was passed by the National Assembly in June 2018 as we recall. The Act prohibits dealing in any illicit substance or any plant from which any illicit substance can be manufactured and creates offences thereto. Further, the Act prohibits the cultivation, manufacture, import, export, possession and distribution of the sale of a prohibited substance. The amendment of the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act CAB: 0812 as a consequence of the enactment of and for consistency with the Cannabis Act will now allow cultivation, production, storage, manufacture, import, export, transportation, distribution and sale of medicinal cannabis and industrial hemp products.

Mr Speaker, the Bill will mature beyond the current sitting of Parliament and deferring it until November Parliament Session will of course delay immediate preparations and activities for the hemp industry to take off.

Therefore, it is important to note that Botswana is a signatory to the various conventions and protocols that fundamentally shape our international commitments and obligations. In particular, the United Nations Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961, establishes the legal framework for international drug control and outline conditions for cannabis cultivation and control. This rigorous legal framework requires that we must align our existing laws to achieve compliance

under this convention. It is therefore, critical that as parts of the preparations to start cannabis cultivation for the industrial hemp industry uptake, all the pieces of legislation are consolidated. Mr Speaker, for the above reasons, I request that the Bill proceed under a Certificate of Urgency. I thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, *ke go adima mafoko a ga Minister Motshegwa gore molao o le ntseng le o dira, e rile o ithapolola o bo o kgoma molao o mongwe.* In other words, this is a consequential amendment, that is what the Minister is saying. Honourable Members, the question therefore, is that the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (No. 26 of 2025) be proceeded with under a Certificate of Urgency.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker,* tota ke emela fela gore ke tlhalose go feta gore kana paakanyo molao o, ke legatammogo le molao o re ntseng re o fetisa fa. Golo mo go tlaa tlhofofatsa thata gore setlhako se se babalelang morwadi, se re neng re bua ka sone maabane, re leke gore re se atolose se kgone go re *fit* sentle, re kgone gore re tle re fetlhe mebereko, batlhophi ba rona ba kgone go bereka, ba bangwe ba kgone go akola ka fa ba akolang ka teng mo *this cannabis industry.*

Mr Speaker, ke tsaya gore bakaulengwe re a dumalana, ga re bolo go dumalana e bile mo bekeng e e fetileng ele re ne re dumalana le ka *Motion* ole. Tota *Motion* o o dira se Puso e setseng e gatetse pele mo go sone. Ga ke dumele gore go tlaa nna le sekgopi sepe fela sa gore re re tšhaa! *Mr Speaker. I so submit.*

DR GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke dumedise Mothusa Tona mo go faphegileng ka gore le ene o ntumedisitse mo go faphegileng.

Mr Speaker, in principle, tota fela jaaka o itse, ga re dumalane le melao e e tlišiwang ka lepotlapotla, mme o re a lemoga gore o dira tota se e leng gore jaanong ga go na gore re ka tlhola re teng, ke gore o tsene fela o tle o nyalane le o o fetileng. Se e leng boammaaruri ke gore fa re dira jaana ka lepotlapotla, re itlwaetsa lepotlapotla, e nna ngwao ya rona, tota ke go dira sogasogwane. Lepotlapotla ke sogasogwane tota, le a re pitlaganya.

Batlotlegi, ke tsaya gore le bone maloba fa re ne re bua ka molao wa ga *Honourable* Kelebeng gore le ene tota e le Tona, a na le ditsompelo tsotlhe tse o ka di akanyang, o tšile ka *amendments* re setse re fetisitse molao, ra bo ra dira thulaganyo e e leng gore ga e a tlwaelesega, ra o busetsa gape mo Palamenteng. Selo se *Honourable Members,* se a re supegetsa gore re na le mathata.

Gompieno jaana rona re amogetse *amendments late* ka molao o o neng o feta wa *cannabis.* Re ne re o fetisa gone fa mme re amogetse *amendments* mabapi le dikgang tsa bo *high compliance costs, quota restrictions* le *zoning requirements.* Re na le tsone fa mme jaanong ke ne ke tla ke ipotsa gore a ke kope gore re o busetse, re tle re di tsenye kana jang, mme ke dikgang tsa lepotlapotla, dikgang tsa sogasogwane. Tsamaiso e bagaetsho a e nne e e dirwang gangwefela morago ga lebaka, e seng gore re bo re e dira letsatsi leno le kamoso le kamoso o mongwe. Nnyaa. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.*

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA):

Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Go molemo fa *Honourable* Gobotswang le ene a dumela morago ga go retiwa ke *Honourable* Mophuting fela ka go mo dumedisa. Jaanong namane e tona e dumela sengwe le sengwe fela.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!) ...

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, o se ka wa mmitsa namane. A ko o tlotle *professor* fela o mmitse sentle ka lerato.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ehe, ka gore o mogolwane, gatwe ke se ka ka re namane, ke re kgomo e tona.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!) ...

MR MOTSHEGWA: Nnyaa, mme ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ke re molao o re sa tswang go o bewa pele, jaaka ke a tle ke bue, go raya gore e rile go ithapolola, wa kgoma e mengwe, one ole o o sa tswang go feta, ke bana ba kgwale, e bitsana ka melodi gore fa o baakantse molao o mongwe, go maleba gore o bo o bakaanya o mongwe.

Ke gatelele kgang e e buiwang ke bagarona ba Botswana Congress Party (BCP) gore kana melao e tshwanetse gore e fiwe nako gore ba e bale, e baakangwe, ke boammaaruri jo bo leng teng. Gape re dumalane gore

fa re tsamayang teng, gongwe re fefose go dira melao e e leng gore e a tshwenya gompiano, e tle e re fa pele jaanong re bo re dira melao sentle ka boiketlo re le mmogo. Ke dilo tse e leng gore re tshwanetse ra neelana mabaka, re utlwisisana rotlhe gore re tle re welane, mme o one tota o ne o tlhoka gore re o reetse gone ka *urgency* gore maikaelelo le maiteko a molao o buang ka one, re tle re kgone gore re nne jalo. Ka jalo, ke ema molao nokeng. Ke rotloetse bagarona ka kwano gore le nne le ba dumedise ka kwa gore ba dumalane le rona.

MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Le rona ka re biditswe fela ka maina re itidimaletse, go raya gore re tlile go tlamega go dumalana le molao...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)...

MR HIKUAMA: ...ka gore ra biditswe fela maina re sa dira sepe. Re supe jaana *Honourable Speaker* gore kana o ne o re tsentse mo dithutong, o biditse baitseanape ba tswa mafatshefatsheng, re bua ka *pre-legislative scrutiny, which is a crucial step* ka fa re neng re rutwa ka teng. Ga ke itse gore a thuto e e ne e go senyetsa madi fela? O ne o dirisa madi a Puso, o tlisa baitseanape ba ba kanakana gore ba rute ka botlhokwa jwa *pre-legislative scrutiny*. Kana ke sone se o bonang gore bo *Honourable Motsamai* fa ba bua, bone jaanong ba bua ka nna, ba sa *scrutinise* molao, ba sa dira *pre-legislative scrutiny*. Kgantele go re *force* gore re didimale fela molao o feta ka gore re a bo re sa lebelela molao sentle.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Order! Mr Speaker*, tla ke go dumedise pele ke kope Mopalamente wa Maun West gore a ntlhokomologe, a tsepame mo kgannyeng e a batlang go e bua. *This is the second time* a bua gore ga ke a bala molao. Fa o kile wa nna morutabana o bo o re o tlaa nnela morutabana ruri, ga o sa tlhola o le kwa sekoleng, fa ke mo Palamenteng. Ga o ka ke wa nna o bona gore ke mang yo o badileng molao ke mang yo o sa o balang. Ga o morutabana wa Palamente e, o tshwanetse o itse gore borutabana jwa gago bo feletse kwa sekoleng.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Murmurs)...

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Hikuama*, a re o mo kokometsa lekapi la motsotsojane.

MR HIKUAMA: Re na le bakaulengwe ba e reng fa ba itebaganya le molao, o bo o bona gore mme yo o badile, mme yo ka fa a itebaganyang ka teng le molao, ga a bala. Ke sone se ke neng ke leka go se supa fela gore re felela re bua dilo tse di kgakala le se re tshwanetseng gore se buiwe ka gore re a bo re sa ipha nako ya *pre-legislative scrutiny* e e botlhokwa. Jaanong ke ne ke dirisa tsala ya me e le sekai... (*Interruptions*)... mme jaanong ke dirise *honourable* wa morutwana wa me Rre Ramaotwana, ke ne ke mo ruta sepolotiki. Kgantele ba felela ba bua dikgang tse di sa amaneng le molao ka gore molao e a bo e se one. *So, ... (Interruptions) ...* gore lepotlapotla tota ga le a siama.

MR PULE (KGATLENG EAST): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ga ke batle go bua go le go ntsi. Ke eletsa e kete o kare ba phathi e e busang ba ka etelwa ke Mopalamente wa pele wa Selebi Phikwe, *Honourable* Dithapelo Keorapetse gore a ba bolelele gore dilo tse ba di dirang ga se tsone, ba tlhabisa kgala gore a bo ba emelela mo Palamenteng ba tla ka melao ya lepotlapotla. Ke batla go ya go bua le ene a tle a le tsenye sekole gore melao o e tliwang e jaana ga se melao... Legale re tlaa reng, gongwe jaanong le kolobile bagaetsho, le lemogile gore Puso e e fetileng ya Domkrag e ne e sa itire fa gongwe fa e tlisa melao ka lepotlapotla. Gongwe ke sone se e leng gore le tlhomaganyetsa le ba le tlhomaganyetsa, mme se jeng motlwaedi jaaka ba bangwe ba buile gore nako le nako le tla ka melao e e leng gore ga e a sekasekwa, le e tshela fela mo go rona jaaka molao o o fetileng wa motokwane o ke sa dumalaneng le one.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ... (Inaudible)...

MR PULE: Ga ke dumalane le molao wa motokwane gotlhelele, e bile ga ke ise ke ko ke o tlhophele.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ... (Inaudible)...

MR PULE: Ee, ga ke dumalane le one, ke a le bolelela, ga se gore ke a le sebela. Jaanong tlogelang go nna le ntse le tlisa melao fa ka lepotlapotla re ise re tlhithomise, re bolelele batlhophi ba rona ba o sekaseke, ba re bolelele gore a re ka tla ra o buelelela kana ra se ka ra o buelela. Fa o tla o ntse jaana, ga go na se re ka se dirang Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke go ba raya fela re re *shame on you*...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!) ...

MR PULE: ...gore le bo le tliša melao ka kwano ka lepotlapotla. Ke a leboga.

MR KWAPA (JWANENG-MABUTSANE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Le nna ke dumalane le gore molao o o bo o tlišiwa ka lepotlapotla le le tlišosiwang ke ba ba le tlišosang. Kana le bone le fa ba le tlišosa jalo *Mr Speaker*, re tlaa gakologelwa gore e ne ya re maabane ga tšwelelwa *debating Cannabis Bill*, e ba neng ba dumalana le yone ka bongwefela jwa pelo, e bile ba tlišosa *the health benefits* le tse dingwe.

Mr Speaker, fa melao e kgoreletsega, go botlhokwa gore e baakannge, *considering the fact* ya gore kamoso ke letsatsi la bofelo re tlaabo re tšwala Palamente. Jaanong go botlhokwa gore melao e yotlhe re e baakanye, e kgone go tsamaya e sa kgopakopetsane. Ke sone se ke reng, ke dumalana le gore molao o bo o tlišiwa fa o baakannge ka lepotlapotla le ba le tlišosang. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, gongwe le nna ke re ke tlaa ema fela go le kalo *Mr Speaker. I thank you.*

MR FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker*, maabane re ne re buisana e bile re fetisa *the Cannabis Bill*, mme kana melao e e a tsamaelana. E ntse e le molato o bonwa o tšwere kana o *transport* motokwane jaaka ba o bitsa. Jaanong ka o tliše ka molao o moshā, ga re o o ntseng o le teng re bone gore re o sekaseka ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore e tle e tsamaye sentle, e se ka ya re kamoso re bo re fitlhela e kgopakopetsana. Ke ema fa ke leka go bontsha bakaulengwe ba ba kgatłhanong le gore melao yotlhe e dirwa ka lepotlapotla, ee, e tšwanetse gore e dirwe ka lepotlapotla...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga go a tšwanela.

MR FRENZEL: Go tšwanetse. Setlhare seo e ntse e re se bonwa gope fela mo Botswana go le *illegal*, o tsena ka fa tlase ka diterata. Jaanong gompieno re tlaabo re dira gore o bo o lemiwa mo lefatšheng go le ka fa molaong. Fa go le ka fa molaong, melao e ga re e tsamaelane. Jaanong ke ema fa ke dumalana le Tona gore molao o tsene, re tlaabo re o *support* gore e tle e tsamaelane. E nne melao e e leng gore kamoso re tlaabo re itse gore re sireleditse Botswana dintlha tse tšotlhe. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: *Ke le utlwe* Honourable Members.

Question put and **agreed to.**

Second Reading - **Forthwith.**

BILL

ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025 (NO. 26 OF 2025)

Second Reading

MR KAPINGA: On a point of procedure. Thank you, Mr Speaker. We have agreed for this Bill to be presented to Parliament on a Certificate of Urgency, but I would want to ask you Mr Speaker that maybe we should defer the presentation for Second Reading to this afternoon in consideration to the fact that the Bill was circulated to us late yesterday in the afternoon. As Members of Parliament (MPs), we have not had time to go through the Bill and we cannot be able to debate the Bill unless we have read. So, I ask that the Second Reading be deferred to the afternoon Mr Speaker to give us that little opportunity to read and make reasonable presentations in the debate. *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the difficulty I am having is that *kana* you have just voted that the Bill be proceeded with under a Certificate of Urgency, Minister *le ene o rile* she can proceed forthwith. *Gape ke ne ke ithaya ke re lebaka le le tona ke lone la gore kana la re* these are just consequential amendments, it is as a result of what you have already passed and therefore, *ga go na* major changes except that these are consequential amendments. *Nte ke utlwe* Minister.

MS MOPHUTING: *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker. Honourable Kapinga, *ke a go utlwa tota* and if the Speaker allows, I am amenable to that *gore re* debate in the afternoon to award you and the other Members *ba e leng gore ga ba ise ba nne le nako* to scrutinise. Indeed, what the Speaker has said is true, *gore tota* amendments *ga di dintsi*, but let me not be unreasonable and agree *gore*, through the Speaker, *fa a dumalana* and the other Members, I am amenable. *Ke a leboga.*

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): *Procedure. Thank you, Mr Speaker.* Ke utlwa bakaulengwe, jaanong ke ne ke re gongwe *the best way*, ke ne ke ka go kopa gore gongwe re ye kwa General Assembly fela jaana. Re bo re kgona go tlhalosediswa, fa Tona a dumela, badirelapuso ba le teng fa, ba ne ba ka re tlhalosetsa rotlhe fela *for the benefit*. Fa gongwe go ka tsaya *an hour and we are back in the Assembly*, re bo re kgona go dira. Jaaka o bua, gongwe ke *consequential amendment*, e lebega e le *pages*, mme go ka nna botoka fa ba e tlhaloseditse. Gongwe ga go tlhoke gore re emele *afternoon*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Minister Mophuting, are your officials here* gore ba ka ba e tlanyatlanyetsa?

MS MOPHUTING: *Ee rra*, they are here Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: I think let us go into the General Assembly for 30 minutes. I will adjourn according to Standing Order 26.2. *Go raya gore* the public gallery will be cleared and the media booths. *Go raya gore a re tseneng mo* General Assembly.

**PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED AT 10:25 A.M.
FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES**

PROCEEDINGS RESUMED AT 10:50 A.M.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, *a re tsweleng*. Honourable Minister, present your Bill.

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MS MOPHUTING): *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker. Once again, *dumelang bakaulengwe*.

Mr Speaker, I have the honour to present for Second Reading, before this Honourable House, the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2025, (No. 26 of 2025).

The objective of the Bill is to amend the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (Cap.08:12) (the Act) as a consequence of the enactment of, and for consistency with, the Cannabis Act, 2025. The enactment of the Cannabis Act resulted in gaps in the Act, hence the need to amend the Act in order to align it with the Cannabis Act, the current administrative structure, and the national and international drug control

frameworks; and enhance the operational and legal framework of the Drug Enforcement Agency and give effect to the broader application of the Act.

Mr Speaker, the Bill establishes alignment with the Cannabis Act to allow for the cultivation of cannabis and open the hemp industry.

Specifically, the Bill is structured as follows:-

Clause 2 of the Bill makes general amendments to the Act by substituting for the words “designated law enforcement officer” wherever they appear in the Act, the words “law enforcement officer”, and inserting the words “drug enforcement officer” or immediately before the words “law enforcement officer” wherever they appear in the Act.

Clause 3 of the Bill amends Section 2 of the Act by introducing new definitions of the words used in the Act.

Clause 4 of the Bill amends Section 4 of the Act by the introduction of new provisions which provide for offenses of possession of cannabis other than a medicinal product or other than for research purpose, and for possession of a certain amount of cannabis not allowed in the Act, amongst other things.

Clause 6 of the Bill amends Section 18 of the Act by introducing new provisions in order to give a drug enforcement officer or law enforcement officer powers to search premises of suspects at any given time, and to arrest a suspect, and may use a firearm in order to effect arrest of a suspected person.

Clause 7 of the Bill amends Section 23 of the Act in order to provide for the manner to intercept communication of a suspect in terms of the Act. Under the proposed provision, an investigating officer may obtain a warrant from the Magistrate’s court to intercept such communication. However, where there is delay in obtaining the warrant that may defeat the purpose of the investigation or interception, the head of an investigatory authority may authorise the investigation officer to intercept such communication.

Clause 8 of the Bill introduces new provisions, Section 24 which deals with the manner of obtaining protected information by an investigation officer; Section 25 which prohibits disclosure of communication obtained

in terms of the Act; and Section 26 which provides for requirements for service providers.

Clause 11 of the Bill amends Section 28 of the Act by increasing the functions of the Drug Enforcement Agency to allow the agency to facilitate the provision of rehabilitation and reintegration service to any drug user and any victim of drug use, and to facilitate the administration of any alternative to imprisonment.

Clause 12 of the Bill introduces new provisions in order to provide for the appointment of the Director General and his or her functions, to provide for the Drug Control Board, Appeals Board, disciplinary offences and disciplinary proceedings, amongst others.

Mr Speaker, this concludes my presentation. I therefore, move that the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (No. 26 of 2025) be read a second time.

MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST): *Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke simolole fela ka go bua gore molao o o beilweng fa pele ga rona o o bothokwa thata. Kgang ya tiriso ya ditagi mo lefatsheng la Botswana and globally is a big issue, e e leng gore mo mafatsheng a mangwe it turns into a national security issue. E nna kgang e e dirang gore bo Goromente ba reketle mo go tsamaiseng lefatsheng. Re tshwanetse go e tsaya ka tlhoafalo Mr Speaker, le gone mo ga rona re setse re lemogile gore tiriso ya ditagi e tswa mo taolong. Therefore, when we pass molao o, re tshwanetse go o fetisa ka tsela e e leng gore re itse, e bile re a bona mo go phepa gore ra re re dira eng. Ke bua kgang ya me ya ntlha e ke e buileng mo General Assembly gore tota la re molao o maikaelelo a one ke eng? A re ikaelela go baakanya molao o o laolang tshwaro, tsamaiso ya ditagi kana re batla go fetisa molao which constitutes the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), jaanong re simolola re tlhalosa gore Director ke mang, they are appointed jang, o na le dithata tse gotweng mang? Ke sone se se ntsi se ke se bonang mo molaong o, the major part of this Bill talks about the setting up or the legal constitution of the DEA. If I were you Honourable Minister, I would have taken time to separate the two issues, o o buang ka illicit substances ke o baakanya, ke bo ke tla ka molao fela o o itebagantseng le to set up the DEA. Mo re go dirang mo ke concoction fela, e tota e sa siamang. Re tlhakantse dilo tse re neng re sa tshwanela gore re di tlhakanye.*

Motho a ka ipotsa gore, a mme gone re na le an agency to speak of? Ke boditse, the officer responsible decided to avoid the question. Ke a tle ke ipotse gore, fa re ntse fa re le Palamente re bo re botsa gore DEA ya rona fa re bua ka yone e na le batho ba le kae, and then somebody has a problem of telling Parliament, the body that legislates for the country gore this agency that you are going to be strengthening its powers has so many officers in its strength, what mindset does that reflect? E supa eng mo bodirelapusong jwa rona, gore ga re ka ke ra tshepega re le Mapalamente go ka bolelelwa gore DEA e na le... ke tlaa re mapodise ka gore I do not have any better word to describe the agents, e na le agents di le kae? I posed that question deliberately, so that I can know gore are we bothering or wearying ourselves talking about creating a DEA, which is just a shell and nothing else.

I would want you in you in your response Honourable Minister, to tell us gore after the DEA came into existence what happened to the Diamond and Narcotic Squad? Are we going to create a situation where there is a monolithic duplicity, in the sense that you have a DEA on one side, you have a Diamond and Narcotic Squad on the other side. Ke bua ka unit e e neng e le tona Honourable Minister, spread throughout the country, addressing issues of illicit diamond possession and narcotics. We need to be told gore, what has happened to that one or what is the intention with the Diamond and Narcotic Squad? Taking into consideration that we do not have unlimited resources in this country. We have to maximise, use them as efficiently as we can as a country.

Ke tsena mo go ya illicit substances. Indirectly, tactfully or smartly re batla go letlelela batho go ka ja motokwane, as long as it is under 60 grams. Fa ke o bala, ke o bala jalo. I want to say to you Honourable Minister, I agree that it is the reality that we are facing. We cannot have police officers chasing after people ba ba tshotseng dizolonyana. We do not have the time, money, enough Prosecutors or Magistrates and prisons to be dealing with people who are caught with splif. We do not have the resources nor the time, and it is the global trend. Mafatshe otlhe a lemogile gore, tota fela go tlhola o alotse motho o mo tshwarela zolo, o mo tsenya mo cell, o mo tsaya menwana, o kwala statements is a whole waste of time. The best thing that we can do is public

education, go ruta bana ba rona gore motokwane ga o jewe. This is the truth Mr Speaker, fa o bona ngwana a a ja motokwane, o o bone golo gongwe, either kwa lwapeng o jewa kgotsa kwa morakeng wa ga bone kgotsa somewhere where he is exposed to as a child. Most of the time o a bo a bone mongwe mo lwapeng kgotsa mo lesikeng a a ja motokwane, a bo a ipolelela gore ke selo se se ka jewang. It is up to us as the adults...

MR HIKUAMA: Elucidation. *O tshwere kgang eo sentle, bogolo jang fa o bua ka ngwana to be exposed to ditagi. As an educator, there is the space between the school and home. That space if it is not taken care of, motsadi a sa itse gore bana ba gagwe fa ba sena go tswa kwa sekoleng ba ya kae, it creates a great opportunity for kids to be exposed to ditagi tse. Ke a leboga.*

MR KAPINGA: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke ne ke bua gore, we are the ones that carry the responsibility to teach or set an example for our children, re bontshe bana ba rona gore ditagi ga se selo se se fashionable. Mr Speaker, fa ke bala dilo tse di diragalang mo lefatsheng la rona, fa ke utlwa ke tsamaya ke buisa diphuthego, go na le tagi e e fetileng motokwane in terms of its attraction to the youth. Banana malatsi a fa re ntse re utlwa, gatwe ba ja selo se bidiwa katse. Ke kile ka bo ke le lepodise, tota ga ke ise ke bone selo seo, gore fa go ntse gotwe katse ya malatsi a, a e tshwana le mo ke kileng ka go bontshiwa ke santse ke le lepodise, gore a ke yone katse e ke neng ke e itse. Ditagi tse di a fetoga fa dingwaga di ntse di tsamaya.*

Ke ne ke solofetse gore fa ke leba mo molaong o, ke bone sengwe se kwadilwe mabapi le katse e. Maybe enhancing the punishments that are provided for that kind of drug, which is even more addictive than motokwane. As we relax or dilute the punishments which are applicable mo mothong yo o tshotseng motokwane, we need to strengthen the punishments for the hard drugs. Research has proved gore motho o tlaa simolola ka motokwane o mafatshe ba reng is a soft drug, mme fa a ntse a tsamaya jaanong o eletsa go dirisa ditagi tse di marapo go feta motokwane, ka gore gongwe jaanong ga o sa tlhole o mo taga jaaka o kile o bo o mo taga fa a simolola. They do not get as high as they used to be when they started consuming dagga, so they want to graduate now to stronger substances like dikatse, cocaine and others.

