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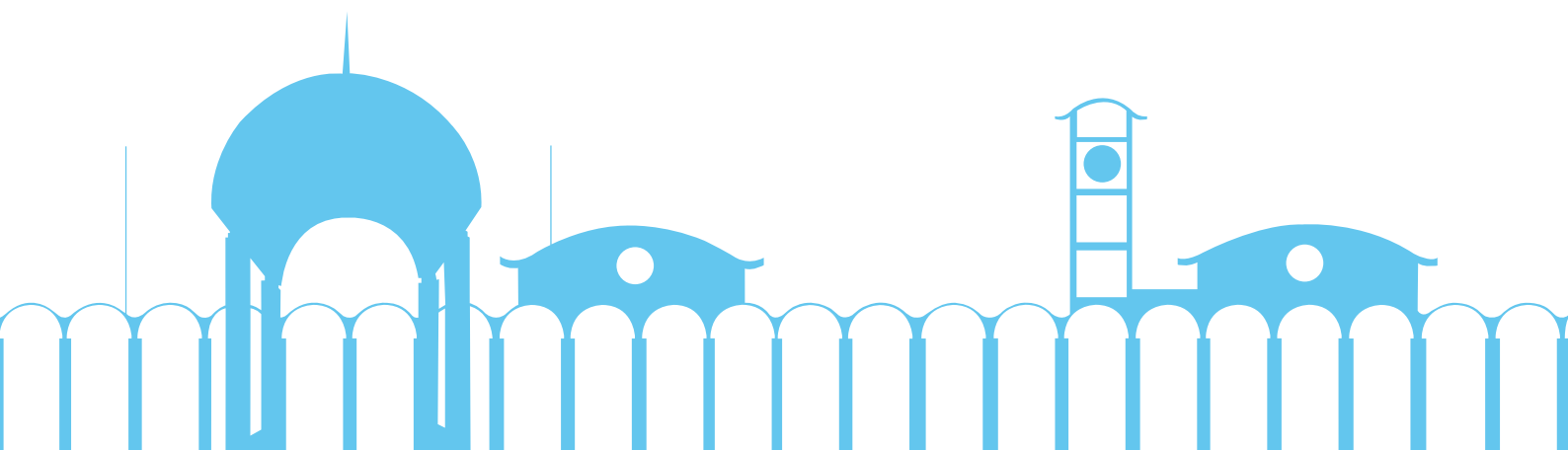
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Wednesday 22nd July, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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SPEAKER'S REMARKS

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): *Pray be seated. Tsayang maemo a lona batlotlegi, o kare le lekane palo. Order! Honourable Members! good afternoon. Nanabelelang kwa ditilong batlotlegi, afternoon batlotlegi. Ke a itse gore it was a busy and eventful long weekend, a re boeleng mo tirong batlotlegi.*

SPEAKER'S RULING

MR SPEAKER: *Batlotlegi*, let me just start with the ruling on a matter that concerns Honourable Dr Kesitegile Gobotswang, he may be at Pan African Parliament (PAP).

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga re mo emele.

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa, ga re mo emele. Gakere* ruling is not debated. Honourable Members, on the 30th March 2026, Honourable Dr Kesitegile Gobotswang made averments on the floor of the House warranting the Speaker to request that he adduce evidence in support of his statements. Specifically, Honourable Gobotswang is captured to have said, *“ka fa ke bonang ka teng Tautona wa lefatshe lone le, lephata le ga a le tseye tsia gotlhelele. Tota kana ene o sale a buile gore fa go buiwa ka bo dikgomo, le dipodi, le bo masimo ene ga go na fa a tsenang teng. Go a itshupa gore fa re leng teng...”* Nanabelang kwa ditilong batlotlegi.

To these assertions the Speaker warned Honourable Dr Gobotswang on the importance of adhering to Standing Order 57.4 and 57.5, as this would amount to imputing improper motives on the President. In his response to this cautionary statement Honourable Dr Gobotswang advised that he was in a position to provide evidence in support of these allegations. It is on the basis of the provisions of such evidence that this ruling emanates.