Mr Speaker, I would have been pleased to see gore now we are tightening the laws to deal with these harder substances and the drug dealers ba ba gwebang ka ditagi. Ra dira jaaka go dirilwe jaana gore, re se ka ra tlhoma matlho a rona mo go ba ba peipang, e bo re lebala ba ba rekisang, e nna bahumi ba dinaledi ba humisiwa ke ditagi. Ke ne ke eletsa go bona seo reflecting mo molaong wa rona, gore we are focusing our attention on the dealers and not the consumers.

Mr Speaker, ke batla go boa ke gatelela kgang ya gore a mme totatota re na le DEA? I trained with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 1999, they had a DEA e le lephata le le independent, le na le their own training academy, their own resources, helicopters, dikoloi le sengwe le sengwe se o ka se tlhokang. Le na le dibetsa tse ditona. When dealing with drugs Mr Speaker, you are dealing with organised crime. In some countries, I am not sure about Botswana, those organised drugs ba tshola ditlhobolo tse di tona. They have no hesitation to resort to violence, even fatal violence. Ke bo ke ipotsa gore a mme la rona Lephata la DEA, have those resources been provided to them? A e tlaare ba tshwanetse go ya go tshwara, ba bo ba raya mapodise ba re re kopa escort? E re ba tshwanetse go tshwara, ba bo ba raya Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) ba re re kopa escort? DIS ke yone e ke itseng gore e tlopetse ditlhobolo tse e sa di tlhokeng Mr Speaker. That one I want to make it clear, e bile ke e bua without fear or favour. Ga ke ise ke bone an intelligence agency, e e nang le conventional weapons Brigadier, mme e le gore your job is to gather information skillfully. Why do you need a bazooka? Why do you need an uzi to gather intelligence? When you are going to confront drug dealers, you need to be armed because bao ba a itsewe gore they resort to violence indiscriminately. Ke batla go itse Honourable Minister gore this urgency e re bolelelwang gore go na le DEA, what facilities do they have? Do they have a training centre? Do they have anything that can equate to what we know other agencies globally to have? The DEA in America have their own training academy at Quantico, Virginia. Ya rona yone, our agents ba ikatisetsa kae? Where are they been recruited, and so on and so forth? We need to know gore are we talking about an agency or we are talking about a fictitious something?

E nngwe e ke batlang go bua ka yone Mr Speaker, ke e ke e buileng gape during the General Assembly ya

rehabilitation. As we liberalise our laws relating to psychotropic substances, narcotics, and let me put it on record that, I recognise that it is the global trend ya all sexual rights, ga go na gore re ka gana jang, ke noka e e elelang. As we liberalise our laws on narcotics, have we prepared ourselves in terms of the provision of rehabilitation services? Ba ba tsileng go o ja, o bo o ba tsenya malwetse a ditlhaloganyo, a re ipaakantse kwa re tlaa ba isang teng go ya go thusiwa mo mathateng a ba tlaabong ba le mo go one? As we liberalise jaana, have we put in place a strong structure that will carry out public education in our schools, especially primary schools tsa rona le secondary schools kwa e leng gore ke gone kwa batho ba ba dirang le drugs recruit the new drug users? Ke gone kwa ba tsewang teng ba ba sha go oketsa market.

A re mo seemong sa gore *we will unleash strong public education that will protect our children from being recruited as drug users in the future? Mr Speaker*, ka mafoko ao, ke digele ka go gatelela gore molao o o botlhokwa thata. Nna tota fela ke pelo e lehuto ka gore ga re a fiwa nako e e lekaneng gotlhelele, gore re ye go nna fa fatshe re lebe molao o. Re lebe le melao e e fetisitsweng *in the past*, gore e re re tla go bua mo Palamenteng mo, re bo re bua re ipaakantse tota. *Point* e tona ke gore, ke dumela gore melao e mebedi e patagantswe, e ne e sa tshwanela go pataganngwa. Go ka bo go tsile molao o o tlamang DEA. Go ka bo go tllile a DEA Act e e tlamang DEA, e bo e tlhalosa sengwe le sengwe. E bo e tlhalosa le melato e e ka dirwang ke *agents* jalojalo fela jaaka Police Act e dirilwe *Honourable Minister*. Go batla molao oo, o tla o le *separate* o sa tlhakana le o, o ke o sele o o laolang tiriso ya ditagi. Go patagantswe fela *out of convenience, hurry*, e le lepotlapotla le re buang ka lone gore ga le a siama. Ke lone le le dirileng gore re bo re pataganya dikgang tse di neng di sa tshwanela go pataganngwa. Ka mafoko ao *Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke tlhatswe dintlha dingwe fela mo molaong o, gore di utlwale sentle le kwa Motswaneng. Santlha ke gore, molao o wa re *drug possession under 60 grams*. Ga e re go raya gore go letlelelwa gore o tshware motokwane jaaka ke utlwa o kare kgang e ya koo. Wa re *under 60 grams* ga o ye kgolegelong. Go ntshiwa *element* ya

kgolegelo ka gore go lebega di tletse ka ntateng ya gore go tshwerwe batho ba ba fitlhetsweng ka motokwane. Ke kile ka bua mo Palamenteng e ke re, re tshwanetse *to consider* go golola batho mo kgolegelong. *I cited one of these as an example. That is what Barack Obama did when he took over as the President of United States. He freed people on the basis of possession without violence.*

Fa e le gore o fitlhetswe ka motokwane fela, gongwe o feta 30 *grams* jaaka gompieno e le 30 *grams* re fetola to 60 *grams*, o ne o kgona go ya kgolegelong. E bo e le gore dikgolegelo di a tlala ka batho ba mofuta one oo. Ke bone ba ba neng ba gololwa gotwe wena o ne o sa lwe, e bile ga o a lwantsha mapodise. O ne wa tshwarwa fela, o bo o fitlhelwa o fetile ka motokwane wa selekanyo se se kana, *therefore*, o ya kgolegelong. Ke sone se molao o o se buang. Jaanong wa re, fa o fitlhelwa ka selekanyo seo sa 60 *grams*, *charge* e ya kwa mading a a sa feteng P10, 000. E ntse ke molato go fitlhelwa ka setlhatshana se, e ntse e le 60 *grams*. Ba ba fitlhelwang ka *over 60 grams*, ke gone go yang go sekasekiwang kgolegelo. Ke tsaya gore molao o, o tlhamaletse. Ke solofela gore fa o tsena mo tirisong, o tlaa golola ba bangwe mo kgolegelong ba ba tshwerweng ka bo 30 *grams* jaana. Re fokotsa batho jaaka re bua gore dikgolegelo di tletse. Ke e tlhatswe yone eo, e nne botlhokwa.

Ke dumalana le *Honourable* Kapinga ka gore ke ne ke bua ka yone maloba fa ba bua ka *Motion* wa gore mongwe le mongwe a itemele. Ke ba raya ke re, ga re ka ke ra ya koo mo lefatsheng gone jaana, ka gore *we see this as a problem. Drug use is a problem. In fact*, gompieno *drug use* le gone kwa Mahalapye rra, ke boammaaruri katse *is everywhere. It is a problem resulting* mo dikgannyeng tsa go latlhegelwa ke tlhaloganyo *and all sort of things. You will know* gore molao o ga o bue ka *those hard drugs*. Go na le melao e e buang ka yone, e bile ga e na seelo. Ga o a beelwa gore fa o tshwarwa ka *how many grams*. Fa o fitlhelwa ka gone le fa e le tlhasenyana ya gone, fa go rurifadiwa gore ke gone kwa *court*, o molato e bile o ya kgolegelong. *So*, eo yone o bolelela ruri, e tlaare mo nakong e e tlang, re tlaa lebelela molao wa teng, gongwe re gagamatse dikotlhao tse di amanang le molao le bo katse jaaka re di utlwa mo seterateng. Eo yone ke dumalana le yone gore re tshwanetse re e gagamatse.

Se sengwe se ke batlang go se tlhalosa ke gore, jaaka re ne re tlhalosediswa ke badirelapuso gore mokgwa o

wa gore re bo re nna le Lephata la DEA, o tlile ka gore e ne e le molao o o tswang kwa bathong ba ba neng ba re tlhatlhoba, ba bo Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG), *who greylisted us* gotwe lona le le lefatshe la Botswana, ga le na tsamaiso ya melao ya go fema gore batho ba ka rekisa *drugs* mo lefatsheng, ba bo ba dira madi. Madi a teng ba bo ba a dirisa go tlasela mafatshe a mangwe. Madi ao a *drugs* a dirisiwa mo *terrorism*. Jaanong ba bo ba re baya ka fa mosing ka gore re ne re sena melao eo. Ke gone jaaka DEA e ne ya tsholwa. E le maikaelelo a gore re kgone go araba kgang ya *those who blacklisted us* gore mme re tlhamile lekalana le. Ke sone se o bonang molao o fa o tla gompieno, o leka go atolosa kgang eo gore mme a re nneng le *Director* yo o itebagantseng.

Ke dumela gore re ya teng *Mr Speaker*, ke tshimologo e ntle ya gore re nne le DEA re le lefatshe la Botswana, ba ba tlaa itebaganyang fela le yone. Ke mogopolo o montle, *but we are still at an infancy stage* se re tshwanetseng re amogele melao e e tlang jaana gore a re simololeng, e seng fela *for compliance* mo matlhong a batho gore go lebega e kare re na le batho ba *Drug Enforcement*. A re ba tsenyeng meno jaaka go buiwa gore jaanong ba tlaa letlelelwa gore ba nne le ditlhobolo jaaka *Honourable Kapinga* a ntse a bua. Ba tlaa nna le *helicopters* le ditlhobolo tse di lepalepanang le tse di dirisiwang ke batho ba ba mo borukutlhing jwa mofuta o. *So*, eo ke a e dumela gore a re letleleleng molao o gore o fete, gore lekalana le le nne le tswelile le eme ka dinao. Le dire mo seemong sa jaaka a se bua sa *level* ya bo FBI kwa America gore a bo ba kgona go nna le *that investigative powers* jaaka re ba fa mo molaong o. Ba tlaa nna le dithata tsa go ka *intercept telecommunications* mo *suspects* go leka go bona gore ba baya kae, *customers* ke bomang, jalo le jalo. *So*, ke tsaya gore ke molao o montle fa re simololang teng.

Gore re bo re sa arabiwa gore gone mme dipalo tsa batho ba DEA mo lefatsheng, *it could be so*, kana dilo tse dingwe ke sephiri. Ke tsaya gore fa re ka botsa potso fela mo Palamenteng sentle e tla e tlhamaletse e botsa ka DEA, e bo e botsa ka mapodise a a setseng a hirilwe, le bone ba ba tswang kwa *Diamond and Narcotics Squad*, ka gore fa o bona ba tshwaraganngwa jaana, gongwe jaanong ba tlaa felela ba fapogetse gone ka fa go DEA. Re ne re tlhalosediswa gape gore yone e bile *Diamond and Narcotics Squad*, *it was an operative*

establishment, it is not like go na le molao o o reng go tlaa nna le *Diamond and Narcotics Squad Act, it was a squad and an operation within the Botswana Police* e e neng e itebagantse le diteemane le *narcotic substances* e le *operation*. Ke *squad, it is formed for the purpose of executing that. That was the explanation* jaaka e ne e buiwa kgantele. Jaanong ka re a re dumalaneng gore go nne le DEA e e tlaa nnang le makalana a yone, e bo e iphirela *officers*, e seng fela e le *a compliance issue on the surface of people who greylist us*. A re e direng, re dumalaneng gore e simolole. Fa e le gore kwa pele fale re tlaabo re le mo seemong sa gore jaanong re tle ka *DEA Act, then let us do it* fa re setse re goroga gone koo.

Gompieno jaana re simolola gore re tseye dikgang tsa *drug enforcement very seriously as a country*. Ke a dumalana gore ke bothata mo lefatsheng ka bophara, dikgang tsa katse di re apesitse kobo ka letshoba, le kwa dikoleng ke gone mo o bonang le *behavior* ya bana e sa bonale sentle, e le gore ba dumela gore go ka tswa go dirwa ke gore go emisitswe go itewa bana. Ga se gore go emisa go itaya bana ke gone mo go tlang ka *drugs*, mathata ke tsone dikgang tse di itayang bana tsebe, e bo e le gore di ba fapaanya le tlhaloganyo, o bo o kgona go bona gore ngwana fa a tsere sengwe a lwa le yo mongwe, a reng mo *classroom*, re bo re tsaya gore bothata ke gore go emisitswe go itewa ga bana. Bothata ke jone jo, ke gone mo o bonang re tshwanetse *to form* makalana a mofuta one o a tlaa latedisang a bo a tshwara batho ba ba tsisang diritibatsi tse di tlaa fapaanyang bana tlhogo.

Ke tsaya gore ke a buile, ke ne ke tsaya fela gore ke arabe dikgang tse gore Batswana ba se ka ba utlwa e kare jaanong *Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC)* ya re mongwe le mongwe o ka goga motokwane jaaka go buiwa, ga go a nna jalo, e ntse ke molato. Gatwe molato wa teng ga o sa tlhole jaanong o ka elwa kwa toronkong *under 60 grams*, mme o santse o ka lefiwa madi a a sa feteng P10,000, o tlaabo o atlhohwa jaanong o duela *instead of going to prison*. *So, I therefore, support the Bill Mr Speaker*.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): Thank you Mr Speaker. *Ke emelele* to acknowledge the Bill, and also indicate my support for the Bill as presented by the Assistant Minister Mophuting.

In supporting the Bill, I recognize the sentiments *tse di neng di tla ka* Honourable Kapinga, *yo e leng gore* I think he also demonstrated a great deal of knowledge of the subject matter we are dealing with. *Ke utlwile gore* there are certain issues that Honourable Kapinga raised, I do not think there is only one way to do things, maybe there is an advantage *ya gore o ka nna le* an Act that establishes a Drug Enforcement Agency on its own. There is also a school of thought in law, and with experience as you are trained in those matters *tse e leng gore* it also speaks to harmonisation of pieces of legislation. So, I do not think necessarily to have two pieces of legislation, converse an advantage over having a piece o legislation *e le nngwefela e bo e kgona* to achieve two or three things at the same time. I think there are two school of thoughts which they both have their own merits. There are times when you need a separate piece of legislation establishing an agency on its own. You can also still have efficacy and effectiveness with this one law that then kills two birds with one stone.

Having said that, *fa go ne go ya ka nna ke le nosi, e bile* Batswana *ba se boi, ke ne ke tlaa re re lekeletse* to decriminalize the possession of small ounces of marijuana, *mme ke a itse gore kgang ya teng re ya go e tshaba a bo re e tshabela kgakala re le* Batswana, *mme go se molato*. The truth is, if we look at studies from across the world, *di supa jalo gore* possession of small ounces *kana ya selekanyo se se Nnyennyane sa* marijuana, *ga di na* consequences *tse di maswe tse di kalo, mme ka gore re tla re tsamaya sentle, ke itumelela gore...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR KWAPA: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke botse Mothusa Tona gore, gongwe jaaka a tlhalosa, a bua gone gore kana go fitlhela o tshwere *zolo* gongwe jaaka a e bua, a ga a lemoge gore go a bo go na le golo gongwe kwa e leng gore tsone ditompi tse a buang ka tsone, go a bo go na le kwa di leng teng ka bokete, go na le kwa di tsewang teng?

MR OOKEDITSE: *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker. Of course, with or without the legislation, there is a place of origin of these things, it is not even with you jailing them, they were getting them somewhere, so, you have not solved the problem if the problem is actually the source. That is why *go tshwanetse go nne le* a scheme that targets those

who are mass producing and those who are trafficking this, and these are the drug lords. *Jaanong se o se dirang, ke gone jaaka* Honourable Mophuting *a bua ka* DEA which will focus on the people *ba e leng gore* they are actually propagating this at a very high level.

Fa o tla batla clarification, *ke ne ke re ke tse* into what studies right from the 70s in different jurisdictions have actually pointed out. One of the key things *se se itemogetsweng ke gore, fa o tla ka* pieces of legislation *tse di tshwanang le e,* one of the net effect *e e nnang teng ke gore* there is a net widening effect, *ke gore letloa le le tshwarang ba ba senyang thata ba tla ka ditagi ka matogo a tsone jaaka o ne o tlhalosa. E bile le a atologa, go bo go raya gore* the net effect is therefore then reduced. The drug effect trafficking *e e neng e ntse e le kwa godimo, go bo go raya gore* access to these drugs even for small scale processes, *e a fokotsega,* then the net effect *ke gore e bo e le gore jaanong tiriso ya ditagi* as a whole actually gets reduced.

There are a good number of studies *tse e leng gore* they speak to this, one of the key things *tse* Madam Mophuting *o tshwanetseng o di itumelele ke gore,* when you look at studies *tse di itebagantseng le kwa ba neng ba fokotsa* the criminalisation and the severity sometimes *ya* possession of small ounces, *se se itumedisang ke gore* it has not led to an increase in the possession of other drugs, which is quite surprising. *Fa o e tsaya ka gongwe ga ke batle gore ka* Setswana *e tlaabo e kete ke a se nyatsa, fa o e tsaya motlhofonyana fela* with a cursory look, *o ka akanya gore go ya go dira gore jaanong ditagi di oketsege. Dipatlisiso di supa gore* where you have lowered such sentencing especially on possession of ounces *tse di kana, o fitlhela e le gore* surprisingly *ga go oketse boleng teng kana bontsi jwa ditagi.* So we are in a position where these could actually be very good for you in terms of our fight *ya* drug reduction. One of the reasons *ke gore* you then take these resources *tse o ntseng o di dirisa go tlhola o setse morago* smaller ounces *ya ditagi tse, o bo o kgona go di isa* to more steroid drugs like heroin and cocaine *le tse dingwe jalojalo. Go bo go raya gore* the overall effect even on the healthcare system *ya lefatshe* is improved by this particular piece of legislation *e e buang ka* law enforcement. *Mo* Botswana *ke e tseye ke e ise kwa gae, ke bomang ba ba tshwarelwang melato ya* to possess *motokwane?* Who are these people? You

do not need to be smart if you look at it, the people who are languishing in jail for possessing small ounces *tsa motokwane ke mosadi kana ke rre* who is next door somewhere in the villages, *ba e leng gore* they do not have access to a lot of economic resources *ya go iphemela kwa makgotlatshekelong*. That is one.

Secondly; *ba e leng gore* economically they are excluded, and it is the trend globally *gore* it is those *ba e leng gore* they are historically disadvantaged *kana ba itsholelo ya bone e kwa tlase ba mo ditoronkong*. *E se gore ba ba nang le madi ga ba senye, e le gore molao* tends to criminalise in a funny way, those *ba e leng gore* they are at the bottom of the food chain. So, we now need to be in a position *e e leng gore batho ba e leng gore* they are socially excluded and usually they are also at the bottom of the rump, *e bo e nna gore jaanong motho wa teng fa o mo isa toronkong jaaka ba ne ba ya toronkong* for small crimes and offences, *fa ba ya go boa kwa go raya gore jaanong ba na le fingerprints tse di ba rayang di re* their rehabilitation, reintegration into society *e nna thata*. *Gore o ka bona tiro* further *go nna thata, go bo go raya gore* we are now perpetuating a circle of poverty amongst the socially excluded and down classes. *E le* because of legislation that tends to criminalise them and their activities a lot more than it actually criminalises the activities of the big boys and the big players. The big players and the big boys *ba ba dirang madi a a gaisang ka ditagi tse, o bo o fitlhela e le gore* bone by and large, *tota fela batho ba Modimo ba busy ba a tsamayatsamaya ba tshela sentle, ba dirisa madi a ditagi tse*.

So, I will say to Parliament that I support without any reservation the Bill. I do believe that it is going to have a net positive help in social effects as I have explained. *Ke leboqe, ke bo ke tlotle Motlotlegi Madam Mophuting gore o motho yo o dumelang thata mo ditshwanelong tsa batho. Le ka nna fa fatshe pele nako ya me ga e ise e fele. E a bo e tlaa re fa ke boka Motlotlegi Mma Mophuting le bo le ema ka dinao. O motho yo e leng gore* you have a conscience *e e akanyetsang batho ba gongwe ke ba gotweng ba kwa tlase ka gore ke bone ba ditoronko di tletseng ka bone, matshelo a bana a bo a senyegela kwa pele*. History will remember you, and a lot of people will remember you for this. Thank you.

MR KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Re dumedise batlotlegi, re dumedise setšhaba. Re kope setšhaba go emisa kgokgontsho ya bomme le bana ba basetsana. *Mr Speaker*, kana fa re ntse re bua thata mo Palamenteng e gore go dira molao ka lepotlapotla, ka bofefo go itsa setšhaba gore se nne le karolo ya gore se ka nonotsha gore molao o o dirwang o e nne o o ka re isang kgakala. Bangwe ba re nang le dingwaganyana gone fa re ka a fa dikai tse dintsinyana tsa melao e e dirilweng jaana mme ngwaga o o latelang, re bo re ntse re le mo go one gape ka gore re a bo re tlodile dintlha tse dintsinyana tse di tshwanelwang ke gore di ka bo di tsene mo molaong.

Re dumalana le molao mme ga re dumalane le ka fa o tlang ka teng. Re dumalana le *the principles* mme ga re dumele gore o akareditse sengwe le sengwe se se neng se tshwanelwa ke go akarediwa. Fa re ne re filwe sebaka, re ka bo re ile kwa bathong le kwa go bo maitsaanape ba re tlhatlhelela, ra tla ra nna le *a meaningful, effective and efficient contribution to this Bill*.

Bakaulengwe ba bua gore *Narcotics Squad* e ne e le *project*, ga keitse. Rona ba re godileng re golela ka fa tlase ga batsadi ba sepodise, re itse gore sepodise se ne se dirwa ke *units* dife le dife le maphata afe, re a gakgamala gore fa o tlaa o re *Drugs and Narcotics Squad* kwa sepodiseng e ne e le *project, project* ya dingwaga tse 40 ga e fele? Ke one mathata a gore re bo re ema fela re *debate* ka gore re ya go felela kgantele re bua le dilo tse batho ba di gakgamalelang. Mapodise kwa ba leng teng ba gakgametse gore golo mo e ne e le *project, operation* ya 40 years? Ke one mathata a go tla go akgela fela jaaka go netlilwe.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!) ...

MR KEKGONEGILE: Motlotlegi Kapinga o ne a bua ka DEA Act. Kana re tshwanelwa ke go tlhaloganya gore le sepodise se na le Police Act *but* go na le *penal codes that they implement* le fa bone e le *a security unit*. Fela gore go bo go na le DEA Act, go ka tlhamalatsa dilo gore DEA e dira eng le eng, *structures* tsa yone di ntse jang, *organisationally how is it structured, what are the expectations* mme e bile setšhaba karolo ya sone mo go tsamaiseng ga DEA ke eng? Fela jaaka bo Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) le DIS ba na le *Acts* tsa tsone, re sa re di kgobokanngwe golo go le

gongwefela mo *Act* e nngwefela. Le bone ba *as a very important structure* se se lwantshang mathata a matona a ditagi mo lefatsheng la Botswana, se tshwanelwa ke gore se nne le tsamaiso ya bone fela ba le foo ka ntata ya bothata jo ba lebaganeng le jone.

Kgang e tona golo fa ke 60 grams (g), bakaulengwe ba batla go e baya o kare fa motho a tshwere 60g go ya kwa tlase ga a a tshwara sepe se se borai mo matshelong a motho. Ga go a nna jalo, 60g o bua ka *dizolo* tse tharo...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ehe!

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ao!

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)...

MR KEKGONEGILE: Tse motho o ka *fuwang* phakela, motshegare le maitseboa. Golo moo kana go tlaabo go raya gore o *fuwa* leng; letsatsi le letsatsi *three times a day. It is more of a meal. These are habits forming drugs* tse di tlaabong di tsena mo mmeleng wa gago di o tlwaetsa le tlhaloganyo ya gago gore e tshwanelwa ke gore e nne e ntse e le mo sediding fela. Fa e tshwanelwa ke gore e nne e le mo sediding fela, go tswa mo go 60g go ya kwa katseng ke selo se se motlhofo ka gore 60g wa letsatsi le letsatsi o ya go tlwaela mmele wa gago. Fa o tlwaela mmele wa gago, go raya gore jaanong tlhaloganyo le sedidi se mmele o se tlwaetseng, mmele o ya go felela o batla mo gontsinyana. Gone moo fela ka bogone, bakaulengwe ba batla go bua gore ka gore ga go na gore o ka ya toronkong, jaanong go siame fela. Ke gore fa go sena toronko, re itse gore thupa ya mokwatla le yone ga e sa tlhole e le teng, ke e ya fela ya sekole kwa Kgotleng, mo maragong, e e leng gore ke šhwaašhwaa fela o feta o fodisa ka one motokwane oo wa 60 grams, e bile fa o le 40 ga o e tseye. Ke eng se se leng teng se e leng gore la re se ya go dira gore ba ba ka fa tlase ga 60 grams le bone ba tshabe gore ba ka netla ene 60 grams yo?

One good point that was raised by Honourable Kwapa ke gore kana bone ba ba se *one-one* ba 60 grams, ba tsaya golo gongwe kwa go phuthetsweng teng. Re a itse gore *cases are pending, investigations* di a pala, Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) e tshwere *cases*, ga e kgone gore e sekise ba ba tshwerweng ka *stack*.

MR LEKUTLANE: *Clarification.* Tanki *Mr Speaker.* Mma ke go leboge Mopalamente. Ke a go utlwa gore o

a *debate* mme ke tsaya gore o tlaa felela o wetse fa re kopanang teng. Ke ne ke re golo fa mo *Section 4 of the amended Act*, (c) ya re, *“by substituting for the words “60 grams” and appearing in Sub-section 3 and 4, the words, “1 kilogram,”* o tlhaloganyana eng gone foo? Tanki.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Ke tlhaloganyana gore o tshwarwa fela ka 1 *kilogram*, ga o tshwarwe ke 60 *grams*. Wena o e tlhaloganyana jang? O e tlhaloganyana gone jalo?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ... (Inaudible)...

MR KEKGONEGILE: *That is why* ke bua ka 60 *grams*. Naare a o itse gore 1 kg go tewa eng? 1 kg kana go tewa *stack* fela sa beke yotlhe.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)...

MR KEKGONEGILE: Jaanong 60 *grams* gone go tewa eng? Gakere o bona matlhare a a tee, *box-nyana* yone eo, ke bone bo 60 *grams*, e ntsi fela mo go maswe. Akanya rona kwa Maun ba e leng gore noka e tshetse jaana, re mo bojanaleng. *Weekend* jaana le maitseboa jaana o ya *to park* koloi ya gago, ke a go bolelela, o hema phefo ya noka *at the beach* kwa Matlapana. Ke gore fa le fodile noka jaana, mongwe le mongwe a a ja 60 *grams* ya gagwe e e sa tshwarelweng gone foo, go raya eng? *You are making* dikgaolo tse dingwe *headquarters* ya bo 60 *grams*. Ke bothata.

MR HIKUAMA: *Clarification.* A wa re se molao o se buang ke gore go simolola ka *Honourable Frenzel*, fa mongwe le mongwe a itshwaretse 60 *grams* wa gagwe, Lucas a na le 60 *grams* wa gagwe, yo a kgaogantse ka 60 *grams*, ke gore moo ga go molato le fa re ka tswa re le *lebandla* la batho ba le 100 re itshwaretse di 60 *grams*, 60 *grams*? A mme ga se tshono ya gore re ka fetisa re kgaoganyana ka di 60 *grams*, go bo go felela e le *stack* se se tona?

MR KEKGONEGILE: Go ntse fela jalo *Honourable Hikuama.* *The issue here, the core reasoning here* ke gore 60 *grams* o montsi, mo fokotseng, *that is the core issue.* *Most importantly* ke kgang ya *rehabilitation.* Jaaka *Honourable Kapinga* a bua, go tlatsa batho mo toronkong re lebile (i) *high unemployment* e e leng teng, (ii) *poverty* e e leng teng *and* (iii) *massive idling of the youth* e e leng teng mo lefatsheng la rona, ba felela ba le gone fa. Go ya go ba tlatsa kwa ditoronkong, ga se gone.

Re tshwanelwa ke gore re nne le *alternatives*. *Alternative* ke *rehabilitation*, thuto, *corrective measures* tse di sa yeng toronkong le go sa raya motho o re 60 grams o siame fela, *that is not alternative, that way, you are killing the nation. A curriculum Honourable Maele e deal le issues of drugs go tswa fela gone kwa secondary go ya kwa tertiary*. Ntshang bo Setswana *as core subjects* kwa dikoleng, le rute bo *life skills* le dilo tse di ka bolokang matshele a bana tse di tshwanang le tsona tse. Tanki *Mr Speaker*.

MR MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke reeditse batlotlegi ka fa ba buang ka kgang e ka teng. Lantlha ke leboge Motlotlegi *Minister* gore a bo a re beile pele Molao-kakanyetso o wa gagwe. Ke tsaya gore batlho ba ba sa tshwanelang gore ba nne le kgang e ntsi mo kgannyeng e, ke bagarona ba BCP, ka gore leloko la bone *Honourable* Moalosi o ne a re baya pele *Motion* fa a kopa gore re baakanye melao yotlhe e e amanang le go lemiwa ga setlhatshana sa *hemp*, gore re kgone re leme *hemp* bontle, go sena melao epe e e kgoreletsang. Nngwe ya melao eo ke o Motlotlegi Tona a o re bayang pele fa gompiano, go tsamaelana le se nne motlotlegi a se kopa. Ke a utlwa, ke a amogela gore ba bo ba tshwenyega gongwe ka kgang ya lepotlapotla. Tota re feditse beke yotlhe re bua ka kgang eo. Ke go lebogele seo Motlotlegi Tona gore o bo o tla ka molao o o baakanyang seemo sa gore *hemp* e tle e kgone go lengwe sentle e sa kgoreletswe ke melao e mengwe.

Fa ke reeditse Ntlo e fa e *debate* Molao-kakanyetso o Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, re bua ka tiriso ya ditagi le one motokwane, mma ke bue ka one *in particular*. Ga ke utlwe ope fela fa a bua ka kgang ya go emisa go gogiwa ga motokwane kana ga motsoko. Ke ne ke re a re nngeng lentswe le le lengwefela bagaetsho gore re kope tšhaba ya rona gore e emise go peipa gotlhelele. Dikgang tse dingwe o fitlhele go le thata gore re di bue re tšhaba gore batho ba tlaa reng. Nna ke a eletsa mo maikutlong a me gore tšhaba ya rona ya Botswana e kete e ka nna tšhaba e e sa amaneng ka gope le setagi sepe fela, go sitang le sone sa bojalwa. Ke eletsa gore re nne tšhaba e e sa gogeng, e e sa nweng *and* go ka kgonagala. Ga ke re re dire molao o o reng re se ka ra nwa, re se ka ra peipa, mme go a kgonagala gore re nne tšhaba e e sa nweng, e e sa gogeng.

Fa Goromente wa UDC a ka dira tebelopele ya setšhaba, ke eletsa gore sengwe sa ntlha se se tona se re eletsang gore re nne sone, ke gore re nne tšhaba e e sa nweng, e e sa gogeng. Fela jaaka gompiano kwa kgaolong ya ga *Honourable* Taolo Lucas fa ke sa fose, go na le lefelo le e leng gore go nna batho ba ba sa nweng, e bile ba sa peipe. Botswana o ka kgona a goroga koo, a nna montle, a nna monate ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ... (Inaudible)...

MR MOROLONG: Ee, ke batho *Honourable* Lucas le fa e le ma-Zion Christian Church (ZCC), ke batho mo tšhabeng ya rona ya Botswana. Fa re ka nna jalo bagaetsho, ga re ka ke ra tla go *spend* bontsi jwa nako fa re bua ka ditagi, re dira melao ya ditagi, boemong jwa seo, re ka dira melao e e ka tlhabololang tšhaba ya rona, e e ka tlhabololang lefatshe la rona go yeng kwa pele. Ke eletsa gore re nne tšhaba e e sa nweng, e e sa gogeng. *We should stop smoking* bagaetsho. *Let us advocate for* kgang e ya go emisa go gogiwa ga ditagi le go gogiwa ga motsoko fela gotlhelele. *Motsoko is of no good* gotlhelele. *We should advocate for that*. Ke buisiwa se ke gore Botswana ke lefatshe le e leng gore *predominantly is a Christian state though* bo Taolo Lucas ba supa gore *it is not a Christian state*, mme fela *predominantly* le ka dumalana le nna gore *it is a Christian state*. Ga se mo re ka bong re bua dikgang tse dingwe mo loagong la tumelo ya Sekeresete, ya lefatshe la tumelo e e boitshepho jo bo kalo, re tla go bua ka ditagi, bo katse, eng.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ... (Inaudible)...

MR MOROLONG: *No*, ke a itse gore re tshwanetse ka gore di teng di tletse, *what I am saying* ke gore, ga se mo re ka bong dilo tseo re na le tsona re le lefatshe le le bopegileng ka fa tlase ga poifo Modimo. Fa re boifa Modimo, ga se mo re ka bong re bua ka ditagi, go iphitisa dino le matlhapa a a buiwang mo Facebook, re le tšhaba e e ntseng jalo. Re ka bo re le tšhaba fela e e senang borukutlhi, e e agegileng mo moweng, mo tlhaloganyong e bile le pabalesego ya motho gongwe le gongwe fa a tsamayang teng, nako nngwe le nngwe, re bonala gore batho ba tota ke batho ba lefatshe le le boifang Modimo. *This is where I am coming from*.

Se sengwe gape bagaetsho, ke kgang e ke kileng ka bua ka yone mo nakong e e fetileng gore tota fela re sale re

latlha tsela golo gongwe fa re fedisa loago le gotweng ke lelwapa. Ke gone fela kwa e leng gore *we missed the point*. Mo lefatsheng la Botswana Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, lelwapa ga le sa tlhola le le teng, mme loago leo ke lengwe la maago a a bothokwa thata. Fa re ka aga lelwapa fela *as an institution, all these social ills*, fa o tsaya loago leo ka fa ke eletsang gore re ka boela kwa go lone ka teng, le gore *we are predominately a Christian state*, ke dumela gore mo Botswana ga re ka ke ra nna le dikgwetlho dipe tse dintsi. Fa re ka aga lelwapa ka tsela e *Honourable* Taolo Lucas a e rutetsweng ya gore lelwapa go tewa eng, ke go raya ke go raya, ga re ka ke ra nna le dikgang tse di tshosang tse re nang le tsone gompieno. Ka jaanong di teng, ke a le utlwa batlotlegi gore re tshwanelwa ke gore re tsene mo go tsone.

Ke dumalana ka botlalo *Mr Speaker*, gore kgang e ya *rehabilitation*, *Minister* a e lebe ka leitlho le le tseneletseng thata. Batho ba setse ba a ja ditagi, go bothokwa gore re tsepame bagaetsho mo kgannyeng ya *rehabilitation* tota le thuto, kgang ya ditagi ke tlhora boroko gongwe le gongwe bagaetsho.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke tswa mo kgaolong e e dumelang mo thupeng ya mokwatla, segolo jang mo dikgannyeng tse di nnyennyane tse di tshwanang le tsone tsa 60g to 1 kg bo eng, le gore motho a utswitse *torofele* fela a bo a ya kgolegelong. Kwa kgaolong e ke e emetseng, Bakgatla le Dikgosi ba dumela thato mo go reng fa batho ba dirile melato e mesesanenyana e e tshwanang le e, a kgwathisiwe fela a bo a tswelela le botshelo. Jaanong dikgolegelo o fitlhela di tletse ka batho ba leng gore o mo fa mabele a kgomo a bo a tsaya baki ya gagwe a tswa a tsamaya. Dikgolegelo tsa rona tsa Botswana ga di age batho ka fa go tshwanetseng ka teng gotlhelele. Le fa o tsena fela *on the cell* o ise o tshwarwe, *environment* ya teng e go bontsha golo e seng kwa ga tlebebe, ga ke itse gore o kwa ga mang. Ke diemo fela tse di supang gore o ya kwa e leng gore ga o ka ke wa agega.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke bue go le kalo gore ke *support* Tona mo Molao-kakanyetsong o a o re o bayang pele o. Ka mafoko a a kalo, ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. *Good morning colleagues*. Le nna

ke emela *to support* Tshutiso ya ga Tona Mophuting. Tshutiso e e nkgakolola *circulation of blood* mo mmeleng. Mmele o na le *the veins and arteries* tse di tsamaisang *oxygenated and deoxygenated blood*. Go na le madi a a nang le phefo e e yang kwa tlhogong gore mmele otlhe o bereke, *oxygen* e ya go dira gore mmele o bereke sentle. Go na le *side* e nngwe ya *veins* e e tsayang madi ale a o kareng a remile kana a na le *carbon monoxide*, go a ntsha mo mmeleng gore o kgone go bereka sentle.

Re ne re fetisa Molao wa Cannabis, mme fa re o fetisa, o amana le o mongwe wa *Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances*, mo go rayang gore fa re fetisa o, o thulana le o mongwe. O na le ditsetlana tse di kganelang dilo dingwe, golo mo ka fa molaong ba re ke *consequential amendment* ka gore ka re fetisitse o jaanong, ga re ka ke ra tlogela o o ntse jaana ka fa o boa o riana, o boa o riana, e bo e thulana, go ka tla ga dira bothata mo bathong *that implement or execute these laws* gore fa o mongwe o riana, o mongwe o riana, re dire jang. *Honourable* Moalosi o ne a re re lebelele melao yotlhe, mme re e lebeletse yotlhe gore fa re dira o o boang o riana, go raya gore e lomagane, e kgone gore e tsamaye mmogo.

Re a eletsa le rona gore o ka re re ka dira dilo *in the normal course* e seng ka *Certificate of Urgency*, mme mabaka a a re patika ka gore Goromente o mosha, Batswana le batlotlegi *on the other side of the House*, ba re *manifesto* wa rona o rile le tlaa dira se le se, se kae? Kana fa o le Goromente yo mosha, o tla o na le ditoro tsa gago tse di mo *manifesto*, go raya gore ga re na *luxury* ya *grace period* jaaka mafatshe a mangwe ya *two, three months* mo o ka nnang fa fatshe wa dira *policies* le melao, e re o tsaya *after that grace period* jaaka kwa America o itse motho o tlhophiwa ka *November*, mme a ya go tsaya ka *January*, rona ga re na *that grace period*. O tsena fela gone foo o sena go tlhophiwa go bo gotwe taboga, mme o taboga ka melao le *policies* tsa motho yo mongwe yo o neng o sa dumalana le ene *ideologically* le ka mananeo. Go raya gore o tsamaisa Goromente *at the same time* o fetole mananeo, *policies* le melao. Jaanong gore *aspirations* le *policies* di tsene mo tirisong, go raya gore re dire dilo ka potlako ka gore *after 58 years*, go na le phathi e e busang, o bo o tsena *and inherit* dilo tse dingwe, mme o batla o tsenya tsa gago, tse dingwe re tlaa di tlisa *in the normal course*, tse dingwe re tla di

tlisa ka potlako, e le gore re dire mealo ya gore re kgone go simolodisa mananeo mangwe a rona.

Re kgone go dira le kabakanyo ya itsholelo e ke neng ke bua ka yone maabane, re a e tlhoka. Ke sone se o bonang Tautona le Matona a mangwe a gagwe ba na le go ya kwa le kwa, e le gore ba leka go batla gore re kgone go dira ditiro tse di mo mananeong a rona a Puso e ntšha. Jaaka re itse gore Bakwena, batho ba bo Goodhope, *the southern part* ga ba na metsi, ba kwa Lesotho jaana ba bua ka metsi. *Solar energy* re mo yone jaaka re bua ka go kabakanya itsholelo jaana. Jaaka Cannabis re re e ka dira ditiro, re a kabakanya. Re mo lebelong la go kabakanya itsholelo e, re kgone go direla batho dilo tse di siameng.

Ka jalo bakaulengwe, ke le utlwile ka gore le rona kwa lephateng la rona re dira tshekatsheko ya melao yotlhe (*criminal justice ecosystem*) ya go bona gore re ka dira eng fa go tla *serious and not serious offences* kana *serious crimes* gore re se ka ra tlatsa dikgolegelo tsa rona ka melatonyana e e seng yone.

Ke leboge Tona fa le bona go tshwanela gore bo 60g re se ka ra isa batho kwa dikgolegolong, re ba *fine* ka gore e ntse ke molato go nna *in possession* ya *cannabis* o sena tseletso. Ga re a re jaanong mongwe le mongwe o ka tsamaya a e tshotse mo mekgwatlheng ka gore *it is less than 60g*, ra re gona le gore re ye go ba tlatsa kwa dikgolegolong, *let us fine them* madi a e leng gore bakaulengwe ba ne ba lela maabane ba re bahumanegi ba lefisiwa bo P1 million, bo bokae. Ke ne ke tseela gore ba tlaa leletsa megolokwane gore fa jaanong ra re mo e leng gore go *less than 60g*, *they will be fined* bo P10 000 e seng bo P20 000, e le gore re lekile go fokotsa.

Ke sone se ke neng ke re, go raya gore le bone ba bo 1 *kilogramme* re re, re leka go kgalema. Jaaka moitseanape yo mongwe a kile a kwala *journal* e nngwe a bua gore, melao ga e a direlwa go re laola, e diretswe *to guide us*. Re tshwanetse gore re nne kwa pele ka *public education* gore, o se ka wa re o bona lepodise o bo o goga lebante o re o a ipanta o direla lepodise *favour*. *The seatbelt was meant to save your life*, e seng *to fear the police*. Ke sone se re reng, le tse tsa metokwane, jaaka le rata leina la metokwane...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ...(*Inaudible*)...le a le tshaba leina la teng.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Nnyaa, ga re le tshabe, ra re *industrial hemp*, ke eng ka Setswana, gakere ka Sekgoa ke *cannabis*. Jaanong ra re, a re tseeleng gore go na le bomolemo mo dilong tseo, jaaka mongwe a ne a bua gore, *medicinal value* wa teng go raya gore o ka kgona go alafa batho ba *epilepsy, cancer, nausea*, a batla go kgwa jaana, *glaucoma*. *There is a lot of benefits* tse di dirwang, kana melemo e re e nwang le fa e se nne... jaaka Mme Dow a ne a bua, *either* molemo o tswa *from an animal product or a plant, whether that plant* ke *cannabis*, sengaparile kana mang, *all these medicines* di tswa *from plant or animal byproducts*. Jaanong ga re ka ke ra tshaba molemo re re gatwe o tswa mo motokwaneng, mme go na le *value* e re ka e dirang. *Disclaimer* e ke batlang go e dira ke gore, ke le gone fa ga ke goge, ga ke nwe bojalwa, ga ke je kolobe le phane, mme ga e ka ke ya re ke itse *the economic value of these things* e bo ke re a re dire melao *and prohibit them* ka gore ga ke di je. Ke sone se ke reng, a re amogeleng gore dilo tse di ka thusa mo itsholelong, mme re kgone *to regulate them* ka tsela e e leng gore ga di nne teng.

Ke tla mo DEA, *if you go to DEA, why* ke ntse ke lemoga gore re tshwanetse go nna le melao ya yone, se se diragetseng ke gore, fa o bala Illicit Traffic and Narcotic Drugs, Section 27 (i) ya re, "*this hereby establish a Drugs Enforcement Agency; (ii) the agency shall be a department in the ministry responsible for security and shall be under the control and supervision of the Minister's responsibility.*" Fa o lebelela mo *this Act* ya 2018, e bua fela ka *department*, mme ga e neele *department* eo gore babereki bao ke bomang, ba laola jang, ba tlhomagana jang. E fa o e bala o ya kafa, jaanong e go bolelela gore e dirile *Director General* a na le *staff* mo *department*. Ka fa ke *department* fela yo o ka sekeng o itse gore batho ba teng ba tlhomagana jang. Jaanong fa o bala ka fa e, ba tlhomagantse sentle gore go na le *Director General, functions* tsa gagwe ke eng; *to appoint* batho bo eng, bo eng. E tlhalosa gore, batho bao ba ka nna *scales* tse di rileng, mme ka fa e ne e le *department* fela e e manegilweng fela foo e bo e sa fiwe dithata tsa yone tse di leng teng.

Ke sone se ke reng, a re dumalaneng gore golo fa kana e ne e le a *consequential amendment* e e dirang gore ... (*Inaudible*)... mme ke a utlwa gore go na le kgang ya gore *Narcotics Squad* e ile kae? Ke tseela gore *that will be an issue for another day*, fa e le gore go na le gore

it will be merged, it will be merged. For now, re ne re lebeletse gore, if we look at DEA in this Act e e nang le functions listed mo Section 28, mme go bo go sa buiwe gore jaanong ke mang, ga go na bo officers mo teng, molao o o leka go tlhamalatsa seo.

Jaaka ke buile gore molao o o dira gore go nne bonolo, le fa 60g o le montsi, mme ra re a re se ka ra tlatsa ditronko ka batho ba re ka ba laolang, ra ba aga. Re ka ba aga ka *fines*, ba itse gore golo moo ke molato. Ka a le kalo, *I support this consequential amendment* gore e fete ka gore tota re setse re fetisitse molao o mongwe o o amang le *Act* e. Ka a le kalo, ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Jeremiah Jerry Frenzel.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)... (Murmurs)...

MR FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): ... (Laughter!)... Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*, gore ke bo ke kgonne go kapa leitlho la gago...

MR SPEAKER: *Freeze the clock, resume your seat just for a moment.* Setshego se sa lona ke a se itse batlotlegi. Batlotlegi, le ele tlhoko thata gore le fa go ne go eme mongwe kwa morago kwa go ba Botswana Democratic Party (BDP), ke ka bo ke mo lemogile. Kana *it is important that we balance the parties*, jaanong gantsinyana ke ene a tsapogang fa *bench* e a leng fa go yone. Ga se gore o itshasitse sepe fela se se ka imelelang *Speaker*.

MR FRENZEL: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker* go bo o ba tlhaloseditse, kana bone ba akanya gore go raya gore ke dirisa mafura a kgwathe, mme ga go a nna jalo. Kana ke one a e reng fa o a itshasitse gongwe o bo o ka lemosega motlhofo. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, tla ke tseye sebaka se le nna ke supe gore ke ema fa gongwe go dumalana le *Bill* e Motlotlegi a sa tswang go re e baya pele ya *Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Bill*. Ke supe gore le nna kwa ke tswang teng kwa dikgaolong tsa me tsa bo Mathangwane, Shashe Mooke, gotlhe go ya go tsena kwa bo Matsitama, setlhare se se a gogiwa. Go gogiwa ga sone kana fa re sa nne le taolo ya gore, gone mme ke ka go reng se gogiwa se sa letlelelwe, kgang e tona ke gore re tshwanelwa ke go ruta bana ba rona. Ra ba bontsha gore setlhare se ga se a

tshwanelwa go letlelelwa, ga se a tshwanelwa gore se bo se ka gogiwa. E rile fa Tona a re baya kgang ya gagwe pele, a re bolelela ka *Drug Enforcement Agency*, gore re tshwanetse *to form* lekalana la go nna jalo. Kgang e bo e nna gore *the Diamond and Narcotics Squad* e kae? Ke nngwe ya dikgang tse gongwe di fetileng di ntse di tlhagelela. Kana *the Diamond and Narcotics Squad* fa re ka ela tlhoko, e ne e lebagane le *drugs* le dikgang tsa diteemane, segolobogolo. Jaanong e e tlaabo e lebagane le *drugs* fela, ka fa Tona a neng a re baya pele ka teng. Bone ba ba santseng ba le teng ba lekalana le la *Diamond and Narcotics Squad*, ba tlaabo ba tsewa go bo go dirwa lekalana le le šha le.

E bile sengwe sa dilo tse gongwe Tona o neng a re baya pele, o ne a supa gore, kana ba ba neng ba ntse ba le teng ba *Diamond and Narcotics Squad* ba ne ba ntse ba sa tlhagelele mo makgotlatshekelong. E ne e re fa ba tshwarwa ba bo ba isa dikgang tsa bon e kwa DPP. Jaanong e supa gore, ba re tlaabong re ba tsenya ba, *they can prosecute*. Ba tlaabo ba ithutetse dikgang tse tsotlhe, ba bo ba ka dira dikgang tse tsotlhe e le *investigating officers*. Ke bona go lebagane, ka lebaka la gore kana fa o sekisa, o tlaabo o itse gore gone mme o sekisa ka selo se o se tlhaloganyang le go gaisa. Kana dikgang tse tsa *drugs* tse re buang ka tsone tsa bo motokwane, gompiano jaana fa ke na le Lucas, Kedikilwe fa tlase ga me le nna ke le fa, o bo o fitlhelwa fa tlase ga tafole, re ya go tsewa rotlhe ka boraro re bo re isiwa toronkong, mme Motlotlegi Lucas e le ene a tlileng ka one. Jaanong dikgang tse, fa re na le batho ba ba ithutetseng...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ... (Inaudible)...