Honourable Dr Gobotswang submitted two pieces of evidence to the Speakership. One is a sworn affidavit

by Honourable Kgoberego Nkawana, Member for Selebi Phikwe East. The second piece of evidence brought is a video clip submitted by Honourable Dr Gobotswang which is 33 seconds long. In the video clip, the President is captured briefly to have said something relating to cattle and books. However, and in fact importantly, I noted that the video clip appears to have been extracted and captured from a more comprehensive address by the President. Certainly, the President could not have addressed people for only 33 seconds. So, the 33 seconds extracted and shared with the Speakership therefore presents some utterance, but creates a limitation for a proper assessment of the statement, since it lacks the context of the statement made. The reasons for this specific utterance and even the issue if any, such utterances sought to respond to or address. The video clip has therefore been found to provide limited support to the strong allegations made by Honourable Dr Gobotswang.

Devoid of any full and better particulars from the video clip, the affidavit by Honourable Nkawana also offers inadequate relief. It only states that the President of the Republic of Botswana made certain utterances at Sam Sono Stadium in Selebi Phikwe where he was present. To this affidavit the Speakership was left with more questions than answers. Specifically, what had transpired for Mr President to have made such utterances, what was the purpose of this gathering at Sam Sono Stadium in Selebi Phikwe. Was it a dialogue on farming perspectives for the Republic of Botswana? Why had multitudes of people gathered to listen to Mr President's alleged personal opinion on farming? Did the President indicate whether he was speaking authoritatively on a policy position of the Government and country or simply sharing his own opinion? If it was purely his opinion, on what basis was such opinion advanced? Had such opinion been required of him in his capacity as President or in his personal capacity? Was his statement made in response to a farming crisis that his sentiments could have given the appropriate waiting?

Honourable Members, I am unable to find answers to any of these questions from both the video clip and affidavit provided. The Speakership finds that Honourable Dr Gobotswang's evidence is grossly insufficient to support the averments he made. It is therefore my ruling that,



Honourable Gobotswang should refrain from making such unsubstantiated statements in the House.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, I am sure you would recall that in all the previous rulings made, I do not entertain debates because it is a final ruling.

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga Honourable Speaker, ke lebogela tlhaloso ya gago ka fa o e tlhalositseng. Ga ke na *intention* ya to question and to ask ka fa o atlhotseng ka teng. Kana go na le *the core of the argument or gist of the matter*, ke yone ya gore fa a rialo o akile. Jaanong ke raya gore...

MR SPEAKER: *A o tsena mo* debate ya ruling Honourable Member? This ruling is final. You know Honourable Members, in the past you have had an attempt to review. One such was the matter related to Honourable Moalosi, in which he questioned whether the proper procedure was followed in how his Motion was dealt with. You know that the Business Advisory Committee took a decision to rectify the matter which Honourable Moalosi had brought before it. *Ga ke na go letlelela* debate under the guise of procedures Honourable Members.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): Point of procedure. Mr Speaker, I think it is still worthwhile for us to note the ruling. It surprises us, it shocks us *ka gore fa o re* video e ne e le 33 seconds, one wonders did you ask for the full video? *Wa re* affidavit e ne e tlhabela dilo dingwe, a o di kopile? As a matter of fact, the President says he has no interest in farming. There is no need for you to defend him, you are simply playing gatekeeper on this issue, The President said so. *Gore* ruling a *bo o re* ke caution *gore a se ka a nna a bua jalo, re tlaa tsewelela re bua jalo* because the President said so. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Leader of the Opposition, surely, I am not in a mood for a shouting match. I have made my ruling Honourable Members, you know your Standing Orders. If you seek any redress your rules of order and procedure are very clear. Honourable Members, when I call for evidence, you must adduce evidence, and that evidence must be able to substantiate

any averment that you make in the House. The evidence in my view is inadequate.

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, let us go to questions. Honourable Simasiku Oscar Mapulanga, Member for Chobe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke tlaa mo e tseela *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: O tlaa mo e tseela *Honourable* Disho.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

SBRANA PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

MR C. K. JACOBS (LOBATSE): asked the Minister of Health if he is aware of the state and situation at Sbrana Psychiatric Hospital particularly in terms of the health risk, patients' wellbeing, the state of the facility and the wellbeing of employees.

Later Date.

OKAVANGO WEST CONSTITUENCY CLINICS

MR K. K. KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to update this Honourable House on the state of administrative leadership of clinics in the Okavango area; and further:

- (i) report on the clinics in the Okavango West Constituency indicating the salary scale of the person heading each clinic;
- (ii) and if all are in conformity with the ministerial policy on levels of headship of clinics and specialised units such as maternity wards.

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke leboge Motlotlegi Kapinga.