MR FRENZEL: Ee, e ntse jalo, ke gore ke leka go go bontsha ka fa e leng gore go ntse ka teng. Gakere o tshwanetse go supa gore ka go reng re re Kedikilwe ke ene mong wa one. Jaanong fa re na le lekalana le le lebaganeng totatota le dikgang tsa go sekaseka le go tlhotlhomisa, re a bo re itse gore Lucas o tshwanetse go tla a senoga mo go rona gore ka go reng re re ke ene mong wa sone. Re bo re boela kwa morago, Lucas a bo a ya go sekela molato wa gagwe. Jaanong go maleba gore re bo re na le lekalana le le lebaneng, le le tlaabong le ka tlhotlhomisa, la tlhodumela gore mmangmang mo molatong ke mang. E seng mo seemong sa gompiano se e tlaareng fa e le gore gongwe ke kwa lelwapeng, gongwe ke na le mosadi, ke na le baeng ba le babedi,

kana ke etetswe ke batho, e bo e re go tllwe go phuruphutshwa re bo re olelwa rotlthe ka jarata. Dilo tsa go tshwana le tseo ke tse molao o o neng o feta o, o ne o babalela le ba gongwe ba a bong ba etile fela, o sa itse gore Hikuama o a bo a rwele eng, mme ke a go rwalwa le ene ke le moeng wa gagwe. Dikgang tsa go tshwana le tse, re tshwanetse gore re dire melao. Maikaelelo a rona ke go dira melao e e babalelang Batswana, e seng go kgoromeletsa Batswana mo ditronkong.

Kgang ya 60g ke sebetse se molangwana, e kare 60g o montsi thata. Ke a kopa Tona gore gongwe o e lebelele, ga se *dizolo* tse di kae, ke mo gotweng o ya go goga lebaka le le kae, ke *sejomba* fela se se tona.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR FRENZEL: Jaanong ga se mo re ka tlang ka gone, ka lebaka la gore o ya go fitlhela mongwe le mongwe a ka tshwara a bo a itse gore *they will be charged* madi. Ke kope Tona gore 60g gongwe re o lebelele sentle, re leke go fokotsa re ye kwa go bo 20g, ka lebaka la gore ra go fitlhela e le gore jaanong...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification!

MR FRENZEL: ...ba gongwe ba...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification!

MR FRENZEL: ...segolobogolo ba ba nnang fa thoko ga diterata tsa sekole ba rekisetsa bana ba dikole, ba ya go felela jaanong re ba fa *chance* ya gore ba nne ba tshwere. Go tshwara gone mo, o bo o fitlhela jaanong go dira gore tiriso ya one e nne kwa godimo. Ke kopa gore gongwe re lebelele selekanyo se re tsileng ka sone, re bone gore re fokotsa ka tsela e e ntseng jang, e le kgang ya go leka go fokotsa tiriso ya one.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification!

MR FRENZEL: O tsile go njela nako jaanong mokaulengwe.

MR HIKUAMA: *Clarification.* Ka gongwe wena o badile sentle, nna ga ke ise ke bale thata, ga ke ise ke goroge, o tlhatswe jaaka o *debate* jaana. Ka *Honourable* Ramaotwana o supa gore kana batho ba, ba itse gore ba ka se ke ba ye kwa ditronkong, ba ka duedisiwa. P10000 yo, fa o badile ba re ba ba sa kgonang go duela P10000 ba dirwa jang, ba tlogelwa fela?

MR FRENZEL: Ke a leboga. Fa o bala *Clause 4 sub-Section 2 (a)* e e supang kgang ya 60g, e supa gore fa e le gore o tlaabo o sa kgonang go duela madi a o a lopilweng a bo P10000 go ya kwa tlase, fa o paletswe go na le *alternatives*, o ka felela o ile toronkong kana fa o le 40 *years and below* wa felelwa o kgwathisiwa.

Maikaelelo a molao o Tona a tlang ka one, le fa gone ke tla ke tsaya gore 60g o montsi thata, ke gore gongwe ditronko tsa rona di se ka tsa tlala ka batho ba ba dirileng melato gongwe e bana ba rona ba neng ba ka baakannngwa. Jaaka ba bua ka *alternatives* tse dingwe tsa *rehabilitation centres*, tse re ka yang go ba baakanya koo, ra ba suga maikutlo gore ba tswe mo go gogeng setlhatshana seo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Motokwane!

MR FRENZEL: Ee, one motokwane o. Jaanong kgang e tona e bo e nna gore, ba ba a bong ba o tshwere bao kana ke mo dikoleng kana ke kae, go na le kwa ba tsayang teng. Se re se itseng mo Botswana, mapodise a rona a dira tiro e ntle thata, *even at the borders* ba dira tiro e ntle thata. Go ya go nna dingalo gore gongwe re tle re tshware batho ba e leng ba mafatshe a kwa ntle. Maabane ke ne ke bala mo nngweng ya dipampiri tsa rona tsa Facebook gotwe, mongwe wa kwa lefatsheng la Tanzania *was charged 40 Thousand* a fitlhetswe ka setlhatshana. O tlaa fitlhela gore ba ba tlang ka one tota, ke ba mafatshe a sele. *They connive* le ba rona mo Botswana, ba tla ba tswa kwa mafatsheng a bo Tanzania, Mozambique le Eswatini. Go bo go nna dingalo gore re tle re ba latele koo, ka gore melao ga e re letle. Jaanong re tshwanetse gore ba rona re ba ipaakanyetse mo lefatsheng la rona, re bone gore re ba baakanya ka tsela e ntseng jang, re ba suga. Bana ba rona mo dikoleng ba tshwanetse gore e re fa ba tshwerwe ba fitlhelwa ka ditlhatshana tseo ka gore ga di letlelelwe, gona le gore ba isiwe kwa ditronkong, a re ba baakanyeng moretlwa o lele. Re tshwanetse ra ipaakanyetsa bana ba rona, ga ba a tshwanela gore ba tswe mo taolong re le teng, molao o le teng re ka o dira. Gona le gore re ba tseye re bo re ya go ba tlatsa kwa ditronkong, ba ya go fetsa dijo koo, ba re okeletsa ditiro tse dintsi, re ka bo re ne re ba ipaakanyeditse kwa ntle ka go ba pega dijabane le go ba bontsha ka fa setlhatshana se sa siamang ka teng, ba bo ba ka siama, ba bo ba ka tsena mo tseleng, ra nna le bana ba gongwe *future* ya bone e ka eletsegang.

Jaanong tota ke a kopa ka tsweetswee Tona, ka lebaka la gore gompieno jaana re wetswe ke seru bana ba goga setlhare se ka tsela e e kwa godimo, re lebelele kgang ya 60g gore a mme ga a montsi thata. Nna matlhare a ke a a nwang a Joko ke 100g, ke ipotsa gore 60g jaanong ke *sejomba* se e leng gore yo o se gogang, o ya go tsaya kgwedi yotlhe a ntse a goga mo teng. Jaanong fokotsa Tona. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE): *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke latlhele la mmotlana mo kopong ya ga Tona. Ke letse ke tthomame ke sutisa e bile ke dumela gore, go lengwa ga ditlhathshana tsa moreomotala go tshwanetse go dirwe ka fa molaong jaaka re dumetse. Ke utlwa Tona yo mongwe letsatsi leno, a tla ka molao o, o ke o boneng sentle. *My biggest challenge* ke gore, *I am from the Christian community, and* ke dumela gore ba batla go utlwa gore ka reng *today*. Ke sengwe se ke tlaabong ke le mo mathateng a matona ka sone.

Molao o, o ka tswa o utlwala o le monate, mme o ka nna wa iphitlhela o le *in favor of the drug lords, because they produce in tons and sell in small sachets, that is how they make billions of monies*. Bana ba rona ba dikole mo ba ka go kgonang ke gone ga *packets*, ba go tshola letsatsi le letsatsi. Fa ba go tshola letsatsi le letsatsi ba go dirisa, ke na le pelaelo ya gore *the drug lords are targeting the schools*, e bile ba ka nna bone *sponsors* tsa go duela *offences* fa di le teng. O bo o fitlhela e le gore *this business* ya *drugs*, e ka kgona go gola e re fitlhela re le 2,300,000 *people*. Fa o lebelela mo 2,300,000 *people* mo lefatsheng la Botswana, batho ba ba tshwereng pereko e e tlhwaafetseng ba ka tshwara 350,000 fela. *The rest of 2,100,000* ba tshela ka khumanego, e bile *they are the target group* ya *drugs lords*. O ka nna wa fitlhela *drug lords* di ka dirisa monyetla o, gore jaanong *distribution* ya rona ya go tswelela, *and from the 40 per cent* ya rona re ya go duela melato, *60 per cent* e tlaabo e le *profit*. Jaanong ke ntsha e le tlhagiso fela gore, re eleng tlhoko dilo tse dingwe re le mo Ntlong e, e e tshephiwang ke mongwe le mongwe, e ba atlang ba re ke *the August House*.

Molao o wa go isa kwa go 60g, o nthaya o re *if I am a businessperson* ke batla *to distribute* go tlhwaafetse, ke gore *products* tsa me tsotlhe ke di dire 60g gore melato

ya teng e tle e nne *light*. Jaanong ke na le bothata jwa gore, *for a very long time* mo Botswana *the drug lords are making money, and they are not being arrested*. Ga ke ise ke bone ope a tshwarwa, ke buile jaaka ke bua jaana mo Dipalamenteng tse di fetileng, gore tota go pala eng gore *drug lords* di tshwarwe ka ke bone ba simololang ba nna le *distribution points*. Ke belaela gore fa o lebeletse re ntse re tswelletse, *point of sales* tsa *drug lords* di ka nna tsa oketsega fa ba lebelela kgang e.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MOSWAANE: Mma ke name ke go file.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Point of clarification.* Ke a dumedisisa *Mr Speaker*. Ka boikokobetso, ke kope o mphetise fa mogolole gore a mme gone jaaka o bua le nna tota ke dumela, a o kile wa bona *drug lord* fela ka matlho sentle? Kitso ya gagwe e sa bereke sentle jaaka ya bana ba dikole, kana ya bana ba rona? Ke gore e sa bereke go supa gore motho yo le ene, totatota dilo tse di a mmolaya kana di bolaya bana ba rona fela. Ke batla go itse gone foo fela.

MR MOSWAANE: Go tewa motho yo o botlhale thata, mohumi wa dinaledi. E bile ga a ka ke a nna le mathata a o nang le one, modirisi wa tsone. Ke jaaka o utlwa kwa mafatsheng a sele ba alolwa ka ditlhobolo. Ke sone se ke reng, ke gakologelwa gore re na le ngwana yo mongwe kwa mafatsheng yo o tshwerweng, a dirisitswe ke *drug lords*. E bile o ka nna a latlhelgelwa ke botshelo kana jang fela.

Ke tsamaile lebaka le le leele ke ruta efangele ya ga *Jesus Christ*, ke eme kगतलhanong le tiriso nngwe le nngwe ya nnotagi. Fa o simolola fela o bedisa, ke simolola go lwa le wena. Fa o dira mogetlo o ntse o o duba, ke simolola go lwa le wena. Fa o *pack in a tin*, ke simolola go lwa le wena. Fa o simolola o isa kwa *distribution point*, ke simolola go lwa le wena fa o le motho wa nnotagi. Fa o setse o ya go nwa, ke ka nna ka e raga e le mo molomong wa gago. Ke supa gore *I am against consumption of alcohol and drugs. Today I am very, very sorry and* ke rapela ka leina la Modimo yo o tshedileng. Ke a utlwa gore la re dikgolegelo di tletse. *Let us address where the problem is because by reducing* kana *increasing* to 60 grams, *we are not solving the problem* ya go tlala ga dikgolegelo. *Most of the distributors* ba ma60 grams, ke

bone ba ba humanegileng ba ba kwa tlase, *and they will fail to pay. If they pay, they will be sponsored by the drug lord* gore, “monna, o itse tiro mo go maswe, fa ke ka go lesa wa ya kgolegelong, ke ya go nna le mathata.” Ke tlhaloganya maikano le maikemisetsa. Ke na le pelaelo ya gore jaaka re le lefatshe, re tshwanetse re ka bo re lwela gompiano gore re age *the rehabilitation centres* tse di padileng *for more than 58 years*.

Rehabilitation centre ya rona ya Botswana go tewa kwa *mental hospital, that is not the right place*. Fa motho a na le maikutlo a go dirisa dilo tse tsa *drugs*, a santse maikutlo a teng a le kwa tlase, fa gongwe ga re a alafiwe a se kwa *mental*, a bonelwa kwa go siameng teng. *I recall at some stage the Honourable Speaker* o ne a ntse a lwela gore mo nakong e ntsi, a re, a re ntsheng batho. Re se ka ra lebaganya batho gore ba ye fela kwa *mental hospitals* tse di tshwanang le tse di kwa Lobatse kana kaekae. *By then, the Minister* o ne a tilhalosa ka gore go tlaa baakannwa ya Serowe. Ga ke ise ke utlwalele gore e fa kae mo nakong ya gompiano e leng Sekgoma Hospital.

Bagaetsho, ke le nosi fela, ke tlaabo ke eme fa gare ga kgang e ka ntata ya gore *I represent the Christian community. I am not going to allow any* Motswana, ke mo neele sebaka sa gore o ne o ntse o tsaya 20 grams, jaanong o ka tsaya 60 grams. Ga ke ka ke ka e dumela e ntse jalo *because* bana ba rona ba ba tsalwang gompiano, *60 per cent of the youth, they are carrying 60 grams everyday and they are being destroyed*. Ga ba na *future at all*. Jaanong *in the best interest of our youth, and our children*, ba ba tsalwang mo nakong ya gompiano, ke a itse gore re kopisa kwa mafatsheng a a tlhabologileng. O tlaa fitlhela e le gore batho ba teng ba tshela matshelo a a botoka, kwano re bua ka *80 per cent of the population* e e tshelang khumanego. E e ka nnang ya raelwa ke go rekisa sengwe le sengwe jaaka go ntse go tswelsetse go rekisiwa jaana. Ka jalo, ke dumela go ka bo go ntse go tlogetswe fa go neng go le teng, *if it was just an existence*. Go oketsa *to 60 grams will also increase the chances* tsa gore *some people may take advantage of that, and* ba bo ba tsweledisa ba godisa dikgwebo tsa bone e leng *drug lords*.

Ke a utlwa gore go na le mabaka a gore re dirile molao maabane o o rileng, mme fela *60 grams is too much*. *If* o e nneela ke ntse jaana *going for lunch*, ke bo ke e

dirisa ke ntse ke itse gore ke tlile go tshwarwa, ke ya go tsena mo mathateng a go nna le botagwa le go tselwa maikutlo a a siameng. Ke sone seemo sa *to possess the 60 grams*. Nna mo dikatlholong, ke ka bo ke re, a e tswelele fela e ntse e le kwa godimo katlholo ya teng fa e le gore le ntsha *prison*, a motho a duele a a kwa godimo ao, go leka go fokotsa. *Thank you*.

MR BAGAISAMANG (SHOSHONG): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. *I wish to rise on Standing Order 55.1, so that we call the mover to reply to the debate. Thank you*.

Question put and agreed to.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, please reply to your colleagues.

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MS MOPHUTING): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Murmurs)...

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, a ko le reetse *Minister*.

MS MOPHUTING: Ke tseye nako e, go leboga batlotlegi. Ke gatelele gore “mafoko a Kgotla a mantle otlhe.” Ke ne ke tsere gore *Honourable* Hikuama, tsala ya me, e ka bo e le ene wa ntlha go emelela a ema nokeng *Motion* o. Ke tshabile motho, ke tshabile tsala ya me.

Legale *Honourable* Kapinga, ke kopa go simolola ka wena. *Advice* ya gago *honourable* ya *separation, is very well noted*, le dikgakololo tsa gago fela tsotlhe ke a di amogela. Mo kgannyeng e o neng o e bua ya *duplicity*, ke kopa go go rurifaletsa gore *Government* gone jaanong *we are currently reorganising similar functions across ministries* tsa rona fela tsotlhe, *rest assured* *honourable* gore kgang ya *duplicity* will be resolved within this exercise. *What you touched on* ka ya DEA as earlier stated, gakere re ne ra bua gore *it is established under Section 27 of the Illicit Traffic and Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act*. O buile thata gape ka kgang ya *structure* *Honourable* Kapinga, *I think* DG tota fela e ne e se ka mokgwa ope, *he was not trying to evade* karabo eo. *It might have just been a slip*.

DEA e teng e ya tshela, *it is currently housed* kwa the former Ministry of Justice and Defence. Jaaka ke ne ke

supa kgantele, *it is headed by the Director General* a na le bathusi ba gagwe ba ba bararo. *Deputies tsa gagwe ke wa Operations, Intelligence and Public Education, and just other numerous officers. So, structure se teng se a tshela, DEA e teng e a tshela, and as the Ministry for State President, we are currently in the exercise ya go hira even more staff jalojalo honourable.*

O boditse gore *are we allowing people... to borrow your words, "go ja motokwane," if it is under 60 grams?* Ke tsaya gore *Minister Ramaotwana* o e arabile ka botlalo le ka botswapelo. *We are not saying that gotlhelele, that is not what we are saying as Government. We are not after the drug addicts per say, we are after the drug dealers Honourable Kapinga, and unapologetically, we are going after them. Kgang e ya diritibatsi in this country e tsera phekelo e sele, e e leng gore rotlhe fela re ka dumalana in this House that re na le seabe to ensure that this cannot go on. You have a neighbor, o a itse gore o nna in a big house, go na le suspicious activity, kana o na le ngwana yo e leng gore behavior ya gagwe e erratic, it is your duty to report. So, mme fela...*

MR MAPULANGA: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke go leboge *Honourable Minister.* Ke ne ke re gongwe o leke go wela sentle mo dikgannyeng thata tse o reng *we are now going after the drug lords.* Kana *Mr Speaker,* o tlaa gakologelwa gore fa re simolola, *the presentation* e ne e re *cannabis sativa in one of the Bills, promoted* thata as *hemp,* mme maabane fa re setse re wela, *it was strictly* fela e re *cannabis.* Gompiano fa pele ga rona *Honourable Minister* re beilwe *Bill* ya *legalization of use of these drugs.* Fela fa o lebile *Honourable Minister,* *if you were to do a referendum,* re emelela fa re re re ye kwa Dikgotleng re ye go bolelela bagolo gore re batla go bulela gore jaanong yo o gogang mme a se ka a fetisa selekanyetso, o *anticipate* gore mo maikutlong a bone le go go fetola...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Murmurs)...

MR MAPULANGA: *Legalization* fa o rile *less than 60 grams...*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Murmurs)...

MR MAPULANGA: Possession whether legalization, you are legalizing the possession...

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, *mo reetseng.*

MR MAPULANGA: Mma ke boele kwa go *Minister.* *If you were to do a referendum* ya gore mme re letlelela fela gore re bo re go tshwara ka motsoko o o *less than 60 grams,* o dumela gore *if you were to anticipate,* reply ya Batswana *from Dikgotla,* e ya go nna ka tsela e e ntseng jang? Jaaka gompiano re bua ka kgang yone e ya gore jaanong re nne re letlelela gore fa re go tshwara, mme re se ka ra go tshwara ka motsoko kana ka bokete jo bo fetang *this 60 grams.*

MS MOPHUTING: Sa ntlha fela *Honourable Mapulanga,* ke kopa go gatelela kgang nngwe fa, ga re a re *60 grams is not an offence, that is not absolutely what we are saying.* Se re se buang ke gore *60 grams* fa o e tshwere, *you will be arrested, but it is punishable by P10,000, the only difference is you will not go to prison.* Ke gore kgang e ke le kang go e gatelela ke gore *yes, I did use those words that we are unapologetically going after drug dealers.* Go tshwana fela le wena *Honourable Mapulanga* fa e le gore o na le ngwana, *and ngwana yoo wa gago may be ill,* bolwetse joo ke jone jo e leng gore *you want to help remove from that child.* Ga o na go betsa ngwana yoo *to try to beat out that illness.* So, ga re rate...

MR MAPULANGA: *Procedure.* Ga ke itse gore mafoko a ga *Minister* a a reng, *"you will not go to prison,"* o ka a *verify, because* se se supang fa ke *alternative,* o ka nna wa atholwa madi kana *alternatively* wa neelwa *3 years.* So, fa a re ga o ye kwa *prison,* kana yo o reeditse ga a le kwa lwapeng o dumela gore gongwe o bua molao, mme ka fa dikwalo tsa gagwe ka kwano ga go tsamaelane sentle. Gongwe o ka baakanya seo.

MR SPEAKER: *Correct it Honourable Minister.* O e lebeletse mo *Clause* mang *Honourable Mapulanga?*

MR MAPULANGA: *Fa o ya mo go Clause 4, o bo o e bala mo go 1(a) ya re,* "A person who is in a possession of any preparation containing cannabis other than a medicinal product or other than for research purpose, commits an offence, and is liable to a fine not exceeding P20,000 or a term of imprisonment not exceeding three years," *Jaanong ke ne ke utlwa ene a re fa re go tshwara gompiano ka bone bo 60 ga o ye toronkong. Ke sone ke neng ke re...*

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, bala 2 (a).

MR MAPULANGA: *Kana fa o ya kwa 2(a), “A person who contravenes Sub-section (1) in relation to the possession of 60 grams or less cannabis, commits an offence, and is liable to a fine not exceeding 10 years, or may...*

MR SPEAKER: P10,000, ga go na 10 years foo.

MR MAPULANGA: “P10,000 or may be subjected to any alternative to imprisonment as may be prescribed.” “May be subjected,” *e raya go re o ka nna a ya toronkong, mme ene o ne a re ga o ye toronkong.*

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Mapulanga, e le gore o bala jang?

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Murmurs)...

MR SPEAKER: 2(b).

MR MAPULANGA: Mma re bale *Clause* yotlhe go tswa kwa go 4(a).

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)...

MR MAPULANGA: “The possession referred to in Sub-section 2(a) shall be deemed to be a low-level possession and a person who is found in a possession shall not be imprisoned...”

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ... (Inaudible)...

MR MAPULANGA: Re ka tswelala ka yone...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ... (Inaudible)...

MR MAPULANGA: *No*, ga e a felela.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ... (Inaudible)...

MR MAPULANGA: 2(c), “notwithstanding any provided for in this Act or any other written law, a Drug Enforcement Officer shall serve on a person reasonably suspected to have committed an offence in terms of Section 2 (a)...” *Gakere 2(a) ke yone e ne e re*, “a notice in a form as may be prescribed charging the person to pay a fine in relation to an offence within 21 days after receipt of the offence.”

2(d), a person referring in Sub-section 2(c) shall be subjected to a mandatory rehabilitation programme as may be prescribed.

2(e), where a person referred to in Sub-section 2(c) fails to pay a fine, such person shall be subject to any other alternative to imprisonment as may be prescribed.”

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Alternatively.

MR MAPULANGA: *Gakere alternative* ke yone ya P10,000 fa e le gore ga go na P10,000 ke *imprisonment*.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Murmurs)...

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Member*, gongwe o e bale o iketlile o ntse fa fatshe. *Ke ne ke tsaya gore o tlaa e thaloganya ka gore ke wena o neng o e bala ka gore ya re*, “that person shall be subjected to any other alternative to imprisonment.” *Ke gore* this is a penalty other than imprisonment *fa e le gore* you have failed to pay the fine. So *ke tsaya gore* it is clear, it is clarified. *Erroneously go raya gore o ne o akanya gore go tewa gore* if you cannot pay, then you go to prison. No!

MS MOPHUTING: *Ke a leboga*. Maybe also go *thusa* the Honourable Member *ka* speed, Honourable Mapulanga, alternatives *tse re di buang tse* will be provided for *mo* regulations.

Ke kopa go feta fela ka amendment of Section 4 of the Act to just perhaps have a look at it and study it but *ke tlaa nopola* very quickly, “the possession referred to in Sub-Section 2(a) shall be deemed to be a low-level possession and a person who is found in such possession shall not be imprisoned.” So *fela jaaka ke ne ke bua*, it is provided for and *o ka ya* to study a bit further on that tonight.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): *Elucidation. Thank you, Mr Speaker. Thank you Minister.* Ke ne ke re e re fa o ntse o e tlhatswa jaaka o e tlhatswa bontle jalo, o bo o supa gore ga se gore go buletswe gore jaanong o ka a ja motokwane wa 60g *and less* jaaka *Honourable* Mapulanga a ne a batla go e baya. Se se diragalang ke gore, go tlaabo go ntse go le molato. Ke gore ga o na go ya toronkong *just like that* jaaka pele, go na le *option* ya gore o ka duedisiwa. Ke molato, ga se gore re buletse gore jaanong o ka a ja motokwane fa o o tshwere ka *box-nyana ya matches*. Tanki.

MR MOSANANA: *Clarification. Thank you, Mr Speaker.* Tanki *Minister*. Kana melato e mengwe e e

ntseng jaana fa o sa kgone go ya toronkong ka bogodi kana o le monnye, o tsena fela fa Kgotleng o neelwa tse four o bo o tswa o tsamaya. *I thank you.*

MS MOPHUTING: Ee rra, mme ke a utlwa *honourable*. Ya bofelo fela gore e se ka ya nna o kare ga ke tseye batho ba kgaolo ya gago tsia, ke ba tsaya tsia tota. O ne o boditse *Honourable* Mapulanga gore o tlaa ba raya o re reng kwa Dikgotleng? Ke kopa gore o ba tlhalosetse, *and I will come personally as* gore re le Puso ya UDC, *we take the fight very seriously* ya diritibatsi *in this country*. So fa re dira melao e e ntseng jaana, re akanyeditse bana ba rona le bokamoso jwa bone. So ke tlaa tla go go thusa go tla go tlhalosa dikgang tse sentle fela *honourable*. Ke a leboga.

MR MAPULANGA: *Procedure. She is misquoting*, ke ne ke re *what did you anticipate if you were to go on a referendum* kwa setšhabeng *regarding this Bill* e e fa pele ga rona?

MR SPEAKER: O ka bo o mmaakanyeditse fela.

MS MOPHUTING: Ke kopa go tabogela *to the next one*, but point noted.

Honourable Ookeditse, ke lebogela *observation* e o e dirileng kgantele fa o bua *honourable*. Jaaka ke ntse ke bua gore e kgang tota e *personal*, *and I do have a passion for* dikgang tse di ntseng jaana, *particularly* ka gore ke a itse gore thomo ya me *is centred more towards the poor and vulnerable*. Jaaka *Honourable* Ramaotwana a sa tswa go tlhalosa, *the prisons are inundated* ka just Bills, e le gore motho fela o bonwe ka *possession* ya grams tse di rileng *but the real perpetrators* re itse gore ke ba ba rekisang diritibatsi tseo, *but they just go around willy-nilly continuing to cause the damage that they are causing through selling drugs in this country*. Ke ne ke bua kgantele ka gore *what we are after is not so much the child but more the illness that is plucking the child*. So ke a leboga *Minister for* kakgelo ya gago, *it is well noted*.

Honourable Morolong, le wena *my neighbour* le tsala ya me, *suggestions* tsa gago tota re a di amogela e bile *I have noted them*. Ya *public education* e o neng o bua ka yone e botlhokwa *and you are spot on*. *I am actually pleased to announce, though perhaps it is a bit premature, that we are actually at an advanced stage* *Minister* Mohwasa, *myself* le Director General (DG) *and*

other stakeholders go dira *like a nationwide campaign*. *In fact, campaign* eo e ka bo e simologile *if not the fact that* re ne re le *inundated* ka tsa Palamente e ya mariga. *So public education, you also touched on it* *Honourable* Kapinga, *rest assured* gore re mo go yone. E bile ke a go laletsa gore *kindly be part of that campaign*, e re re ntse re tsamaya jaana fa ke go laletsa gore ke kopa gore o re pate, o se ka wa nkgana.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ... (Inaudible)...

MS MOPHUTING: Ee rra o ntumele, ka mabaka a re leng mo go one a.

Honourable Ramaotwana, ke ntse ke go boka thata ka gore *you really hit the nail on the head* ka *points* tsa gago *Minister*. O ne wa bua, *you emphasised* kgang fela e ke neng ke e bua ya gore 60g ga re re *is not an offence*.

Honourable Frenzel, re utlwile kgang ya 60g gore a ga re kgone go e lebelela re fokotsa *maybe* re re 20g. Nnyaa, re tlaa nna fa fatshe re e sekaseka kgang ya gago *but your comments, concerns and your suggestions* ke a di amogela. Re tlaa bona gore re ithulaganya jang, re dira jang *so we can find common ground on that one*.

Re ne ra fetsa ka *Honourable* Moswaane. *We noted* *Minister*. *All your points, questions and concerns well noted*, ke a di amogela. Dikgakololo fela tsa Ntlo e yotlhe, *I try to address the very pressing ones*, e se gore ga ke a re tse dingwe *are not pressing, but* tse di neng di lebelega o kare tota, *let me try to relieve the other Members of maybe stress* sa gore fa Bill e e feta mme go santse go na le *these questions that we have*, ke tsone tse ke lekileng *to focus* mo go tsone. *I noted* sengwe le sengwe se le neng le se gakolola mo Ntlong e bakaulengwe. Pelo ya me e tshweu tota *because over and above concerns* tsa lona gore mme *we were not able to properly scrutinise* Bill e. *We have therefore, not been able to do justice to responding to debate* ya gago, *you still stood up, you supported*, le buile mafatlha a lona. *Subsequently, ke tsaya* gore *we all spoke with one voice that we have a problem in this country, that each and every single Member and person under the sound of my voice* ba batla gore *something must be done*. *This is just a first step*, ke *entry* fela. Re le Puso ya UDC *we are not saying that we are the all-knowing and all wise*, re amogela dikgakololo tsa lona, *your concerns, advices and voices they matter*. *Each and every single thing that*

you have said to me, I have noted like I said, I have taken it to heart.

Where we can fix, we will, mme fela subsequently ke gore re age setšhaba se. Fatshe leno gakere ke la rona, e bile ke mpho ya Modimo. Honourable Members, ke a le leboga, a Modimo a le segofatse. Thank you.

I therefore move that Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (No. 26 of 2025) be read a second time.

Question put and **agreed to.**

Committee - **Forthwith.**

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE

(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)

ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025 (NO. 26 OF 2025)

MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! Honourable Members, please note that the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (No. 26 of 2025) has 13 Clauses. No amendments have been noticed and I shall therefore call the Clauses in groups.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Procedure.* Ke a go leboga *Mr Chairperson*, ke ne ke kopa gore re tsenye *notice ya amendment* mo *Clause 33* go *add* fela *the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) wa the National Cannabis Control Authority* mo *the board membership.* E nnyenyanyana fela.

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Clause* mang?

DR DIKOLOTI: *Clause 33, mo membership of the board.*

MR CHAIRPERSON: Go raya gore o emele gore re tsene gone foo. Ke 33 gakere?

DR DIKOLOTI: Ee rra, 33, mo *membership of board.*

MR CHAIRPERSON: 33, ke raya gore re tlaa goroga kwa go yone.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ee rra, gakere o ne o re *without amendment*, ke tle ke go *notice* fela gore tlaa nna le...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Do you move the amendment or *mong wa Chapter o tlaa e* move?

DR DIKOLOTI: O tlaa e *move.*

MR CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Order! Order! Honourable Members, the question is that Clauses 1 to 10 stand part of the Bill.

MR KAPINGA: *I had called for procedure Mr Chair.* Ke ne ke re ke go kope gore e rile o bua o bo o re *no amendments have been noticed.* Jaanong ke ipotsa gore ka *Bill* ke gone e ntseng e feta *Second Reading* gone jaana, o ne o raya *amendments* re di tsenya leng? Ke a tshwenyega gore o kare lebelo la gago le tlaa nna letona thata mo *Mr Chair.* Ke kopa gore o emise gone fa, re ye *lunch*, re ye go leka go bona gore yo o nang le *amendments* a di baakanye, re tlaa tla re di tsenya fela kgantele *Mr Chair.* *We appreciate the need for productivity*, mme fela mo ke *moghwazo* fela o o sa siamang. Ke a leboga *Mr Chair.*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Kapinga, let us look at Standing Order 77.2, "Notice of amendments proposed to be moved to a Bill shall be given no later than the day before that in which the Bill is to be considered in Committee; and, except for the leave of the Chairperson, no amendment for which notice is not be so given may be moved to a Bill. So, *le a itse, ke tsamaiso ya lona ya gore* you can move the amendments on the floor. It is not something new, it is something that we have been doing.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Further procedure.* Tanki *Mr Chair.* Kana Standing Order se o se balang se bua ka *under normal circumstances*, mo ga se *normal circumstances.* *Bill* ke gone e gorogang letsatsi leno phakela. *So, bo 24 hours*, bo eng, ga go *apply totally.* E goroga *on urgent basis.* Ke gone a e fetsang gone gompieno. *So, le ene o ya go tla ka amendments* jaaka ba ntse ba *caucus* jaana. Ke sone se *Honourable Kapinga* a se buang gore re kope *your indulgence in terms of leave from your discretion so that* botoka re fiwe *lunch hour* re leke go *consult*, go tlisa *amendments Mr Chair; that is all we are asking for.* Thank you.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Order! Order! Honourable Members, *nnyaa mme ke a le utlwa ka gore gongwe le e okomele le bone gore go na le fa kae fa le ka e tokafatsang teng*. But what also makes your line of argument persuasive, *ke gone gore* it also appears but even the proponents of the Bill seek to make some amendments. So, *e lebeleleng* Honourable Members, *mme jaaka ke ne ke bua, le itse gore* amendments can be made from the floor. So even *le fa re boa ka 2, re bo re ya* to Committee at a time that we will go for Committee, you can still rise wherever you are and seek leave to make amendments. Okay. Standing Order 26.2, let us adjourn for lunch.

PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED AT 1:00 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR

PROCEEDINGS RESUMED AT 2:00 P.M.

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): *A re tseyeng manno a rona batlotlegi*. Order! Order! Honourable Members, let us start the business of this afternoon with questions. Today is Thursday and you know that on Thursdays we have themed questions to the Leader of the House. Honourable Leader of the Opposition, Honourable Dumelang Saleshando.

LEADER OF THE HOUSE'S QUESTION TIME

THEME: RETURNING OF A PIECE OF LAND WITHIN THE OKAVANGO DELTA BY GOVERNMENT

Asked the Leader of the House if Government will return a piece of land that was taken from the Tawana Land Board, within the Okavango Delta, by the previous Government. The Minister should state the full reasons for their position, in the event Government does not plan to return the land.

MR D. SALESHANDO (MAUN NORTH): Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Potso gompieno ke e e itebagantseng le Moeteledipele wa Ntlo jaaka o tlhalositse. Ke batla a tlhalosa se Puso e e ikaelelang go se dira ka tshwetso e e neng e tserwe ke Goromente yo o fetileng, e e neng ba tsere bontlha bongwe jwa lefatshe mo teng ga makgobokgobo a Okavango, ba a tsaya ba a isa gore a ye go nna ka fa tlase ga Ofisi ya ga Tautona.

Ba a tsaya ba ne ba ntse ba itse gore fa go ile go kopiwa kwa khanseleng jaaka molao o supa gore go tshwanetse go dirwe jalo, Khansele ya Bokone Bophirima ya nako eo, e ne e sa dumalana, go tserwe e le moka ka dikgoka. E le tshwetso ya Puso e sa rekegele gore beng ba kgaolo ba reng. Fa re botsa dipotso mo Palamenteng, mo Pusong e e fetileng, ba ne ba supa gore maikaelelo ke gore ba felela ba dirisa lefelo leo e le la boikhutso, kwa Tautona a ka itapologang teng le baeng ba gagwe.

Fa ke buisa diphuthego tsa Kgotla kwa kgaolong, kopo ya batho ba kgaolo e ke e emetseng ke gore a lefatshe le, le ka busiwa ka Puso e e fetileng e le tsere go se na morero le gore fa le sa le buse, ke ka mabaka afe gore le bo le sa busediwe kgaolo ya rona, ya nna bontlha bongwe jwa lefatshe le le tlaabong le laolwa ke Tawana Land Board. Ke a leboga

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Moeteledipele wa Kganetso mo Palamenteng.

Karabo ka bokhutshwane ke gore Puso e ne ya tsaya lefatshe le le kwa makgobokgobong le e neng e le 22.029 *hectares* le le neng le le kwa NG/28 mo Moremi Game Reserve, mme le tsenelela ka sekidinyana mo NG/21. Lefatshe le, le ne la tsewa ke Puso e le Abelwa ke Lekgotla la Kabo Ditsha la goo Tawana ka tsamaiso ya Section 32 of the Tribal Land Act CAP 32:02. Ka jalo, Puso e ne e tsere lefatshe le ka fa molaong. Fa go ntse jalo, Goromente ga a na maikaelelo a go busetsa lefatshe le kwa go ba *land board* ka Puso e ne e le filwe ke ba *land board* e bile go sena mabaka ape a a tlamang mo nakong ya gompieno gore lefatshe le busediwe kwa go ba *land board*. Mabaka le maikaelelo a go bo go ne go kopiwa lefatshe le, le gore ke eng lefatshe le ka se ka la busediwa, ke tlaa tla ke a tlhalosa fa ke ntse ke tswelletse le karabo.

Go ya ka Tribal Land Act, go ne ga rerisanwa le Khansele ya North West le ba *land board*, ba tlhalosediswa fa go na le maikaelelo a go tsaya lefatshe le *on the 9th April 2021*. Khansele e ne ya fiwa sebaka sa go buisana ka kgang e, go supa matshwenyego le gore ba a ise kwa go ba Tawana Land Board.

Go ne ga nna le morero le Bogosi ka di 25 tsa ga *May 2021*. Morago ra morero o, Tawana Land Board ya sekaseka kopo e mo phuthegong ya yone e e neng e

tsene ka di 22 tsa ga *June* 2021, e bo e tsaya tshwetso ya gore e fe Puso lefatshe le ka fa tsamaisong ya molao o ke ntseng ke o bua wa Tribal Land, o o fang *land board* dithata tsa gore e itseele ditshwetso ka boyone e sa kgopakgopediwe.

Ka tlhaloso e Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, go tlaabo go sa siama gore re re lefatshe le le ne la tsewa *from* Tawana Land Board e se ka fa tsamaisong. *Land Board* ka boyone ga e a boela morago kana ga e a gana kopo ya Puso ya go e neela lefatshe morago ga gore e lebelele mabaka otlhe a a neng a beilwe a go tsaya lefatshe leo, ba bo ba a kala le mabaka a a neng a ntshitswe ke Khansele ya Bokone Bophirima le maikutlo a a neng a ntshiwa ke ba Bogosi. Ke sone se Tawana Land Board e neng ya ntsha setlankana sa lefatshe e se neela Puso.

Maikaelelo ke gore lefatshe leo le dirisiwe e le *a Presidential resort*. E se Goromente fela, batho ba ba nang le bokgoni ba ka letlelelwa go ya go ikhutsa koo, mme e bile se se ka thusa thata mo go godiseng bojanala mo kgaolong ele. E bile re dumela gore lefelo la go nna jalo le tlaabo le ipaakantse gore le ka nna boetelo jwa batho ba mo gae le ba ba tswang kwa mafatsheng a mangwe re lebeletse fa le beilweng teng, lehumo la tikologo ya kgaolo eo.

Mo nakong ya gompieno, Goromente o setse a le mo seemong se se fa pelenyana sa go dirisa lefatshe le jaaka ke tlhalositse. Jaanong go tlaabo go sa nna sentle gore mo nakong e re bo re ka boela kwa morago. Jaaka ke tlhalositse, Goromente o tlaa tshwaragana le ba ba nang le madi le *the private sector* go dira lefelo le, go le tlisa mo seemong se le ka okang batho ba ba tswang kwa ntle ba ba nang le madi, go ka etela koo, go ka tokafatsa bojanala. Godimo ga moo, le go tlamela batho ba kgaolo eo ditiro.

Se ke sa se buang gape ke gore fa re setseng re le teng, go busetsa lefelo le kwa morago go ka ama le *investor confidence*, re lebeletse ka dipuisanyo tse re ntseng re supa maikaelelo a go leka go tlhabolola lefelo la go nna jalo.

Se sengwe se ke neng ke re ke se tlhalose ke gore ga go na mabaka a a utlwalang a gore lefatshe le le busediwe kwa go ba *land board* ka gore jaaka ke tlhalositse, fa godimo ga go oka bajanala, ga go na phetogo mo tirisong

ya lefatshe, maikaelelo ke gore le dirisiwe e le lefelo la bojanala ka fa e leng gore le setse le le *zoned* ka teng.

Se sengwe ke gore re tlhologanye gore santlha lefatshe fa le ya go tsewa, le ne le tseelwa eng, mme e bile le ne la fiwa go se na go gobelega ope. Tla ke tlhalose gore go ne ga nna le tsheko ya ga Lekopanye Mokobela le ba bangwe ba ba neng ba sekisa Tawana Land Board le Office of the President. *Case* eo e ne ya tsena kwa Maun Land Tribunal e le gore ba ganana le gore Puso e fiwe lefatshe, ba re go sekasekwe tshwetso eo. Tshwetso ya *Land Tribunal* e ne ya ntshiwa ka di 22 tsa ga *March* 2022. Lekopanye Mokobela le ba bangwe ba ne ba re go sekasekiwe tshwetso ya go neela Puso lefatshe, ba tlhalosa gore ba ne ba na le kgalhego mo lefatsheng le, e bile ba kile ba le ikopela, mme *Land Tribunal* ya supa gore ga go na sepe se se supang se se ba amanyang ka tsela epe le lefatshe la go nna jalo. Ba ne ba bua gore lefatshe la go nna jalo, le ne le kile la dirisiwa ke bo rramogologolwane ba bone. Jaaka re itse lefatshe fa le le fa, le tshwerwe ke ba *land board* le le tshwaretse morafe. Go tlaabo go siame gore ke tlhalose gore, ba ne ba tlhalosa ba raya *Land Tribunal* ba re, pele fa Puso e kopa lefatshe, ba ne ba ikopetse setsha se ka di 30 tsa ga *April*, mme *land board* e ne e neetswe mokwalo wa go ba sekisa ka di *nine* tsa ga *April*, mme kgang e ne e tsene ka di 11 tsa ga *April*. Ka bokhutshwane ba ne ba ikopela morago ga gore tsheko ya bone e bo e seyo ba sena go ikuela. *At the time* e ba neng ba ikuela le *land board* e neela Puso setsha, ba ne ba ise ba ikopele setsha sa go nna jalo.

Le tlaa gakologelwa bagaetsho gore, mo kgaolong ya Kgagodi, Moremi, Lesenepole, Tamasane, go ne ga ikopelwa setsha ke kompone nngwe e e neng e batla go dira *airport* koo ya go rwala dithoto, mme e ne ya fiwa setsha sa 10, 000 *hectares*. Morafe o ne wa supa matshwenyego, e bile ba supa ka fa e leng gore go tsaya lefatshe leo ga Puso go tlaa ama matshelo a bone ka teng. Lefatshe leo le dirisiwa mo masimo gape le dirisiwa kwa merakeng, e bile fa godimo ga moo go supa gore go na le kamano mo matshelong a batho. E ne ya re fa go sena go lebelelwa tse, Puso ya tsaya tshwetso ya go fudusa tiro ya go nna jalo e e isa go sele ka gore, e ne e ama batho ba kgaolo eo. E bile e ne e le gore e ntsha lefatshe mo bathong, le ne le sa tsamaelane le tiriso e e neng e le teng pele ga foo. Ke baya sekai se e le go supa gore, Goromente wa lefatshe la Botswana

o ntse o tswelletse ka go tsaya ditshwetso tse di amang matsshelo a batho.

Mo kgannyeng ya Okavango Delta, ga go na bangwe ba *direct allocation* e amang *land rights* tsa bone ka go bo go tserwe lefatshe la go nna jalo. Ka nako ya tshwetso e e tsewa, *lease* ya lefatshe le jaaka ke ne ke tlhalositse, e ne e tsaya bontlha bongwe ja NG/21 e e leng gore mo nakong e e ne setse e le *expired*. *Therefore*, ga go na ope yo o ka reng go tserwe lefatshe la ga ope mo kabong e ya lefatshe. Dikai tse ka bobedi di supa maikaelelo a Puso a ke a tlhalositseng, e bile di supa gore... jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa, kwa Okavango ga go na ope yo o latlhegetsweng ke tiriso ya lefatshe. Jaanong fa e le kwa Kgagodi, ke supa gore ba ba neng ba le foo, ba ne ba supa ka fa kabo eo e neng e ama matsshelo a bone.

Kwa bokhutlong Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke tlhalose gore, go na le mabaka a mabedi a ke a tlhalositseng a gore Goromente ga a na maikaelelo a go busa lefatshe le motlotlegi a buang ka lone. La ntlha ka gore, ga go na *community* epe e e foo e e ka reng ditshwanelo tsa bone tsa lefatshe di amilwe ke kabo eo ya lefatshe. E bile go tshwanelwa ke gore tshwanelo ya bone mo lefatsheng leo e busetswe kwa go bone. Sa bobedi, Goromente o na le maikaelelo a go dirisa lefatshe le gore le kgone go dirisiwa *for* ditlhabololo tse di tlaa re amang rotlhe mo lefatsheng la Botswana, e bile di tokafatsa le seemo sa bojanala mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR SALESHANDO: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Gongwe ke simolole fela ka go supa gore ke swabile nko go feta molomo ka Puso e e ntsha, go bo e tla ka mabaka a re neng re a beilwe ke Puso e kgologolo. Mabaka otlhe a a ntshitsweng ke Puso e kgologolo, Puso e ntsha e ikamanya le one. Ke tlhalosetse Tona Rre Mohwasa gore, a bo a bua gore go ne go setswe ditsamaiso tsotlhe morago, Khansele e ganne, jaaka ke ne ke buile. *Land board* e ne e se gore e a dumalana, e ne e neelwa taelo, mme jaaka re itse, Puso e kgologolo e ne e tsentsa batho ba yone kwa *land board*. *There was collusion between BDP, Executive* le ba *land board* ba ba hirilweng, mo e neng ya re ke le moemedi wa kgaolo ke na le Rre Kekgonegile le ene a emetse kgaolo, le Mapalamente a mangwe go tswa gone kwa, ra ya go botsa *land board* gore ke eng le ntshitse lefatshe? Ba ganne go bua, kgang

e tile fela mo Palamenteng fa re ntsha dipotso. Jaanong ke re, a go a go itumedisa Rre Mohwasa, go bo Puso ya gago e tswaledisa maikaelelo a a neng a simolotswe ke *party* ya Domkrag ka ditshwetso tse di neng di sa tsewa ka morero? Se re bolelele gore molao o ne o setswe morago, ra re go ne go sena morero, batho ba rona ba sa dumalane. A o a nyenya mo letsatsing la gompiano, pelo ya gago e tshweu go bona UDC e batla go akola ditsela tse di fapogileng tsa *party* ya Domkrag? Ke potso ya ntlha.

Potso ya bobedi ke gore, wa re le batla go aga *Presidential resort* jaaka Domkrag e ne e batla, *Presidential resort* go tewa kwa Tautona a tlaabong a ya go iphokisa phefo teng? UDC, a mme le tlhoafetse sepatšhe se makgwakgwa ka gore *Presidential resort* go tewa mo Basotho ba reng go *bethwa* ke mowa? A la re le ya go tsaya madi a setšhaba le ya go iphokisa phefo le e ja monate, melemo e seyo? A le *bethwa* ke mowa melemo e seyo, UDC? Ke potso ya bobedi gore, a gone moo go a le itumedisa? Le ka leba Batswana la ba raya la re, re batla go iphokisa phefo namang le iketlile ka dipilisi?

Ya boraro, go bo o re Puso *will run business* gone kwa, bagwebi ba ba tsamaisang dikgwebo *profitably* kwa Ngamiland tsa *tourism* ba bantsi. Puso ga go na *businesses* tse re ka di supang gore, bona jaaka e ne e tsamaisa kgwebo e, ya dira poelo. Le neetswe *market* wa go rekisa motlakase le le nosi le sa *compete* le ope, le dira *losses*. Le neetswe go rekisa nama le le nosi, le dira *losses*. Le e nngwefela e e ntseng e dira *profits* ya Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC), ya re jaanong go tla go sele, e ntshitse *notice* ya gore *losses* di etla. Rre Mohwasa, ka *record* e ya go palelwa ke go tsamaisa dikgwebo, wa re le dumela fa lona le ka gaisa bagwebi ba ba teng kwa Ngamiland le mo Botswana otlhe, go ya go tsamaisa dikgwebo tsa bojanala le le UDC?