- (i) Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, Kgaolo ya Okavango Bophirima, e na le mafelo a bookelo a le borobabobedi mo go yone, le dikokelo tse tharo, nngwe ya tsone e na le phaposi ya pelegiso, le dikokelwana tse tlhano. Mo bogompionong, kgaolo e e na le baoki ba le masome a mararo le boraro,

mo go bone ba bane e le baoki ba ba belegisang, ba thusa baoki ba le bane, bommaboitekanelo ba le lesome le boraro le ba melemo ba le babedi.

Kokelo ya Shakawe Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, e eteletse pele ke mooki yo o mo maamong a C1, a tshwareletse wa maemo a D4. Kokelo ya Sepopa e eteletse ke mooki wa maemo a D4. Kokelo le dikokelwana tse dingwe tsotlhe di eteletse pele ke baoki ba ba mo maamong a C1.

- (ii) Kwa bofelelong Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, Lephata le lemoga tlhalelo ya bodiredi jwa maemo a a lebaneng go etelela pele dikokelo le dikokelwana mo Kgaolong ya botlhophi ya Okavango Bophirima. Se re tshwanetseng go se tlhalosa ke gore, kokelo e e bulwang letsatsi lotlhe (24 hours), e etelelwa pele ke mooki wa maemo a D3, kokelo ya nako tsa pereko tse dirobangbodedi (8hrs), e tshwanetse go etelelwa ke mooki wa maemo a D4, ha dikokelwana kana *health posts* tsone di etelelwa ke ba maemo a C1.

Go botlhokwa go supa gore mo temogong e ya tlhalelo ya booki lephata le semeletse mo go tsweleleng, e bile se re se solofetsang go wetsa khiro ya baoki mo kgwedding ya Lwetse e fela monongwaga, e le gone go alafa kana go kaba mathata a diphatlha tsa bodiredi jwa booki le ba ba maleba ka nako e e ntseng jalo. Ke ne ke tlhalosa tsamaiso ya ketelelopele, mme re lemoga dikgwetlho fa di leng teng, mme re fa tsholofetso ya gore re di baakanya ka tsela e e ntseng jang, e bile ke beile le nako. Ke a leboga.

MR KAPINGA: *Supplementary.* Tona, ke ne ke re a o ka bolelela setšhaba rraetsho gore lephata la gago ga le na kitso kana ga le ise le amogele boikuelo go tswa kwa badiring ba le ba rometseng kwa Kgaolong ya Okavango West gore ba berekisiwa ditiro tsa batho ba e leng gore ke maemo a a kwa godimo mme ba sa fiwe maemo ao, mme ba tshwarelela ka sebaka se se feteletseng? A *complaints* tseo ga di ise di goroge kwa ofising ya gago? Fa e le gore di gorogile o ne o ikaelela gore o di rarabolole ka bofelo jo bo kae, tsone tsa go tshwarelela mo *positions* tse di kwa godimo sebaka se se feteletseng? Ke a leboga.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke a leboga. Nnyaa ga re ise re amogele boikuelo joo, mme tsamaiso e re nang le

yone, fa re buisa diphuthogo tsa Dikhansele re bua ka *Decentralisation Policy*, ke buisitse babereki ba Dikhansele lefatshe lotlhe ka bophara. Re ne re dira jaana go lemotsha ba ba tshegeditseng *management* gore, tsamaiso ya rona kana *the organisational culture* ya *ministry* ke gore, gore re ntshe maduo re direle Batswana sentle, sa ntlha re tshwanetse ra direla babereki sentle, mabaka a bone a pereko a elwe tlhoko, le ditshwanelo tsa bone (*sound industrial relations*), le gore tse ba ngongoregang ka tsone di tsibogelwe ka nako, di se ka tsa nna kgopo mo go bone tsa kgoreletsa gore ba dire tiro. E bile nngwe ya tse re buileng thata le ba ba tshegeditseng teu ke gore, kana dikgang tsa *acting* di na le lebaka le le beilweng gore o ka tshwarelela lebaka le le kae. E bile *acting* e na le mabaka kana *purpose*, nngwe ya teng ke gore, go a bo go na le *vacancy* go emetse gore e tladiwe. Lebaka le lengwe e a bo e le go lekeletsa motho gore a ene o ka kgona. Jaanong re bo re tlhalosa gore, mme kana fa motho a supile gore o ka kgona, tota e bile ga go tlhoke gore go bo go ka ya go bapadiwa (*advertise*) *post* ka gore yo o setseng a le foo o itshupile gore o ka kgona. Jaanong motheo o, kana *this organisational culture* ya *sound industrial relations* e raya gore fa go na le ngongorego e ka bo e setse e tsibogetswe ka bofelo. Kana fa Mopalamente a bua jaaka wena ke dikgang tse re tshwanetseng go di tsaya tsia. Ke tlaa tlhotlhomisa go feta jaaka ke itse gore re tle re direle babereki sentle, ka gore babereki ba ba itumetseng ba direlwa sentle ke bone ba ba kgonang go neela Batswana ditirelo. Ke tlaa lekodisanya le wena mo mosepeleng wa teng.