The last two, wa re go setse go dirilwe *progress* mo go reng le tlhabolole lefatshe le, ka mafoko a mangwe le buile le bagwebi bangwe, ke bomang? *What progress has been made?* Fa e le gore le dirile *progress*, le raya ya mofuta mang, mme e bile bagwebi bao ke bomang? A go boammaaruri gore ke bagwebi ba ba neng ba thusa UDC mo ditlhophong, jaanong le ba leboga ka lefatshe la Ngamiland? Jaaka moipapatsi mongwe a kile a bua ka 2019, o teng mo Palamenteng, gore, "le boneng

koo fa UDC e ka fenya go ya go rekisiwa lefatshe,” ke lebagane le ene, mme ga ke batle go mo ntsha ka leina...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!) ...

MR SALESHANDO: A ke gone jaaka moporofiti yo o neng a bua a re go ya go rekisiwa lefatshe jaaka le dira mo nakong ya gompiano?

Ya bofelo ke gore, a o tlhoafetse fa o re raya o re ga le a re tseela *land rights*? A mme o tlhoafetse, ka gore lefatshe lotlhe le le ka fa tlase ga Tawana Land Board la *tribal land* ke la rona? Ga o ka ke wa re ga go na ope yo o reng o tseetswe tshwanelo. Re na le tshwanelo re le baagi ba Ngamiland go gweba ka bojanala. Batho kwa Ngamiland ba eme ba kopa *concessions*, ba batla go bewa. A mme o tlhoafetse wa re batho ba Ngamiland ga ba na tshwanelo ya lefatshe le o le tsereng *that has been idle land*, e e leng gore le fa ba kopa ba sa fiwe ga go re sepe? O digele ka go bolelela Batswana gore, tota tshwetso e le e tsereng e farologana fa kae le Domkrag, a ke Botswana yo moša kana ke yo mogologolo?

MR MOHWASA: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tlaa ke simolole ka potso ya ntlha ya gore, a ke itumetse gore go ne go sena morero fa go abiwa lefatshe. Tsholofelo e e teng e rotlhe ke tsayang gore re na le yone ke gore, fa yo mongwe a bua, *and* ke na le go bua gore re itlwaetse go reetsana. Ke tlhalositse gore North West District Council, e ne ya se ka ya dumalana. Ke tlhalositse gore *land board* e ne ya reetsa dingongorego tsa North West District Council, mme ka tsamaiso ya molao e le yone e tsayang ditshwetso, ya tsaya tshwetso. Ke tsaya gore motlotlegi fa a dumela gore tshwetso e e neng e tserwe ke *land board* e ne e sa tsewa ka fa tsamaisong, o tlhaloganya botoka gore fa go ntse jalo go dirwa jang, e seng gore re bo re re nnyaa, ka gore yole e ne e le moDomkrag, yole e le moUDC, yole e le eng. Go na le tsamaiso e e teng.

Fa godimo ga moo, bangwe jaaka ba ke ba tlhalositseng fa, ba ne ba ya go itsheka ba supa. Ga ke itse gore a le *Land Tribunal* go raya gore a gongwe e ne ya dira jaaka o tlhalosa, ka gore go raya gore mongwe le mongwe o ne a sa dumalane le North West District Council, le Motlotlegi Saleshando le Motlotlegi Kekgonegile, mo go rayang gore le ene o ne a na le mowa o o sa nnang sentle, ke *allegation*. Jaanong le bone ba ne ba fiwa sebaka kwa Land Tribunal, mme Land Tribunal ya se

ka ya dumalana le bone, fa *land board* e ne ya se ka ya dumalana le North West District Council. Tshwetso e tserwe, lefatshe le mo Pusong.

Ke tlhalose gape gore, motlotlegi o tshwanetse gore a tlhaloganye gore ga se lantlha Pusong e tsaya lefatshe. Pusong e tsere lefatshe lefatshe le lotlhe, gompiano fa re bua jaana, go na le lefatshe le le tserweng le e leng mafatshe a a tshwanang a go neng go dirwa *quarantines*, go nna eng, Pusong e tsaya lefatshe ka tiriso gore e *benefit* lefatshe. E ya bo... kana o a re go dira eng mowa ga Sesotho, moo ke lefoko le gongwe o neng o ntse o eleditse gore o tle o le dirise motlotlegi, mme ga le tsamaelane le kgang ya gompiano. Ntsetla ke tle ke go tlhalosetse gore ke eng ke rialo. Ke tlhalositse gore Pusong e batla go aga lefelo le, le re le fitlhetseng le tserwe ke Pusong e e neng e fetile. Re a tsweledisa, ga re na maikaelelo a go le busa. Fa re tsweledisa re ya go tsaya bagwebi re kopanela *business* e, gore le wena o le fa jaaka o a tle o ye go itira mowa kwa *west*, le wena lefoko le e nne le o ka tlang wa ya go itira mowa teng gone kwa. E tsenya madi mo Pusong. *The problem* e re nang le yone rotlhe ke gore, le dumela gore *efficiency* ke fa *private sector* e leng teng. Ga se a *function* ya *ownership*, ke ya *management*. *The reason why* lona ka koo le ne le ntse le bua re le mmogo, *the reason why* gompiano Botswana Meat Commission (BMC)... lona le ne le bua gore Pusong e ka palelwa ke go tsamaisa a *butchery*, le ne le bua le re mathata ga se gore golo mo go ka pala, mathata ke gore go bewa batho ba e leng ba sepolotiki fale, re dumalana jalo. Jaanong se re se buang gompiano, *that is why President* a buile gore *by the end of this year*, Botswana Railways and BMC di tlaabo di boitse kwa seemong se se tlaa tsenyang madi. *We are on track* go ya go dira jalo. Jaanong le se ka la re tsaya fela gore fa e le gore Goromente o a *owner*; o molato. Re bua gore re ya go kopanela le batho ba bangwe gore re tle re tsamaisa *this thing* e le ya Pusong, *dividends* di sale mo gae, madi ao a tsene mo letloleng la Pusong. Ke sone se re se buang.

Jaanong o bua gore ga re na madi. Ee, ga re na madi, mme ga go reele gore Goromente ga a ka ke a *invest*, fa re kopana le batho gore ba tsenye madi. Ga re ise re re re tseye madi a Pusong gore re ye *to invest* koo, re tlaa batla batho ba ba tlaa tsenyang madi, gore re kgone gore re tle re tsenye madi a a ka thusang go ya go reka melemo e re buang ka yone e.

E nngwe e le neng le e bua ke ya go gogela *international investors*. Ke rile golo fa *we are going to attract international tourists* ba ba tlang ka madi, madi ao a tlaa tsena gone mo. Maabane *His Honour the Vice President* o ne a bua gore, re batla gore jaanong re tokafatse *the way we collect Value Added Tax (VAT)* le makgetho. Fa re tokafaditse ka e, a bo re bona *tourists* tsa madi a, madi ao a tlaa tsena e bile a tlaa tla a tlhabolola lefatshe le.

E nngwe e o neng o e bua o ne o re *what progress has been done? You know*, fa o simolola lefelo, *obviously you talk to different people*. Le wena *you can express interest, others have come forward* ba utlwile. Wa re ba utlwile ka mang, gakere re a bua gompiano. Kana *problem* o kare ga o itse gore, se re se buang gompiano jaana Motlotlegi Saleshando, *by the end of the day the whole world beyond these borders* ba tlaabo ba itse ka sone, *so they will approach us*. Jaaka le wena o a itse gore gompiano, ga o ka ke wa nthaya wa re batho ba ba kwa Ngami bale fa ba tlaa felela ba ya go dira *business*, ba ne ba utlwile ka mang, ba itsile gore *there is that place* e e nang le *sites* tse di rileng, *they will approach you and then you will assess*. Se ke ka go se bolelelang ke gore, ga go na ope rraetsho yo a neng a re thusitse ka 2024, yo o yang go tsaya lefatshe lele. Wena o ka bo o gakologelwa, e bile ke wena mosupi Rre Saleshando yo e ne e re fa o bua o re Wynter, le wena o mo raya o re ga go a nna jalo, re le mmogo ka 2019 *campaigning*. O itse gore batho ba re ne re na le bone, ga go na thulaganyo epe ya go ba neela sepe. O a itse o mosupi, re ne re le mmogo re le mo thulaganyong. Ka jalo, o ka bo o sa bue ka eo, *you know*. Wena e bile o mosupi yo o kwa godimo wa bobedi.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ... (Inaudible)...

MR MOHWASA: Nnyaa, ga o a tsamaya ka kgang eo. Re itse gore e e go kobileng ke ya go tlhoka tsebe, e re neng ra le tseela dikgato.

E ke neng ke re ke bue ka yone ke gore, fa re bua le bua ka *land rights* Rre Saleshando, ra re ga gona ope... ke gore go gobedi, lefatshe le le ne le bulegile le le *at the delta*. Ke file sekai ka lefatshe le le tshwanang le la kwa Kgagodi, la bo Tamasane, le batho ba neng ba na le meraka gone foo, ga o ka ke wa nthaya wa re gompiano go na le mongwe yo e neng e le gore o ne a na le *activity* epe e a neng a e dira gone fa lefatsheng le re le buang, go ne go sena *activity* epe. Fa lefatshe le sa dirisiwe nako

eo, mongwe le mongwe le mongwe o ka le ikopela. Nako eo Goromente o ikopetse. Lefatshe le gompiano o nang le setsha mo go lone le o neng o le kopa kwa Sefhare Land Board, le ne le sena ope, o le filwe. Le Puso *can apply*, ga o ka ke wa re ka gore ke lefatshe le le bulegileng, mo go rayang gore ke la morafe, ga o ka ke wa ikopela. Goromente o na le tshwanelo ya *to apply*, le wena o kgona *to apply*.

Jaanong re dirile ka thulaganyo eo. Ga re a tlhatlagana le ope mo lefatsheng leo, lefatshe le neetswe Puso. Ba ba neng ba belaela, ba filwe sebaka sa gore ba ngongorege kwa *land board*. Ba ba neng ba itsheka ba ya kwa *Land Tribunal*, gore ba itsheke ba bue gore lefatshe leo le ne le le mo go bone, *judgement* ke e e supang gore ga ba supe gore ka bommaaruri Goromente o tlile a ba gata fa godimo. Jaanong se e leng gore se ka go kganela gore o ka fiwa setsha, ke go tlhatlagana, o a itse gore go ntse jalo.

Jaanong ka tsela e e ntseng jalo Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, tla ke boele kwa morago. Ke leboge Leader of the Opposition (LOO) ka potso eo ya gagwe. Ke a leboga.

MR KAPINGA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke na le potso e le nngwefela fela. Ke utlwile Tona a re lefelo le le batlang go agiwa le ke lefelo le Tautona le baeng ba gagwe ba maemo a gagwe ba yang go ikhutsa teng. Lefelo le fa o le bua, ke bona le tshwana le lefelo le le bidiwang gotwe Camp David kwa America. A o kile wa utlwa gotwe Camp David kwa America, e laletsa *tourists* gore ba tle go ikhutsa teng? *Concept* ya gore a *Presidential resort* e ka nna a *holiday resort* e go yang mongwe le mongwe, o e tsaya kae *Honourable Minister? Presidential resort* e direletse Tautona le batho ba maemo a gagwe, ga e a direlelwa go gweba. Tlhaloganyo ya gore le bo le boa le e dirisa gore e nne ya kgwebo o e tsaya kae, ka gore ba ba dirang kgwebo *at the delta* ga ba tlhaele? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR MOHWASA: Nnyaa, go raya gore mogolole o utlwile ka Camp David, jaanong a re rona re tseye *model* wa teng. Ga re tseye *model* oo. O re o tsayang o, ke o o *different from* wa Camp David. Ke ne ka tlhalosa gore Rre Saleshando ka le ene o etle a ye go itlhabisa phefo *at the delta*, le ene o ka tsamaya le Tautona a sa itse. Le wena motlotlegi o ka itlhabisa phefo fa o ka kgona go ya koo. *So*, ga re bue ka Camp David fa. *Our model is*

completely different from wa Camp David. Gongwe e ne e le o le neng le bua ka one nako ele. O re o buang gompiano, ke o re tlaa dirang diphatlha tsa meberekone koo. Re tlaa dira *opportunity* ya gore batho ba ba ka kgonang go ya koo *for holidays* ba tswa kwa ntle ba na le madi, ba tsenye madi mo lefatsheng la Botswana. *That is why* ke ne ke re, ka molao o Mothusa Tautona a neng a o bua maabane, re tlaabo re kgona go tsaya madi ao re reka dipilisi tse di tlhaelang, e bile re oketsa *salaries* le tsone tsa lona Mapalamente ka madi ao. Ke a leboga.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Tona, se o se buang ke gore, Goromente o tsena mo kgwebong ya bojanala. Potso ke gore, naare kgwebo e ya bojanala e, a le ya go e dira le le Goromente wa UDC kwa Bokone Bophirima fela? A le na le lefatsheng lengwe gape le le ikaelelang gore le ye go dira kgwebo e ya bojanala teng? Fa e le gore ke Bokone Bophirima, ke eng e le fela Bokone Bophirima?

Potso ya bobedi, Tona, maloba gone fa go ne go supafala gore e ntse e le kwa Bokone Bophirima, ba Tubu ba tshwanelwa ke go fudusiwa *from their ancestral land*, mme ba Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR) ba tshwanelwa ke go busediwa *to their ancestral land*. Fa re tsaya se gompiano le se tsewedisang, ka bowelana jwa lona le Domkrag, mo Bokone Bophirima, a ga le bone le beela Bokone Bophirima, Ngamiland ka fa mosing mo ditshwanelong tsa bone?

Potso ya boraro, Tona wa re lefatsheng la rona *it is an open land*. Ga le dirisiwe, ga le na mong, ga le na batho. Ke gore motho o ka akanya bo Christopher Columbus ba tsile mo Africa, ba bo ba fitlhela batho, go bo gotwe *they are the ones who discovered Africa*, le lona *you are discovering the delta*. Motho o ka go botsa gore naare batho ba ba neng ba sekisa Goromente, ba ne ba mo sekisa ba tswa kae? A ba ne ba sa mo sekise ba tswa gone mo lefatsheng le? A o a itse gore Goromente o na le lenaneo la matlotla? Batho ba ba neng ba itsheka ba, a tsheko e ne e sa ganelele mo goreng le tsere matlotla a rona? Tanki.

MR MOHWASA: Rre Kekgonegile a re a Goromente o batla go tsena mo bojanaleng? Goromente ga a bolo go tsena mo bojanaleng bogologolo Rre Kekgonegile. O a itse gore re ne re na le mo go neng go ntse gotwe Marakanelo Group of Hotels, e le ya Botswana

Development Corporation (BDC) e e leng gore BDC *is owned 100 per cent by Government*. So, ga go simolole gone koo, e bile ga go simolole kwa North West. Goromente o tswa kgakala a ntse a le mo bojanaleng. Le tlhologanye gore Goromente wa rona o dumela thata mo goreng, o tshwanelwa ke gore a nne le seabe mo itsholelong. Ga se Goromente o o tlaabong a boela kwa morago, a bo a tlogela fela *market forces* gore di laole. Go tshwanetse go nne letsogwana le Goromente a nang le lone mo itsholelong. Eo le tshwanetse le e tlhologanye. Se se teng ke gore, ga se gore Goromente o ntse a se mo, o ntse a le koo. Jaaka a ne a ntse a le teng, le fa o gola kwa Phikwe, o tlhola o ntse o ya *to the films* kwa Bosele, e ne e ntse e le Goromente a le gone koo.

Sa bobedi, ke kgang e o e buang ya gore wa re bowelana le Domkrag. Tota go bua nnete, o bona bowelana, re go gakolole; bowelana le Domkrag ke jwa lona. Se se teng ke gore, re tsere Puso mo go Domkrag, lona la se ka la tsaya. Ke sone se se ka re amanyang le Domkrag gore e busitse, rona re a busa. *That is why* gompiano le tshwara *meetings* beke le beke le Domkrag tsa *coalition*. Mo nakong ya rona, ga go ise go nne le nako epe e re kileng ra nna le kamano le Domkrag, e bile ga re na maikaelelo ao.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: On a point of order Mr Speaker.

MR MOHWASA: *That is why* gone kwa North West...

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): *Point of order. I thank you. Mr Speaker, it is out of order to be untruthful.* Ga ke batle go dirisa lefoko la Setswana la *untruthful* ka gore fa le le tewa, le bua ka batsadi ba batho. Nna motsadi wa me ga ke batle go mo tsenya mo kgannyeng e, mme *it is out of order to be untruthful*. Caesar Mohwasa o a itse gore ga go na phuthago epe e e etleng e tshwarwe ke BDP le BCP bosigo. O a itse. O tsere tshwetso gore *he is going to be untruthful*. Jaanong fa o tlhalelwa ke dikarabo, *do not venture into lack of truthfulness. I do not think the Standing Orders can permit* gore motho a bue fela. Ke gore ga se go ratha sekgwa, ke go bua golo mo o itseng gore ga se boammaaruri. *I was trying to be as polite as I can.* So, ke kopa o a boele morago ka gore ga go na boammaaruri mo mafokong a o a buang. Rona re bua ka ditsamaiso tsa lona, tse di tshwanang le tsa Domkrag.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Leader of the House...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Murmurs)...

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, se direng jalo, *Honourable Members*, a ko go nne le kagiso mo Ntlong. *Leader of the House*, ba re o a ba pateletsa, ga ba nke ba tshwara diphuthogo tsa sephiri le ba Domkrag.

MR MOHWASA: Dilo tsa lefifi di na le mathata a tsone. Maduo a tsone Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke sone se e neng ya re fa o le kwa Maun, fa ba tsena *caucus* ba bo ba tla ba ya go tlhopha, ga go a fitlhelanwa fela mo phuthogong ya khansela go bo go tlhophiwa, fa ba ya go tlhopholola bo Ntsogotlho. *It was a result of a meeting held between the BCP and the BDP*, o tshwarwa go le bosigo. Jaanong se...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: On a point of order Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Hang on! Hang on!

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Murmurs)...

MR SALESHANDO: *Point of order. Thank you, Mr Speaker. It is a simple point of order.* Se o se buang, ga se boammaaruri. Lesa go batla dikai tse o itseng gore ga di reye sepe, o ntse o itse gore kwa Kasane, Botswana National Front (BNF), UDC, le BDP di kopanetse ditlhopho tsa tlhopha Modulasetilo e le Makhanselara. Kwa Tutume, BNF, UDC e tshwaragane le Domkrag di tsamaisa khansela. Ga se gore o bo o simolola o re nnyaa, golo mo go raya gore ba na le diphuthogo tsa bosigo. Fa e le gore di teng, gakere go raya gore di simolotswe ke lona. Se ke se buang ke gore, ke le moeteledipele wa BCP, ga go na diphuthogo tsa mofuta oo. Rre Mohwasa, boela kwa potsong, go siasia, o selasela tse di seng boammaaruri, ga go ka ke ga go thusa.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: A boele morago.

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable Members*, nnyaa go a itshupa gore go raya gore diphuthogo le a di tsena. Ke raya lotlhe, matlhakore otlhe gore go *clear from what the Leader of the Opposition (LOO) is saying*. Jaanong a ko o ye kwa karabong, e ga e ka ke ya re isa gope ka fa ke bonang ka teng.

MR MOHWASA: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Fa o lemoga, ke ne ke tla ke araba fela sentle, fa e le gore ke ne ka felela ke tswa mo tseleng, ke ne ke ntshiwa ke Rre Kekgonegile a bua ka bowelana jwa rona le Domkrag. Jaanong ke ne ke leka go tlhalosa gore tota rona ga re mawelana. Ke gone fa kgang e wetseng teng mme ke kopa maitshwarelo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ...(Inaudible)...

MR MOHWASA: Nnyaa, ka re Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ...(Inaudible)...

MR MOHWASA: Nnyaa, lona gakere...

MR SPEAKER: Mo reetseng a le arabe. Tswelela, ke ne ke re ba reetse o arabe.

MR MOHWASA: Ee, mma ke arabe Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Kgang e nngwe e go neng go buiwa ka *open land*; go raya gore fa re bua, ga re utlwane. Ke ne ka fa sekai ka mogolole Rre Gobotswang. Ke re, fa go na le lefatshe, e le gore fa o le neelwa, ga o tseele ope tshwanelo ya lefatshe leo, o na le tshwanelo ya gore o ka fiwa lefatshe leo.

Jaaka ke mo fa sekai ke mo raya ke re, gompiano le ene fa a ya go thibeleda kwa gae, o ikopetse setsha e le sa morafe, mme o ne a se fiwa. Le Puso fa e *apply for* setsha, e na le tshwanelo le yone ya go fiwa setsha, mathata ke fa le tthatlagana le yo mongwe. Ba ba neng ba ile go ikuela, ba ne ba kuela ba re ba na le tshwanelo ba tthatlagane le ba bangwe, e bile go ama matshelo a bone. Ba ba nang le botlhale jwa go lebelela dikgang tse ba sena go nna ba neelwa mabaka a Motlotlegi Saleshando a a buang, ba ne ba tsholola kgang eo, ka gore mabaka a ba neng ba a filwe ga ba a dumalana le one, go bo go felela jaanong Puso e tsere lefatshe la go nna jalo.

Ke bua ka go tthatlagana, mongwe le mongwe o ka *apply for* lefatshe, mme ga go reele gore e a bo e se la yone. *That is why* nako eo, ka gore *land board* e tsere lefatshe e le tshageditse mo boemong jwa morafe. Lefatshe le o le tsereng kwa Sefhare, e ne e se la ga ope, e ne e le la morafe mme o le filwe. Fa motho a sa itumelela go fiwa lefatshe, o a ikuela jaaka bangwe ba ne ba ikuela

ba ya go supa ka lefatshe le, mme lekgotla la se ka la dumalana le bone, lefatshe leo le bo le ya go fiwa Puso, le mo Pusong.

Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR DISHO: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Le nna ke botse *Mr Mohwasa. Minister*; ke utlwa o bua o re le setse le ya go batla bagwebi ba ba tlaa gwebang mo lefelong lone leo. A mme o a itse gore go na le Batswana ba e leng gore gompieno jaana *they are ready to invest on this land*, mme wena o setse o ya go batla bagwebi o le UDC?

Ya bobedi ke gore, lefelo le le le batlelang Tautona *as a resort*, kwa e leng gore ga a go itse teng kwa *since a tlhophiwa last year, eight months ago, he has never been in that place before...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke mang?

MR DISHO: Gakere ke la ga Tautona, *it is for Presidential resort*. Ke eng le sa mmatlele mo Gaborone ka kwano gona le gore le ye go tseela batho ba Ngamiland lefelo la bone? Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!) ...

MR MOHWASA: O tshwanetse wa bo o na le bothata jwa semorafe mokaulengwe. Ga go na lefatshe la Ngamiland, lefatshe ke Botswana otlhe. Mongwe le mongwe o tshwanelwa ke gore fa a batla lefatshe, a ye go tsaya lefatshe gongwe le gongwe. Fa Goromente a batla go dira lefelo la dikgomo, ga a ka ke a le baya fa gare ga *delta*. Fa o batla la bojanala, o ya kwa *delta*. Jaanong ke tsaya gore eo o tshwanetse o bo o ikotlhaela gore ke eng o ne o e botsa ka gore ga e tsamaelane.

Gape fa godimo ga moo, wena o ne o le teng maloba kwa Maun...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure!

MR MOHWASA: Nnyaa, ema pele, tlaa ke go arabe, o ne o botsa. Maloba o ne o le kwa Maun, Tautona a le kwa, kana e ne e le moriti wa gago? Jaanong a re Tautona ga a ise a bo a ye go gata gone kwa. Ke gore le itatola le dilo tse di tlhamaletseng.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ... (Inaudible) ...

MR MOHWASA: Tlaa ke go arabe o boditse. Sa bofelo e le potso ya gago ya ntlha...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure!

MR MOHWASA: Mokaulengwe o supa fa e le gore go na le *investors* tse di...

MR DISHO: *Procedure*. Nnyaa, mma ke mo fe *correction*, gongwe ga a itse lefelo le a buang ka lone. *The procedure is...*

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa*, Honourable Disho.

MR DISHO: Ke ne ke re ke mo fe *geographical area*.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Murmurs) ...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Disho, resume your seat. *Fa o re procedure, ga e re o emelela o bo o re mma ke mo correct*. Honourable Leader of the House, *tswelela*.