SELEBI PHIKWE CITRUS PROJECT

MR R. W. KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): asked the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state:

- (i) the contribution in Gross Domestic Products (GDP) of the Selebi Phikwe Citrus Project in the past two years;
- (ii) the reasons why only 10 per cent of the farm produce is reserved for the local market, and if this is enough for the local market; and
- (iii) if the Government will consider increasing the percentage for the local market; and if so, when.

Later Date.



MR SPEAKER: Honourable Boniface Bashi Mabeo, Member for Gamalete.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke tlaa mo e tseela ka tlhamalalo.

MOSIELELE COMMISSION REPORT

MR M. MOALOSI (NKANGE): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs when:

- (i) he will release the Mosieelele Commission Report on the Nswazwi Chieftainship;
- (ii) the report was completed; and
- (iii) why the results of the Commission have been withheld?

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

Ke a leboga Mopalamente Moalosi, yo o boditseng potso e e thusang batho, mme karabo e ntse jaana gore;

- (i) Lephata ga le itse ka lekoko la kgang ya Bogosi jwa motse wa Nswazwi. Le fa go ntse jalo lephata le itse ka kgang ya Bogosi jwa Makuta jo bo neng jwa romelwa lekoko le le neng le eteletswe pele ke Kgosi Mosieelele. Go botlhokwa go supa gore motse wa Makuta e ne e le lefelo la meraka ya morafe wa Nswazwi, mme morago ga nako wa fetolwa go nna motse.
- (ii) Lekoko le le neng le eteletswe pele ke Kgosi Mosieelele le weditse tiro ya lone ka Phalane ka ngwaga wa 2019.
- (iii) Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, lephata le amogela fa morafe wa Makuta o ise o fiwe pego ya lekoko le le neng le eteletswe pele ke Kgosi Mosieelele. Lephata le amogela gore pego e diegile go fiwa morafe wa Makuta, mme le fa go ntse jalo lephata le dirile tsamaiso ya go ya go isa morero kana pego ya tse lekoko le neng le di romilwe, mme e le gore ba lebile ka tsela e e ntseng jang, mme pego e tlaa rolwa. Selo se se botlhokwa mo tsamaisong fa ke araba le tsamaiso ya rona ya lephata ke gore, re nne re nna le nako kana *timelines*, mme ke sone se ke beelang Mopalamente yo o tlotlegang kgwedi ya Phatwe e wela monongwaga, gore re tlaabo re setse re dirile jalo, mme re na le ene. Le go baakanya mosepele

wa go ya gone kwa re tlaabo re na le ene, mme re leboga tshedimoso eo.

MR MOALOSI: *Supplementary.* Ke go leboge *Honourable Minister* gore dilo tse le di lebetseng, fa re le botsa, le a gakologelwa. Ke selo se se ntle thata, e bile ga le *defend* dilo tse le sa tshwanelang go di *defend*. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Moalosi, *o ele tlhoko thata* Standing Order 40.3. You are only allowed to ask a supplementary question in terms of 40.2.

Honourable Helen Pushie Manenyeng, Deputy Speaker, Member for Mmopane-Metsimotlhabe.

MR LEKAU: *I am acting for Deputy Speaker*, ke tlaa mo e tseela *Mr Speaker*.

FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

MR L. BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs whether:

- (i) his ministry has ever undertaken a fire risk assessment or study in Mogoditshane village, given its fast-increasing population density and the tightening mobility, as well as the reliance on fire services from nearby stations; and
- (ii) there are plans to construct a dedicated fire station in this village, considering its status as the largest village in Botswana, located in the populous Kweneng District, and the heightened risk posed by its dense population and rapid urbanisation.

DR DOW: Procedure. Mr Speaker, *ke tsaya gore go matshwanedi*, unless *re sa itse*, *o reye* the Honourable Member to withdraw *mafoko ao*. Everything that we say has been recorded in the Hansard. *Fa a re gompieno* he is the Acting Deputy Speaker, unless that is true. If it is the truth, and it has not been announced. Can he withdraw that? Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: *Ee, mathata ke gore batlotlegi e re fa gotwe o bitse potso, yo mongwe o simolola a dumedisa kwa kgaolong, yo mongwe congratulates yo mongwe, yole o dira sele.* That is where the problem is. So Honourable Members, stick to what you are required to do. Honourable Lekau *o tshameketse ruri, ga go na* Acting Deputy Speaker. I thought I should be clear.

MR LEKAU: Point of order. Mr Speaker, as far as the question I have been assigned by the Deputy Speaker, I am acting on the question, but to say to me that 'Honourable Lekau o tshameketse ruri,' I think *mafoko a teng jaanong ke one a o tsentsweng mo tlhaelong ke Vice President. Ga a siama.*

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Lekau, take your seat. Ga go na ope yo o nkgogetseng mo tlhaelong. Fa ke re o tshameketse ruri, ke gone gore e re o tshwanetse gore o bitse potso o bo o re *you are acting*, ga go na *any acting appointment*.

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

Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ke leboge Mopalamente. Karabo e ntse jaana;

- (i) Lephata le lemoga botlhokwa jwa pabalesego kgaatlhanong le dikgang tsa tlhagogo ya melelo, le go ipaakanyetsa seemo sepe fela fa go ka nna le tlhagogo ya molelo mo motseng wa Mogoditshane. Motse o e leng gore kgolo ya one le ditlhabololo di supa fa go tlhokega ditirelo tsa setimamolelo tse di ka tsibogelang diemo fa di ka tlhagoga ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.
- (ii) Le fa lephata le ise le dire tshekatsheko ya matshosetsi a tlhagogo ya molelo mo Motseng wa Mogoditshane o le nosi, go tsibogela molelo ope o o ka tlhagogang, go akareditswe mo Lenaneong la Ditlhabololo tsa Setšhaba le tsa Dikgaolo. Maphata a a latelang a tlaa itebaganya le go tsibogela molelo o o ka tlhagogang mo Motseng wa Mogoditshane; ke gore lephata le le tsibogelang seemo sa potlako (*Emergency Services*), le lephata la dibetso tsa tholego (*Disaster Management*).
- (iii) Lephata le lemoga gore selekanyo sa matshosetsi mo Mogoditshane se a fetoga, ka jalo, go tlhokega ditshekatsheko gore go thomamisiwe sentle ditirelo tse di ka tlhokegang go tsibogela seemo jaaka se ka tlhagoga fa re itemogela kgolo ya motse le dikgwetlho tse dingwe gore go tle go tsibogelwe ka seelo se se tsamaelanang le mathata a a ka tlhagogang.
- (iv) Tshekatsheko e fa e dirilwe, e tlaa kaela ditlhabololo le gone gore go thomamisege gore ditirelo tsa go tima kgotsa go tsibogela tlhagogo

ya molelo go itepatepanya le kgolo ya motse ke tse di maleba.

- (v) Yone tshekatsheko e, e tlaa dirwa fa seemo sa itsholelo se tokafala. Dikgang tse re tlaa lemoga gore, e re ntswa le fa maiteko le maithomo a le teng, kgang e e nnang e le sekgoreletsi e nna e le tsa itsholelo, tsone re sa reye gore di tlaa nnela sekgoreletsi ruri. Fa go tlhokegang go na le lerothodi la ledi teng, re tlaa ketlola go lebagana le dikgang jaaka di ntse.
- (vi) Lephata le tlaa tswelela le tshwaraganye le wena Mopalamente le wa moagisanyi wa gago yo o tlhwaafetseng thata, banni ba kgaolo, dikgwebo le banaleseabe mo kgaolong go itebaganya le go tsibogela molelo le seemo sepe fela se se ka amanang le motse.
- (vii) Kwa bofelelong Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke supe gore lephata le lemoga botlhokwa jwa go nna le lefelo la setimamolelo le le itebagantseng le motse wa Mogoditshane le metse e e mabapi ka mabaka a ditlhabololo le kgolo fela e mang le mang a e bonang. Ka go lemoga botlhokwa jwa ditirelo tsa setimamolelo, tiro ya kago ya tiro e, e akareditswe mo moalong wa ditlhabololo tsa dikgaolo; ke gore District Development Plan (DDP) le Moalo wa Ditlhabololo wa Setšhaba, NDP.
- (viii) Mo bogompienong go tsibogela molelo mo Mogoditshane, go santse go dirwa ke lephata la molelo la Gaborone City Council ka gore ga le kgakala thata le Mogoditshane, le ba lephata la molelo ba Botswana Defence Force (BDF). Ka jalo, banni ba tswelela ba fiwa ditirelo fa go santse go emetswe tharabololo e e mogoga moleele kana ya sennelaruri. Madirelo a setimamolelo a a tlaa agiwa a tlaa tlhomamisa gore seelo sa go tsibogela molelo go itepatepanya le dikgang tsa ditlhabololo go tlaa dirisiwa dikoloi tse di lebaneng di le bofefo, badiri le bone ba le gaufi le madirelo mo go tlaa thusang gore ba tsiboge ka bofelo ka dinako tsotlhe jaaka e le boikarabelo jwa rona gore re neele Batswana ditirelo ka nako mo go kgotsofatsang. Ke a leboga.