MR MOHWASA: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

Se sengwe se ke neng ke re ke se tlhalose ke gore, kana fa re bua ka bagwebi, ga re bue ka bagwebi fela ba ba tswang kwa ntle, le ba ba mo gae ke bagwebi. Ka wena e bile gongwe o ba itse, a batle le bone ba itshupe, fa ba na le bokgoni, ba ka tsenya madi ga tsena thulaganyo e e ntseng jalo. Mathata ke gore le akantse Camp David, ga ke itse gore ke mang a le reileng a re rona re batla go tsaya *model* wa Camp David.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!) ...

MR MOHWASA: Tswayang mo Camp David, re tla ka *model* wa rona o o tlhamaletseng, o e leng gore...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Murmurs) ...

MR MOHWASA: Ka re wa rona...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Murmurs) ...

MR MOHWASA: Re bua ka wa rona...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Murmurs) ...

MR MOHWASA: *That is why* re ntshitse Domkrag, lona le tshwaragane le yone.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!) ...

MR MOHWASA: Jaanong rona ra re re tshwaragane le go baakanya seemo se ka *model* o o tlaabong o tsamaelana le se re se batlang rona ka kwano. E bile fa re bua ka bagwebi, ga re lebelele ba ba kwa ntle fela, le ba ba mo gae ke bagwebi, e bile ba tlaa fiwa le sebaka sa go tshwaragana le Puso.

Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Correction!

DR GOBOTSWANG: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker, Honourable Minister, given our land use system*, a wa re go na le lefatshe mo Botswana le le sa dirisiweng?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Le le senang beng!

DR GOBOTSWANG: Le le senang beng fela le sa dirisiwe, le le foo. Ke kopa gore o mpolelele gore lefatshe leo le kwa kae, le le senang beng, le le sa dirisiweng mo go sepe, *given our land use systems*?

Sa bobedi, o a lemoga Tona gore fa o bua jaana ka Goromente, o bua jaaka o kare ga go ise go nne le diphetogo, ga go a tsena Goromente yo mosh? A ke maikaelelo a lona gore le tsweledisa mananeo a Domkrag a re sa bolong go lwa ka one dingwaga tse di kana?

Sa boraro, a o a lemoga Tona gore *land board* e o buang ka yone e, e o reng e ne ya ya go tsaya ditshwetso ka fa molaong, a o a itse gore *land boards* tse bontsi jwa tsone, bogolo jang thata yone e ya North West; e bile fa ke bona Rre Maele jaana ke gakologelwa sengwe. A o a itse gore *land boards* tse, di ne di tladitswe maDomkrag a a jelweng ke ditlhopho a a itseweng?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order!

DR GOBOTSWANG: A mme *land boards* tse lona le a di tshepha fela gore di tsere tshwetso e e tshwanetseng?

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *Point of order.* Ke ne ke utlwa a re o gakologelwa sengwe fa a mpona, jaanong ke ne ke re ka re mo Palamenteng, ke teng ke tla ipuelela, a a se gakologelwe a se bolelele batho re tle re se bue, a se ka a se fitlha ka nna ke teng. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Ga se *point of order.* Di wetse dipotso?

MR MOHWASA: Ke reye Rre Gobotswang ke re, tshwetso fa e tserwe, e tserwe, jaaka gompieno setlankana se o se tshwereng se o se tsereng kwa gae, ga o ka ke wa se busa ka gore wa re o ne o se neetswe ke *land board* ya maDomkrag, o na le tshwanelo mo go yone. Le tsa didiba le tsa eng, gompieno wa re ke na le sediba, ga o ka ke wa re ke sediba sa *land board* ya maDomkrag.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ... (Inaudible) ...

MR MOHWASA: A re tlogele ka eo. Fela fa o neetswe tshwanelo, o na le tshwanelo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure!

MR MOHWASA: Ya bobedi, ke ne ke kopa gore...

MR AARON: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker, Honourable Minister*, o buile ka gore lefelo le, ga se la bagwebi fela ba ba tswang kwa ntle, ke kopa gore o *quote* gore *expression of interest* e le kileng la e dira mo gae, mo Botswana ke ya leng? *Thank you.*

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, mme ga se potso. Tswelela.

MR MOHWASA: Tlaa ke tswelele le dipotso tsa ga Rre Gobotswang, ke tsaya gore mokaulengwe o ne a batla go nkgaolela nako.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ... (Inaudible) ...

MR MOHWASA: Nnyaa, gotlhelele o ne a itse, Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente le ene o ka bo a emisitse nako ka gore o ne a re senyetsa nako.

Ya gore a re tswelela ka mananeo a Domkrag, nnyaa ga re tswelele ka one. E nngwe ya *land use system*, kana bagaetsho, ke tsaya gore fa lefatshe le beilwe gotwe ke la *tourism*, o bo o tla o le ikopela, o bo o le fiwa, ga go na molato ope ka gore *already* go a bo go na le *use* e e setseng e beilwe. Lefatshe le a kgaogangwa, go na le lefatshe le le beilweng gore le ke la masimo, meraka, go na le la eng. Jaanong fa lefatshe le beilwe jalo o bo o le ikopela o le Puso o bo o le neelwa, ga go na fa o tlo dileng molao teng. Diphatlha tse di leng teng tsa lefatshe, di a bo e le gore nako eo, *ownership* ya lefatshe e mo morafeng, mme e le gore *land board* ke yone e tsereng maikarabelo, e bile ke yone e neetsweng thata ya gore e ka aba. *Land board* e dirile jalo ka molao o ke ntseng ke o tlhalosa wa *Tribal Land*. Jaanong ga go na

gope fa *land board* ka tsamaiso e fositseng teng. *That is why Land Tribunal* e neng ya felela e dumalana le bone.

MR AARON: *Procedure. Mr Speaker,* ke utlwile. A ke tshwanelo gore fa ke boditse potso, *Minister* a bo a nthaya a re ga ke bue sepe?

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...*(Laughter!)*...

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ga ke dumele gore o ne a rialo. Kana se a neng a se bua ke gore wena o dirisitse tsamaiso e e seng yone. Jaanong a re o tlaa araba tse di tsileng ka fa tsamaisong, mme tsa gago ga a ka ke a di araba.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, a ko re tswelele, fetsa. Nako ya dipotso... Le bonye *agenda* ya lona gore e ntse jang?

MR MOHWASA: Tla ke tswale ka go leboga Motlotlegi Moeteledipele wa Kganelso go bo a boditse potso eo, le bakaulengwe botlhe ba ba neng ba botsa. Ke tsaya gore rotlhe re a tlhaloganyana, re lemoga se Goromente o se dirang e bile go tlhatswitse le dikgang tsa bo Camp David. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, there is a Question Without Notice by the Opposition Whip. Honourable Caterpillar Kainangura Hikuama!

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Procedure. Sorry Honourable Hikuama,* kana fa gongwe re lebala dilo tse. Go leboga re na le baeng, jaanong gongwe o ne o lebetse go ba re itsise *Mr Speaker*. Re ba itsise re ba amoge.

MR SPEAKER: Ee, ba tlaa ba nkitsise.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

STEAM E-LEARNING TENDER

MR K. C. HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to apprise this Honourable House if she is aware of Tender Titled: Provision of Service Contract for Implementation of an integrated STEAM E-Learning solution, Early Childhood Learning solution, coding and Teacher Capacity Building in the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education Approval of Procurement Method and ITT; if she is aware, she should state:

- (i) the total approved budget for the tender and specify the source of these funds, whether from the Recurrent Budget, Development Budget or a special warrant;
- (ii) what due diligence and market analysis the ministry conducted to ensure that the cost represents the best value for money as compared to procuring these solutions as separate and potentially at more competitive packages; and
- (iii) how the company was selected when it appears it is three months old in existence, with no track record nor demonstrated capacity.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA): Thank you Mr Speaker.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE): *On a point of order. Thank you.* Ke ne ke akanya gore gongwe re oketse nako ya dipotso Morena. *I move accordingly. Thank you.*

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable Moswaane,* Standing Order 40.7, fa le ne le batla *to be suspended, you could have suspended before 45 minutes* a wela. Ke maswabi gore *the train has left the station*. Fa o bona re setse re le kwa *Question Without Notice*, e a bo e raya gore re wetse ka dipotso.

MR HUNYEPA: *Ke go leboge Mr Speaker. Ke leboge le Honourable Member of Parliament (MP) Caterpillar Hikuama ka potso e ya gagwe.*

Kgang e a buang ka yone e e masisi e, maybe we have to refer to Standing Order 57.2. Mr Speaker, if I could quote *ya re*, “the matter is before court. Therefore, according to the Standing Order 57.2 *e tlhalosa gore* “reference shall not be made to a case pending in a court of law.” *Ka yone kgang eo ka gore* the matter is still before the courts, *re ka kopa gore* possibly, can we not wait until the court process is done? Thank you, Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Ga ke itse gore o re tshwaretse eng sa *court* mme legale *I choose to trust* se o se mpolelelang. Ntlele ka *case number*, e re fela fa re tswa re *adjourn*, o bo o e mpha.

MR HUNYEPA: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Ga ke itse gore a o ka mpha nakonyana gore ke leke to extract it because it is a matter that was before court and it has to return to court ka di 22 tsa ga August.*

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa, ke go file nako, ke sone se ke reng fa re adjourn. Please resume your seat, I will come back to you Honourable Hikuama.*

MR HUNYEPA: Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Hunyepa! Order! Honourable Members, remember for all questions that are processed, *fa e le gore* in terms of Standing Order 38.1(h), “a question shall not reflect on the decision of a court of law or be drafted as to be likely to prejudice a case pending in a court of law.” So this is the Standing Order I would have invoked if I had known about the pending court case. This determination I will make it once I have the case number.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Nnyaa, re bone.

MR SPEAKER: Le setse le e bone?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ee.

MR SPEAKER: *Fa le e bone*, what we can do is to forward it to the Clerk. If you have done so, *go raya gore* the determination will be made in accordance with Standing Order 38.1(h). That will be the most applicable.

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure. Ke a leboga Honourable Speaker. Ke dumela gore o tlaa nthusa ka tsamaiso gone fa as the Speaker, e seng Wynter Mmolotsi.*

Mr Speaker, the question that was supposed to be answered today has been taken to the office of the Speakership on the 5th of this month, go sena case le reference epe e e dirwang. There is nothing that we are referring to any case here, it was just a tender that was being floated in Government processes. Ga ke itse gore a mme tsamaiso ya Palamente e le lekalana le le ikemetseng ka bolone, le ka emisa dikgang tsa lone ka gore mongwe o akanya go seka ka kgang e e tshwanetseng go buiwa ke lekalana le lengwe la Puso. If I may give you an example; fa re debate ka budget, fa mongwe a ipelaetsa gore budget e a ba a ya kwa... A o raya gore budget e a ema, Palamente e a ema ga e bue ka budget? Ke gore go ema sengwe le sengwe.

I think the President was making a very good case fa a tlhalosa issue ya sub judice gore there is nothing sub judice about a matter e e leng gore ga go buiwe ka bone ba ba amegang. Ga se bone the Judges ba e leng gore they have to respond to that issue. Fa e le gore o ya kwa Judge kana kae, ke yone issue ya sub judice, rona ga re amane le case, re amana le tender. Re batla dikarabo mo Minister yo o abileng tender re le Palamente. Ga re na case e re yang go e reetsa.

MR SPEAKER: Opposition Whip, *ke a go utlwa Mongwato. Ke ne ke re and go bothokwa thata gore le ntthaloganye.* I have deferred a decision on this matter. What we are going to do; as soon as you give us the case number, we will access the court record and make a determination as to what is really before the courts. Once we have made that assessment, applying Standing Order 38 on the contents of questions, an assessment will be made on whether what is before the courts and what Honourable Hikuama seeks, Honourable Hunyepa for the ministry to respond to is likely to prejudice a case pending before the court. The determination will be made on that basis, not on a mere filing of the case. Am I clear? So, the determination on this matter is deferred. So, Honourable Members, *re a tswa mo go yone.* I understand that the Leader of the Opposition, Honourable Dumelang Saleshando, Member for Maun North, has a statement to make.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Procedure. Ke kopa go itse fela Mr Speaker. Ke ne ke batla go itse gore a dipotso di fedile ka ke ne ke na le mabaka a a ntlamileng thatathata go thusa batho ba re ba emetseng fa ofising? A dipotso di fedile, a ga o na go mpatla gore ke arabe?*

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Motsamai, *kana you are a very senior Member of this House, you have been Opposition Whip. Fa o bona fela re ya kwa statement, ga go na gore go ka tlhola go boelwa kwa dipotsong, di fetile.*

STATEMENT

CONDEMNING CONSTITUTION
(AMENDMENT) BILL NO. 14 OF 2025

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke amogele le baeng ba ke ba bonang ka e le banana, ba tsile go lebelela ditsamaiso tsa Palamente mo letsatsing la gompiano.

Statement se ke se dirang ke le Moeteledipele wa Kganetso, se amana le Molao-kakanyetso o o tlisitsweng ke Mopalamente yo o itlhophetsweng, e bile e le Moeteledipele wa Ntlo e. Molao-kakanyetso o o itebagantse le go fetola Molaomotho. Ke tlaa se bega fela ka Setswana. Ga ke ne ke se bega ka Sekgoa go somarela nako, ka gore se kwadilwe ka Sekgoa, ba ba batlang go se bona se tlaa tsamaisiwa le maranyane.

Mo ngwageng wa 2024, Batswana ba ne ba tsaya tshwetso ya go fetola Puso go tliša diphetogo. Se se ne sa dira gore Batswana ba nne le tsholofelo e e kwa godimo ya gore jaanong re nna le Botswana yo mošha, yo o tshotsweng ke ditlhopho tsa 2024. Ba ne ba na le tsholofelo ya gore e tlaa nna Botswana yo o itshwarang ka pharologanyo gona le Botswana yo o sa tswang go feta. Nngwe ya dikgang tse di dirileng gore Batswana ba tseye ditshwetso tse ka fa tebong ya rona, e ne e le kgang ya Molaomotho wa lefatshe la Botswana. Ba ne ba baba lebadi ka fa phathi e e neng e le teng pele ga ditlhopho e ne ya dira ka teng mo dikgannyeng tsa Molaomotho. Phathi e e neng e le teng pele ga ditlhopho, e ne e itseetse gore Molaomotho ke wa yone, mme diphathi tsa Kganetso, UDC e le mo teng, tsa solofetsa Batswana fela gore fa di tlhophiwa, tsone di tlaa netefatsa gore go tlaa nna le Molaomotho o mošha ka bonako, e seng morago.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, Palamente ya bo 13 ka Molao-kakanyetso o o tlisitsweng ke Puso ya gompiano, o baya Botswana mo dipharagobeng tsa go sa diragatsa se se solofeditsweng Batswana. *We are at cross-roads of democratic betrayal.* Palamente gatwe jaanong e tseye ditsholofelo tsa Batswana e di ikgatholose, e dire se e leng gore dikgatlhogo tsa phathi e e busang ya UDC, fela jaaka Domkrag le yone e ne e kile ya dira.

Amendment e e tlisitsweng, No. 14 of 2025, e supa gore ga go na maikaelelo a go tsibogela ka bofefe go sekaseka Molaomotho sešha, e batla go tliša diphetogo fela mo kgannyeng e le nngwefela ya gore go nne le lekgotla legolo le le tlaa itebaganyang le dikgang tsa semolao. E supa gape gore lekgotla leo e tlaabo e le lone le le tlaabong le reetsa dikgang tsotlhe tse di ka tswang di lebagane le Molaomotho. *Constitutional Court* ga se yone kgang e e kwa motsubong mo go tse Batswana ba di batlang, Batswana ba batla Molaomotho o mošha. *Constitutional (Amendment) Bill No. 14 of 2025*, ke sekgopi fa pele fa Batswana fa re lebeletse se ba neng ba se batla. Bone ba batla Molaomotho o lebelelwa sešha ka tsela e e akaretsang mongwe le mongwe, e e direlwang mo pontsheng, e bile mongwe le mongwe a ka reediwa go ntsha maikutlo a gagwe. Mo go tlišiwang ga nakwana, mo gotweng a re lebelele tshetlana e le nngwefela mo Palamenteng yone e, ke go busetsa morago dikeletso tsa Batswana.

Ga se sone se Batswana ba neng ba se batla gore re bo re bona se se tsweleng, se se neng se dirwa ka fa tlase ga Puso e e fetileng ya Baatlhodi ba ba itlhophelwang ke Tautona ka tsela e rotlhe re sa dumalaneng ka yone gore ga se tsela e e direlwang mo pontsheng, e mongwe le mongwe a ka itekang ya nna ene yo o ka tsenang mo maamong one ao. E tsamaisiwa fela ka tsamaiso e e neng Domkrag e tsamaisiwa ka yone.

Ka bokhutshwane la re re tlise *Constitutional Court* pele le bo le tsamaisa ka dithulaganyo tsa Domkrag tsa go tlhophisa *Judges* tse re itseng gore di laolwa ke Tautona. Ba ba tlhophang bo *Judges* ke batho ba e leng gore bontsi jwa bone ke ba ba tlisitsweng ke Tautona. Go bo go itsenyetswa ba ba batliwang ke phathi ya letsatsi leno. Tlhopho kana ke re tsamaiso yone e re neng re e kgoba pele ga ditlhopho re le mmogo, jaanong e natefelela phathi ya UDC, ba re go tswelwe go tsamaisiwe ka yone.

Ke batla go le gakolola gore Molaomotho ga se wa lona, ga se wa rona. Ga se Molaomotho wa Khuduthamaga, ga se wa Palamente, ke wa Batswana. Sepe se re tlaa se dirang re lebeletse dikgatlhogo tsa diphathi tsa rona ka Molaomotho, ke go tsaya ditsholofelo tsa Batswana loleya mo dikgannyeng tsa Molaomotho. Se ga re dumalane le sone gore e bo e le gore Khuduthamaga e batla go nna le seabe se segolwane mo go laoleng

merero ya ditsamaiso tsa Boatlhodi ka go itirela se ba se batlang ka Molao-kakanyetso o o tlisitsweng. UDC e tsaya gore jaanong Molaomotho ke wa yone, ke yone e e ka itlhophelang gore go tlaa diragala eng, ga go ka ke ga diragala eng.

Fela jaaka re ne re boleetse ba Domkrag nako e e fetileng re sa ba letlelela go dira jaaka ba rata, ke a le tlhomamisetsa UDC gore le lona ga re ne re le letlelela go dira jaaka le rata ka Molaomotho wa lefatshe ka gore ga se wa lona, ke wa Batswana. Mmogo re ne re gakolola BDP gore kana e na le *only 52 per cent* ya ditlhopho. Mma ke le gakolole, lona le na le *36 per cent*. Re ne re bua gore *52 per cent* ga se ene a ka supang gore Batswana botlhe ba akanya jang. Re tshwanetse go goga mmogo rotlhe, jaanong ga re ne re amogela se le lelang go se dira mo nakong ya gompiano.

Se ke a se le netefaletsa gore se lelang go dira dithulaganyo tse di neng di dirwa ke Domkrag pele ba tswa mo Pusong. Boelang morago Molao-kakanyetso o le o tlisitseng mo nakong ya gompiano. Simololang tsamaiso e e akaretsang mongwe le mongwe ya go sekaseka Molaomotho wa Botswana sešha. Letlelelang Batswana go ikwalela Molaomotho le sa lebelele gore dikeletso tsa lona ke eng. Mo go tlisiwang dikgapetlana, *piecemeal approach*, mo gotweng gompiano a re lebelele mo, kamoso a re lebelele mo, ga re ne re go amogela re le BCP. Le boelela fela se se dirilweng ke ba ba tsileng pele ga lona. Simololang thulaganyo ya go sekaseka Molaomotho wa Botswana sešha.

Re le *the main opposition* mo Palamenteng e, re ikamanya le maikutlo a a ntshitsweng ke bangwe ba makgotla a a ikemetseng ka nosi ka fa tlase ga bogogi jwa Botswana Council of Non-Governmental Organisations (BOCONGO) bosheng fa ba ne ba bua dintlha dingwe tse ke batlang go di supa mo letsatsing la gompiano. Sengwe se ba se buileng se re dumalanang le sone ke gore Molaomotho ke wa rona rotlhe re le Batswana. Ga go na ope yo o nang le tshwanelo e e fetang ya yo mongwe ya gore ene o ka nna le phisegelo ya gore a re mo Molaomothoeng, ke batla tse di latelang mme e bile ke tshwanetse ke reediwe pele ga mongwe le mongwe mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

Sa bobedi, tiro ya Khuduthamaga le Palamente ga se gore e nna tsone tse di buang gore di batla Molaomotho

o o ntseng jang. Tiro ya rona re le Mapalamente le Khuduthamaga ke gore re tle ka ditsamaiso tse di ka letlelelang Batswana gore ba ntshe maikutlo a gore ba batla go tsamaisa jang, go lebelela Molaomotho wa bone sesha le gore ba batla go tsena eng mo teng ga Molaomotho wa bone.

Sa boraro, pele fa go sekasekwa Molaomotho, go tshwanetse gore go nne le thulaganyo ya go ruta Batswana ka one. Ba o tlhologanye gore pheletsong dipuisanyo e nne tse di tlaa nnang mosola ka tse di tlaabong di ka tsena mo teng ga one. Re ikuela mo go lona go boela morago Melao-kakanyetso e, le bitse *All Party Conference* go ye go thulannngwa ditlhogo gore go ka dirwa eng go baya fa pele ga setšhaba thulaganyo e e lolameng ya go rera Molaomotho wa Botswana sesha. A re direng maiteko a gore Molaomotho wa gompiano o sobokiwe, *an abridged version*, ka dipuo tse di farologanyeng gore le ba kwa rona kwa dikgaolong tse e leng gore bangwe ba sokola ka Setswana le Sekgoa, kana Molaomotho mo bogompionong o kwadilwe fela ka Sekgoa. Ba ba sa utlweng kana ba sa bale Sekgoa, ba kgone go nna le lesedi la gore mme gone re bua ka phologolo ya mofuta mang.

Fa UDC e ka tswelela ka kakanyetso-molao ya go fetola tsetla e e le nngwefela e bone ba e batlang mo Molaomothoeng wa bone, go tlaabo go supafala gore ga go a nna le diphetogo tse Batswana ba neng ba di solofetse, re ntshitse Domkrag e khibidu, re tlisitse Domkrag e e *blue* mo letsatsing la gompiano fa re tsena mo ditsamaisong tsa Molaomotho... (*Interruptions*)... Batswana ba tshwanetse ba itse gore ditshenyegelo tse re buang ka tsone, Palamente e tlaa nnela go kopana ka ditshenyegelo e bua ka tsetla e le nngwefela, Ntlo ya Dikgosi e ya go kopana e bua ka tsetla e le nngwefela, go iwa *Referendum* go ya go bewa matlhophelelo mo dikgaolong tsotlhe, batho ba tlhopha mo tsetleng e le nngwefela. Fa e le gore sephatšhe se makgwakgwa, go raya gore le na le thulaganyo ya go se feleletsa ka ditsamaiso tsa mofuta o.

Ke batla go digela ka go le gakolola gore Motswana o buile a re, e re o bona bodiba jo bo jeleng ngwana wa ga mmaago, o bo dikologe. Se boeleleng dilo tse di neng di dirwa ke Domkrag, tse Batswana ba neng ba tsaya gore ba a di kgalema ka tlhopho ya bone ka *October 2024*, e bo le batla go di diragatsa e le tsa lona, ke lebeletse ya

Molaomotheo. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, the Leader of Opposition (LOO) was making this statement in accordance with Standing Order 9.3.2 that he has the right to make official statement in the Assembly on important national and international issues on behalf of the majority opposition. This should be read with Standing Order 41.1.2, “the provisions of this Standing Order shall with the necessary modifications apply to a statement made by the Leader of the Opposition under Standing Order 9.3.2.”

Let us also read Standing Order 41.3, “no debate may arise on such a statement but the Speaker may in his or her discretion allow short questions to be put to the Minister making the statement or to the Leader of the Opposition for the purpose of elucidating it. I am adding, “and the Leader of the Opposition” because it is provided for under Standing Order 41.2.

Jaanong the established tradition in the House is that *ba ba tlang ka* statement, *fa e le* Government they never ask questions, *fa e le lona* main opposition party *ga le botse dipotso*. *Ba ba ka botsang ke ba e seng* the official opposition party, that is the established tradition.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Murmurs)...