MR BARONGWANG: Ke a go leboga Tona. Fela ke a sitega go le go nnyennyane Tona, gore motse o wa

Mogoditshane o o pitlaganyeng, mme e bile o sena go tsamaega mo go motlhofo, o ka bewa gore o thusiwe ke toropo ya Gaborone. A ga o akanye gore gongwe go rulaganngwe sengwe *in the mean time*? Fa o lebile ka fa go nang le ditlhabololo tsa *mall*s le dikago, fa sengwe se ka diragala go ise go agiwe *this fire station*, re ya go nna le seemo fela se se maswe. Kopo ya me ke gore, a ga go na sepe fela se o ka se rulaganyang *in the mean time*? Ke a leboga.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mopalamente o ne a re o a sitega, mme go mo ema nokeng le nna ke sitega tshitego e e fetang tshitego gone go mo ema nokeng jalo. Mo go direng tsamaiso ya nakwana, re tlaa bua le bone ba maphata a ke ntseng ke a tlhalosa gore gongwe go ka nna le dikoloi tse e leng gore gona le gore di tle di tswa kgakala kwa Gaborone City Council, gore di nne di le gaufi mo Mogoditshane, di tle di tsiboge le gautshwane. Ke selo se se tshwanetseng gore se dirwe go sireletsa dithoto tsa batho le matshelo a bone. Ke a leboga.

2019 GENERAL ELECTIONS

MR L. LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to update this Honourable House on what really took place during the 2019 General Elections, and further:

- (i) state that since the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) had taken 16 petitions to court with allegations of massive election rigging and fraud, whether an enquiry has been made, now with the benefit of being in power and having inside information if the 2019 elections were indeed rigged as the UDC had alleged;
- (ii) if such enquiry has been undertaken and a confirmation of election rigging has been obtained, whether individuals at the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) and the Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) have been identified as being involved in such rigging and what actions will be taken against them;
- (iii) state if any criminal charges will be levelled against the leadership of the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP), who were allegedly engaged in election rigging as stated in the High Court petitions, in which the UDC had alleged there was massive

vote rigging by the ruling Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) in the October 2019 polls;

- (iv) state what is being done to ensure that rigging of elections never happens again in Botswana; and
- (v) if the Minister does not see the need for a proper and independent audit of the 2019 General Elections based on what came to light in sworn affidavits in courts and on a forensic audit conducted by South African-based Forensics for Justice, headed by Paul O'Sullivan which pointed to massive rigging, money laundering and fraud in the 2019 General Elections.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, how long is the answer?

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Nnyaa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente ga e telele.

MR SPEAKER: Ee, e soboke.

MR MOHWASA: Ke tsaya gore le nna ke tlaa leka gore ke e arabe ka mowa o o edileng.

Ke tshwanetse ke tlhalose fela go tswa kwa ntlheng gore ba mokgatlho wa UDC ga ba ise ba tlhoke go tlhalosa se e leng gore se ne se ntse se buaga ke botlhe gore ditlhopho tsa 2019 di ne di sa tlhapa, go ne go na le tsietso. Ke sone se e rileng morago ga tsone ga nna le boikuelo jwa ditsheko tse di ka nnang lesome le borobabongwe. Ka madimabe, dikgang tse di neng di isitswe kwa *court* ga di a kgona gore di tsene ka go ne go isitswe mo ka molao ba reng ke *technicalities*.