MR SPEAKER: *Le a e itse gakere, ke* statement *sa lona*, it is presented on your behalf. So, I will allow short questions for the purpose of elucidating the statement.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ke reeditse Motlotlegi Saleshando mo go ntsheng mo e leng maikutlo a mokgatlho wa gagwe ka kgang ya *Constitutional Review*. E ne ya re ka di 18 tsa ga *June* fa re baakanyetsa *All Party Conference*, ra amogela dikgang tse tharo tse di neng di tswa kwa BCP, di tlišwa ke Mokwaledi Mogolo. O ne a kopa gore re tle re bue ka *electoral reforms, Constitutional Review* le *Political Party Funding*. Ya re ka di 7 tsa ga *July*, Motlotlegi Kekgonegile, ka tshwetso e e neng e tserwe ka gore Motlotlegi Saleshando o ne a bua gore ga re a nna le morero le ka *All Party Conference*, ke ne ke e fa e le *background* gore ke wele mo potsong. Jaanong ka

go ne go nnile le kgang e, e e neng ya tselwa mo *All Party Conference*, a o ne a se *aware* e e leng ka di 7 tsa ga *July*, Motlotlegi Kekgonegile o ne a bo a kopa gore go nne le *extension* gore lona le le ba BCP le tle le dire *submissions*? Ke batla gore o tlhalose gore a wa re go ne go se na morero fa Mokwaledi Mogolo wa lekgotla la lona a ne a itshwaraganya le ofisi ya ga Modulasetilo a bua dikgang tse ke utlwang gompiano e kete le tlaa di itatola?

Ke ne ke batla gape go botsa Motlotlegi Saleshando gore a ga a itse gore mo *manifesto*, ke tsaya gore o ka bo o itse ka *manifesto* o ka gore ka 2019 re ne re le mmogo, gore UDC e ne e buile gore *it will introduce Constitutional Court*? Ke a leboga.

MR SALESHANDO: *Let us start with the second one.* Ke itse ka *Manifesto* wa UDC, mme *manifesto* o kwa godimo o beile gore go tlaa lebelelwa Molaomotheo sesha. O bo o nankolola gore mo go lebeleleng Molaomotheo sesha, ke dikgang dife tse le tsayang gore di tlaa lebelelwa, di mmalwa. *Constitutional Court* ke *one out of many* mo *manifesto* oo. Ga ke itse gore a o raya gore re ya go nna re tsaya e le nngwefela re re gompiano ke *separation of Parliament and Executive* ka gore e mo teng, kamoso re tsaya e le nngwefela re re jaanong ke *direct election of the President* ka gore di teng. Se se botlhokwa ke *comprehensive review of the Constitution*, go lebelela Molaomotheo wa Botswana ka bophara. Tse le di buileng kwa *All Party Conference* Rre Mohwasa, o a itse gore ga le ise le tsene mo go reng re tliša kwa Palamenteng kgang ya *Constitutional Court*, ga le ise le e bue. E tlišiwa ke wena o le nosi, re itse gore kwa *All Party Conference* go buiwa ka *Constitutional Review*, ga go buiwe ka *Constitutional Court*. Ke dilo tse pedi tse di farologanyeng. Se o se dirang ke se se farologanyeng, gore go mo Molaomotheong ga ke ganetse. Gakologelwa, le Domkrag ka 2019 e ne e tsentsa mo *manifesto* gore e ya go lebelela Molaomotheo sesha.

Ke a go araba, reetsa *Honourable* Mohwasa, se fele pelo. Ka 2019, Domkrag e ne e tsentsa mo *manifesto* jaaka le tsentsa, mme *nine months later*, Domkrag e sena go tlhophiwa, setilo se o se ntseng seo, se ne se ntswe ke rre yo mongwe a bidiwa Kabo Morwaeng, a bo a tliša sekgapetlana a re ke batla *amendment*, mme ke batla e le nngwefela ya *floor crossing*. Le wena o na le *nine months*, jaaka ene monna yole, o tla ka

sekgapetlana se le sengwefela gore ke batla *amendment* e le nngwefela. “E re o bona bodiba jo bo jeleng ngwana wa ga mmaago, o bo dikologe,” ke yone kopo ya me mo go wena. Ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

(MR MMOLOTSI): Ke a leboga *Leader of the Opposition*. Ke ne ke re ka o bua ka *Constitutional Court*, ke leke go botsa gore, a mme o kgatlhanong le gore tsamaiso e gompiano e setsweng morago ya gore go dirwe *Constitutional Court* gore e re *after the comprehensive Constitutional Review*, go bo go tsewa *Constitution* eo e ya go neelwa *Constitutional Court* go dira *certification*, a o kgatlhanong le yone? Fa e le gore o kgatlhanong le tsamaiso eo, mabaka e ka tswa e bo e le eng gore o bo o sa dumalane le *process*? Le gone gore, a o a itse gore go na le mafatshe a le mantsi a a dirileng *Constitutional Court*, fa ba sena go baakanya Molaomotho wa bone ba bo ba o isa kwa go yone *for certification*?

MR SALESHANDO: Mma ke go arabe Rre Mmolotsi, ke santse ke na le lenyora la go eletsa Wynter Mmolotsi wa pele ga ditlhopho, ka gore ga a tshwane gotlhelele le wa gompiano. Ke tlaa go araba ke bo ke go bontsha le dipharologanyo fa gare ga bo Wynter Mmolotsi ba teng. Wa re a ga ke dumalane le gore go tle go isiwe *Constitution* kwa *Constitutional Court*, o ne o le leloko la Palamente e re tsene mo *Constitutional Review, amending Constitution*, re kwala ditsetla di le dintsi sešha. O le mo Palamenteng, o dumela gore e ya go feta go sena *Constitutional Court*. Re bua ka *the same Constitution* e e tlaa fetang go ntse go sena *Constitutional Court*. Ke na le Hansard e o neng o *debate before* ditlhopho, o supa gore golo mo ga o dumalane le gone gotlhelele, ga *piecemeal approach*. Fa ke ka go tlela ka Hansard ya teng ka go e balela, Wynter Mmolotsi yo o kwadilweng eo fa a ka bona Wynter Mmolotsi gompiano, bobedi ga bo ka ke ja utlwana, ka gore *you are contradicting yourself on record...*

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

(MR MMOLOTSI): *Procedure. Mr Speaker*, ga ke tlhologanye gore *Honourable Saleshando* ka gore BDP e ne e tserere tshwetso ya gore e dirisa *process* e e neng e e dirisa, e re neng re sa dumalane le yone. Gompiano go na le *process* e nngwe e UDC e e tsereng ya gore yone e batla e e ntseng jang, e e yang *to yield Constitutional*

Review, comprehensively. A mpolelele gore a re gone foo bo Wynter Mmolotsi ba babedi ba rileng? Ke raya gore fa a sa itebaganye le dipotso ka tshiamo, a batla go dira gone mo a go dirang mo ga boparo, re tlele go emeclana ka dinao nna le ene.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ga le ka ke la emeclana ka dinao, ga ke ka ke ka le letlelela. A e nne modiga, farologanang fela sentle, bangwe le bangwe ba na le *position* ya bone. Mme le se ka la kgotlana ka mafoko.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Procedure. Mr Speaker*, ke itse gore o berekela mo nakong mme ga ke bone gore re ka tlogela *Honourable* Wynter Mmolotsi fela a raya *Honourable Member*, e bile e le *Leader of the Opposition* a re, “o a parola, boparo.”

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Mmolotsi*, can you withdraw *lefoko leo*.

MR MMOLOTSI: I withdraw Mr Speaker.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Withdraw* ka bonako.

MR SPEAKER: He has withdrawn.

MR SALESHANDO: Ke a leboga. *Mr Speaker*, go na le mafoko a Setswana a a reng, “o mo tlhowe mme o se ka wa mo akela,” *if that is parliamentary*. Ga go boammaaruri gore mo nakong e e fetileng fa go na le *Constitutional Review*, ke Palamente e e fetileng re ne re ganana le *process* re re go tlhokana le *Constitutional Court*. *No, that is not true*, se o se buang ke gore le ne le ganetsa *process* e e neng e dirwa ke BDP, jaanong UDC e tlele ka *process* ya yone. Maloko a UDC a teng ba ba neng ba le teng mo Palamenteng eo, o ne o se mongwe wa bone, *so*, o golega BDP le UDC. *Process* re ne re e dumalane, go ne go sena ya gore e ya *to be adopted...* re ne re itse, mme ra e kganela. Maikaelelo a me ga se go go tlontlolola, mme se ke se buang ke gore, ke tshotse *copies* tsa Hansard tsa gore o buile o reng. Jaanong ikilele ka gore fa go ka twe tla le bosupi jwa gore go ganetsanwa le se o se buileng, ga e ka ke ya nna gone. Ke tlaa ema foo ka dikarabo tsa gago.

MR TSHERE: *Procedure. Good afternoon Mr Speaker*, *Mr Speaker*, kana kgang e e buiwang ke *Leader of the Opposition*, tota ba e bua botlhe ka kwa gore, e kare batho ba re neng re ganetsa re bua puo e sele gompiano. Re itse Setswana fela sentle gore, “tlou fa e tlodile

molapo ke tlotswana,” *we were not properly briefed, now we are briefed. Thank you very much.*

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, mme ga se *procedure*. Tswelela.

MR SALESHANDO: Ga se *procedure Mr Speaker*, mme ka bokhutshwane se a se buang ke gore, UDC fa e tlodile ditlhopho ke Domkrag, re a le amogela le le Domkrag, mme re a le gakolola.

MR TSHERE: *Procedure*. Nnyaa, *he cannot change mafoko a me, Setswana se ga se bue ka Domkrag, sa re, tlou fa e tlodile molapo ke tlotswana. Jaanong ke a mmolelela gore nako e re neng re bua re le ka kwa jaaka bone jaana, they are not briefed, rona re adequately briefed. That is why o kgona to change mogopolo, if you are not briefed you cannot change, ke sone se ke se buang. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.*

MR FRENZEL: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*, ke tlaa nna mokhutshwane fela. Kana e rile mo Palamenteng e e fetileng ke ne ke seyo fa, mme se ke se itseng ke gore *commission* ya ga Dibotelo e ne e tsamaya le lefatshe le lotlhe, e tsaya megopolo mo go rona ka go farologana. Go bo go nna le kgang ya gore UDC e supile mo *manifesto* wa yone gore fa e sena go tsaya Puso e bo e ka dira *Constitutional Review* eo. Jaanong ke batla go itse motlotlegi gore...go na le potso e e kileng ya tla gone fa, ga ke itse gore e ne e tla ka Lucas kana ka mang...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ... (Inaudible)...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)...

MR FRENZEL: ... (Laughter!)... E e neng e supa gore Rre Dibotelo e le *Chair* ya *commission* eo on *daily basis* o ne a tsaya madi a a kanang ka P6,000, yo o mo latelang P4, 000. Madi a teng a ne a tsamaya fela jaana a tlhomagana ka fa a neng a tlhomagana ka teng. Jaanong potso ya me ke gore, mo dikgweding tse a o raya gore re setse re tlhobogile gore mo seelong sa itsholelo, UDC e kare go ntse go tsamaya ya sekaseka kgang ya go lebelela Molaomotho otlhe ka kakaretso? Ke lebeletse dikgang tse gore, gompiano re bua ka itsholelo e e phutlhameng, e e rileng fa ba tsena ba fitlhetse go na le seemo seo. A o raya gore fa re lebeletse dikgang tsa madi re setse re ba tlhobogile gore ba ka tla ba lebelela dikgang tse tsothle ka kakaretso? Ke ne ke e tsaya ka bokhutshwane jalo, ke a leboga.

MR SALESHANDO: Ke a leboga *honourable for that question*. A re tlhobogile UDC gore ga e ka ke ya tlhola e dira? Re baba lebadi ka gore UDC e gata mo dikgatong tsa Domkrag. Domkrag le yone e ne e kwadile ka 2019, jaaka ke ne ke bua, ka 2020 ba ne ba re raya ba re re eme pele ba santse ba dira tse dingwe tsa *Constitution* tse bone ba di batlang. Ba bo ba ya go felela ba tla go le thari. Jaanong re baba lebadi gore Domkrag ka fa e neng e dira ka teng, re bona go boelela ka fa tlase ga tsamaiso ya gompiano. O bua ka ditshenyegelo tsa *commission* e e fetileng, mme le nna ke ne ke bua ka ditshenyegelo ka tsetlana e le nngwefela, *just one*. Re ya go bitsa Ntlo ya Dikgosi e kopana e nna fa fatshe e buisanya kgang e, re duela gakere, letsatsi le letsatsi. Re bo re tsaya Molao-kakanyetso oo re o tliša fa re tla go o buisanya letsatsi le letsatsi *for* nako e e rileng, re duelwa. Fa re tswa fa, tsetla e e batla *referendum*. Re ya go baya ditante re bo re roma batho kwa *wards* tsothle kwa go neng go na le ditante ka letsatsi la ditlhopho teng. Re raya Motswana re re, fa e le gore o ne o santse o ile go lema, boela kwano o tle go araba potso e le nngwefela ka Molaomotho. Ke dumela gore Batswana ga ba tlhoke go ya go botswa ka potso e le nngwefela ka Molaomotho. Ga le a solofetsa Batswana gore le tlaa tsamaya le tlopola, le rile Molaomotho ka kakaretso. A re simololeng koo, e re re botsa Batswana ba bo ba ka di araba tsothle dikgang tsa Molaomotho tse di ba tshwenyang. Re solofeditse jalo re le BCP. Le solofeditse jalo le le UDC. Le solofeditse jalo le le Botswana Patriotic Front (BPF), ke utlwa rre wa BPF a re nnyaa. Ke tsaya gore le BDP *manifesto* wa bone o ne o ntse o solofetsa go lebelela Molaomotho sešha. Jaanong a re sa direng jalo, fela ka gore re na le dipalo. Le tsaya gore le tlaa nna le dipalo le bo le e tlhophela. Ba teng ba ba tsileng pele ga lona, ba ba neng ba na le dipalo ba batla go di dirisa, ga bone nageng. Tswelelang, re tlaabo re itse gore maikano a lebetwe ke UDC.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

(MR MOSWAANE): Ke go rapele Leader of the Opposition (LOO), gore motho wa gaetsho, a ga o ka ke wa nama o emetse UDC go sekaenyana go baakanyetsa a *comprehensive Constitutional amendment*, jaaka UDC e tsere motlhala wa gore mo go *the due process* go simololwe ka go dira a *Constitutional Court*, e ka yone morago e re fa re setse re sobokile dintlha tsothle, e bewa fa pele ga yone go rurifatsa seo re se akanyang.

The Constitutional Court fa e le teng, e na le thata go sireletsa Molaomotheo le go bona gore a ke one. Ke a leboga motho wa gaetsho, a o ka se ka wa nama o nnile pelotelelenyana go sekaenyana fela ka la Jeso? Ke a leboga.

MR SALESHANDO: Ga ke setswerere sa puo ya Setswana, mme ga ke itse gore fa gotwe, “moleta ngwedi, ke moleta lefifi” a ke sone se o kopang gore ke lete ngwedi mo letsatsing la gompiano.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Tsholofelo ga e tlhabetse ditlhong morena.

MR SALESHANDO: Se ke se buang *Honourable Moswaane* ke gore, re baba lebadi ka gore le tsamaisa ka thulaganyo ya Domkrag. Le gata dikgato tsa Domkrag. Domkrag e ne e bua jalo e re, “re fe sebaka re batla to amend pele ka July, 9 months after elections re batla to amend go le gongwefela.” *Nine months after elections*, UDC le yone e dira go tshwana. Motswana mongwe le mongwe kwa lwapeng, a itse gore ga go boammaaruri gore Molaomotheo o ka amogelwa fela ke *Constitutional Court*.

Ke buile gape fa gore, ga re dumalane le lona ka gore tsamaiso e le neng le sa e rate ya ka fa go tlhophiwang Baatlhodi ka teng, jaanong le a e dirisa le le UDC. Ga e le reye ya re a re e fetole ka bonako, ka gore le tlaa itlhophele Baatlhodi ba lona le ba batlang. Re ne re a tle re ngongorege re na le lona, Rre Tshere a re ke gore *he was not briefed* gore ga e ka ke Tautona a tlhophisa *Chief Justice* a le nosi, gompiano le bona go siame gore Tautona o ka tlhophisa *Chief Justice* a le nosi. Le gone a bo a tlhophisa *Chief Justice*, ga ke bue sepe ka bokgoni jwa gagwe, yo go neng go ntse go itsiwe gore ba na le kamano pele ga ditlhopho. A bo le re go siame fela. Le rile *you will be a Government of merit, merit* go tewa batho ba gaisana, go bo gotwe yo o gaisitseng yo mongwe ke yo. Ke tse ke di buang mo *statement* gore, ga re le tshephe le ka fa Baatlhodi ba tlhophiwang ka teng, ka gore le tlhophisa jaaka Domkrag.

MR MOSWAANE: *Point of order. Mr Speaker, the point of order* e ke emang ka yone ke ya gore, o kare go tlaabo go se molemo gore mo nakong ya gompiano, go akanngwe gore Tautona a ka tlogela go dirisa melao e e setseng e le *approved* ke Palamente *before* go nna le *amendments*. Ka jalo, ke tsaya gore mo tsamaisong, *he*

will have to abide by the rules of this country go fitlhela re *amend Constitution* le melao ka fa e ntseng ka teng. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, o ka bo o kopile gore o tlhalose. Ga se *order*, ga le dumalane.

MR SALESHANDO: Le yone tlhaloso ya teng *Mr Speaker*, ga e amogelesege. Go fetola tsamaiso e Baatlhodi ba tlhophiwang ka yone, go ka fetolwa go sa fetolwa Molaomotheo. Judicial Service Commission (JSC) gore go tsena bomang mo teng, go na le dikgato tse di ka tsewang gore go fetolwe, go fokotswe batho ba ba emetseng Tautona mo teng ga JSC. Jaanong se ke se utlwileng gompiano, ke maipato fela.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): *Point of order. Mr Speaker*, Molaomotheo o supa gore ke bomang ba ba tshwanetseng gore ba nne mo JSC. Ga go na jaaka o ka fetolwa go sa fetolwa *Constitution*. Molaomotheo o a supa gore ke *Attorney General*, ke mang mang le mang mang.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ga o utlwe gore a reng.

MR RAMAOTWANA: A re go ka fokotswa batho ba ba supiwang ke Tautona, ba supilwe mo Molaomotheo.

MR SPEAKER: The import of what he is saying if I understand him *ke gore*, that Clause *ya gore le ka fetola* composition is not entrenched. That is the import, unless *e le gore o ne o sa rialo* Honourable Saleshando.

MR SALESHANDO: *That is what I meant.* Ke gore ditshenyegelo tse re itsenyang mo go tsone ka *Clause* e le nngwefela, go na le tse re ka di fetolang fa re ne re tlhwaafetse, di sena ditshenyegelo, *referendum* ga e tlhokafale gore re fetole tsela e re ka yang go tlhophisa Baatlhodi ka yone. *If I am wrong, I will be corrected, but* ke tsaya gore fa re ne re tlhwaafetse gore re batla go fetola tsela e go tlhophiwang Baatlhodi ka yone, re ne re ka e dira ka gore ga e tlhoke *referendum*. *That is my understanding.* Le ditshenyegelo tse re tlholang re bua ka tsone. Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Leader of the Opposition. Order! Honourable Members, we now go to Committee Stage.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, before we go for Committee, I understand that Leader of the House has a procedural Motion to make.

BUSINESS MOTION

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Thank you Mr Speaker, apologies Mr Speaker, I had to step outside *go neela bangwe* documents *tsa kwa ofising*.

Having apologized Honourable Speaker, I beg to move in terms of Standing 28.3 that at the adjournment of the Assembly tomorrow, being 15th August 2025, the present meeting shall be concluded, and the Assembly shall then stand adjourned *sine...* I move accordingly Honourable Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Ga ke a utlwa *the last part*.

MR MOHWASA: *Golo mo go rayang gore batlotlegi ba tlwaetse go sutisiwa ga Motion o Mr Speaker*. I was saying the Assembly shall then stand adjourned *sine die*.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, *le utlwile Tshutiso* moved in terms of Standing Order 28.3 that “a Minister or any Private Member may without notice, at the time appointed in the Standing Order No.30 (Daily Routine of Business), or at any convenient time after the commencement of public business move in the following terms - “That the adjournment of the Assembly on (here the date for conclusion of the meeting shall be entered) the present meeting shall be concluded, and the Assembly shall then stand adjourned, *sine die*.” So, that is the Motion before you. *Gakere ga le tlhoke tlhaloso. Ke go raya fela gore kamoso fa le khutlisa dipuisanyo tsa lona ka 12:30 p.m. kana ka nako e le tlaabong le e dumalane, e bo e le gore ka phuthego eo e phatlalala, le tlaabo le phatlaetse go fitlhelela nako e e tlaa bolelwang. Ke gore phuthego ya lona e tlaabo e feletse ya boraro, the Third Meeting, ke yone Tshutiso.*

Question put and **agreed to**.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, ga ke a begelwa ka baeng ba ba kwa *public gallery*, mme a re ba amogeleng fela ka fa re tlwaetseng ka teng gore ba ikutlwe ba amogelesegile.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)

MR LEKAU: *Point of procedure. Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga. Ga se bongwanake *per se*, mme ga se baeng ba me. Baeng ba *Mr Speaker*, le fa e se baeng ba ga ope, ke tsaya gore ke ba Ntlo e ka gore ba itshupile gore ke bana ba DDT College. Ba ne ba tsile jaana e le gore, ba na le kgang e e itseweng ke Ntlo e. Ke tlhatswe fela gore e se ka ya nna gore ke moeng o etetse mang, ke bomang. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: That is fine, noted. Let us go for Committee.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE

(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)

ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025 (NO. 26 OF 2025)

MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! Honourable Members. Please note that the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (No. 26 of 2025) has 13 Clauses. There is an amendment that has been noticed by the Minister. I shall therefore call the Clauses consecutively.

Clauses 1 - 10 **agreed to**.

Clause 11 **agreed to**.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, there is an amendment at Clause 12. Minister, please move the amendment.

Clause 12

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT

(MS MOPHUTING): *Ke a leboga* Mr Chairperson. Clause 12 appearing on page B. 628 be amended in Subclause 33 (1) inserting immediately after paragraph (m) the following new paragraph (n) “the Chief Executive Officer of the National Cannabis Control Authority.”

Amendment **agreed to**.

Clause 12 as amended **agreed to**.



Clause 13 agreed to.

...Silence...

**ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC DRUGS
AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025 (NO. 26 OF 2025)**

Bill reported from Committee **with amendments.**

Third Reading - **Forthwith.**

Third Reading

**ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC
DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC
SUBSTANCES (AMENDMENT) BILL,
2025 (NO. 26 OF 2025)**

(Assistant Minister for State President)

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! Honourable Members. The question is that the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (No. 26 of 2025) be read a third time.

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MS MOPHUTING): Mr Speaker, I move that the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (No. 26 of 2025) be read a third time and do pass.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members. The question is that the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (No. 26 of 2025) be read a third time and do pass. You know the drill. I shall invoke Standing Order 62.1 (c) read with Standing Order 63. Clerk, ring the bell for two minutes, at the elapse of two minutes, Sergeant-at-Arms please lock the doors.

Question put and **Division Ordered.**

MR SPEAKER: I will activate voting. Those voting for “yes,” press 2, those voting for “no” press 3, those “abstaining,” press 4, but first indicate your presence by pressing 1. *Tlhophang.*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Murmurs)...

MR SPEAKER: *Tlhophang* Honourable Members. *Le tlhophile?* I am going to deactivate. *O tlhophile* Honourable Frenzel?

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members. Here are the results of your voting. You are 35 in the House, the “ayes” 32, the “noes” 2, “abstain” 1. So, the “ayes” have it. The Bill is passed.

Bill read a third time and **passed.**

SPEAKER’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Members,* re tsile kwa bokhutlong. Jaanong dikitsiso di pedi fela, ke gore lona baeteledipele, go na le phuthago ya botlhokwatlhokwa ya *Business Advisory Committee*, so, *Leader of the Opposition*, *Opposition Whip*, *Leader of the House*, *Government Whip*, a re yeng kwa *Speaker’s boardroom*. Kamoso phakela ka 8.00 a.m. re kopana fa *for the General Assembly*, eo ke ya mongwe le mongwe, lotlhe le bo le le fa Batlotlegi le tle go buisanya. E tlaabo e le letsatsi la bofelo, le tlang lotlhe *Honourable Members.*

That concludes the business in the Order Paper today, I will therefore call upon the Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ke re ka dipuisanyo tsa rona tsa letsatsi di ile bokhutlong, ke sutise gore Ntlo e dipuisanyo tsa yone di felele gone fa.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 4:00 p.m. until Friday 15th August, 2025 at 9:00 a.m

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