Jaanong kana re bua ka UDC e gompieno e leng mo Pusong, e e leng gore mo nakong ya gompieno e itebagantse le go fetola lefatshe, go dira ditiro le go tokafatsa tsamaiso ya lefatshe le. Jaaka ke tlhalositse, ke tsaya gore dikgang tse dingwe tse tsa 2019 di setse di fetilwe ke nako, jaanong re itebagantse le dikgang tsone tse ke buang ka tsone mo nakong ya gompieno.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, Goromente ga a na go dira *audit* ya ditlhopho tsa 2019. Goromente ga a boele kwa morago, e bile ga a tshikinyege mo goreng mo dikgannyeng tse re neng re di bua... Rre yo o neng a ntse a re, *aah!* ka fa thoko ka kwa, go tshwanetse go nne le *to observe, registration* ya ditlhopho le tse dingwe.

Re tlhwaafetse fa, re batla *to change*. Dikgang tse re neng di sutisa, nngwe ya tsone re batla go di baakanya Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke sone se e leng gore ka di 31 tsa kgwedi e ya *July*, re tlaabo re na le phuthego ya *All Party Conference*, go tla go lebelela gore re baakanya molao wa ditlhopho jang.

Kwa bofelong, Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke tlhalose gore Goramente wa letsatsi, o tlhwaafetse ka go fetola tsamaiso ya ditlhopho. Ke thulaganyo e re e solofeditse Batswana pele ga ditlhopho. Re tlaa e diragatsa fela jaaka go baakanya *Constitution* ya lefatshe la Botswana, re e rurifaditse, re ipapaditse ka yone. Tse dingwe tse re tlaa di baakanyang, ke tse e leng gore ga di tlhokafale gore re ka tlhola re emela gore *Constitution* e baakanngwe. Tse dingwe di tlaa tla kwa morago le tse di tlaa tlang di tsena, fa re sena go baakanya *Constitution*. Ke tsaya gore ke arabile ka mowa o o edileng. Ke a leboga.

MR LESEDI: *Supplementary*. O e arabile le fa a e tommeditse. O e tommeditse ka gore ke ne ke solofetse gore *roman figures* tse ke neng ke boditse mo go tsone, o tlaa ya natso tsotlhe. O supa gore tse dingwe di siilwe ke nako. Ke ne ke e botsa jaana *Mr Speaker*, ke lebile gore go siilwe ke nako. Ke ne ke batla gore ba tlhatswe gore mo seemong sa go siiwa ke nako, ba tsere efe kgato? Tota potso e ya *audit*, ke yone e ke neng ke senkile gore o ka bo a ne a tsepame mo go yone. *Mr Speaker*, ke tsaya gore jaaka a bua, o tommeditse, mme ke tlaa kopa karabo. Ke a leboga.

MR MOHWASA: Ke tlaa leka thata gore ke arabe. Se ke neng ke se kopa, ga ke nyatse thata ya Palamente. Ke ne ke re maikaelelo jaaka e rile fa go tloga, go ne go na le potso e nngwe Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, e e neng e beilwe ke Rre Saleshando, e nngwe e tsentswe ke Rre Segokgo. Ka mowa wa go nna re dumalana gore re tshwanetse re dire dipaakanyo le mowa wa go dira mmogo, ke ne ka ya kwa go bone, mme ra dumalana gore tse tsotlhe, ke tsaya gore diphathi di tlaa di kopanela. Fa re sena go nna fa fatshe re baakanya, re sena go tsaya dikgang ka dipaakanyo tse di rileng, re tlaa tla kwano, fa re sena go dumalana le ba diphathi gore re batla go baakanya jang.

Kgang e nngwe e e motlhofo, ke e fa sekai, ke e neng Rre Saleshando a bua gore go balelwe kwa matlhophelong, ga go na yo o nang le bothata. Ke tsone tse ke di buang

gore re ne re di bua. Yo mongwe o ne a re, go tsisiwe *boxes* tse o kgonang go bona se se mo teng. Se re neng re se bua re ne re re, le fa o re o batla go bona se se mo teng, mme se se mo teng le sone se tshwanetse ka bo sone, se sireletsege. Fa re ka fitlhela fa gongwe motho a tlhophile Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) a bonala mo teng, golo mo ka bogone, *compromise* tlhopho ka bo yone. Ke dikgang tse ke tsayang gore re tlaa ya go di nnela fa fatshe, re bo re di buisanya. Fa re sena go bopa mogopolo o, ka gore *it is a structure* e e mo molaong. Re tlaa tla re di tsisa kwano, a bo re tla ka dipaakanyo tseo, Palamente e di sekaseka. Ke a leboga.

MR SALESHANDO: *Procedure*. Ke tlhatswe fela e a neng a re, ka re tsisitse Molao-kakanyetso mme re dumalane, ga re a dumalana. O dirile kopo ya gore re tle re bue gore, a kgang ga e ye pele kwa *All Party Conference*. A bo a nthaya a re, “go tlaa tla kopo eo ka mokwalo,” *last week Monday*. Gompiano go *Wednesday*, ga go na kopo epe e e tsileng, ga re a dumalana. Fa e le gore o ka dira kopo, ke tlaa tla ke bua gore a ke a dumalana kana ke tlaa e sekaseka. Ke ne ke utlwa o bua *for the record* o re, re dumalane, nnyaa rra, ga re a dumalana, o kopile.

MR SPEAKER: Leader of the House, you want to clarify.

MR MOHWASA: Rona kwa go rona gore a re dumalane kana ga re a dumalana, ga go botlhokwa.

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

MR MOHWASA: Mo go botlhokwa ke maikaelelo a rona gore re batla go dira eng le maikaelelo a gore re bereke mmogo. Fa motlotlegi ke buile le ene kwa bothokong, a bo a ntumela, a bo a intatola gone fa, ga go na gore ke ka reng. Se se teng ke ne ke re, a re tseyeng gore... wena Mashoto, didimala!

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

MR MOHWASA: A re tseyeng fela gore Rre Saleshando o nkagane, e siame. Se se teng ke gore, re a go buisanya le ba diphathi.

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, *mma a arabe*.

MR MOHWASA: Rre yo o bapileng le Mma Dow le Rre Saleshando, o ne a seyo fa re bua. O bua e kete o ne a le teng. Ga ke itse gore a ke yone kgang ya gore ke go dibela Tautona.

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

MR MOHWASA: Se ke se buang ka re, ke ne ke buile le Rre Saleshando, fa e le gore ka tsela nngwe ga re a utlwana kana o ne a sa nkamogela, ga se kgang e ke ka tlholang ke ya le yone. Se se teng ke maikaelelo a gore, dikgang tse ba neng ba di bua, ke tse re yang go di bua kwa *All Party Conference*. Maikaelelo ke *to change* molao. Gore a o nkamogetse, mma re tseye fela gore o nne le kagiso mo go Rre Hikuama gore Rre Saleshando, o nkagane. O santse a tlaa tla ka *Motion* wa gagwe. Mme ka di 31 se ke ka se buang ke gore, re ya go kopana le diphathi go ya go lebagana le se. Ke a leboga.

MR LESEDI: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke utlwile Tona ka fa a lekang go tlhatswa dikgang ka teng. Tota fela go bua boammaaruri, ga a nkaraba ka gore o ne a bua ka kopo e a e dirileng kwa go Motlotlegi Saleshando le *Honourable* Segokgo, a sa itebaganye le karabo. Ke a amogela *Mr Speaker* gore potso e, go raya gore e nnile thata. *Thank you.*

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, o arabile ke gore ga le go dumalane.

FARMS OWNED BY FOREIGN NATIONALS

MR P. M. MOSANANA (KANYE EAST): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state the extent of agricultural land including farms owned by foreign nationals in Botswana under the Tribal Grazing Land Policy (TGLP).

MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker.* Mr Speaker, to fully appreciate the extent of agricultural land, in the context of the Tribal Grazing Land Policy (TGLP), it is vital to first contextualize the broader landscape of our country's agricultural asset. Botswana possesses a total of 258 620 km² of agricultural land. This substantial footprint equates to 45.6 per cent of our national's total surface area, which stands at approximately 581 730 km².

Mr Speaker, the TGLP was introduced in Botswana in 1975 primarily to protect the rangeland, halt environmental degradation and soil erosion caused by overstocking and promote commercial ranching by granting leasehold titles in designated commercial areas to encourage better livestock management. Its other objective was to protect the poor by preserving specific communal areas for small-scale farmers, as well as reserve land for the future by setting aside undeveloped land to meet the needs of coming generations.

Mr Speaker, the TGLP expropriated over two million hectares of communal grazing land, about 4 per cent of Botswana's land area of 58 million hectares. The TGLP demarcated 342 ranches (measuring 8 km x 8 km each, about 6 400 hectares) in the communal areas and allocated them to cattle barons on a 50-year lease.

In 1991, the Government introduced the National Policy on Agricultural Development (NPAD), which further recommended the fencing of communal grazing lands around private and syndicate-owned boreholes. The NPAD supported cattle owners and syndicates to fence between 3 600 and 6 400 hectares. By December 2005, a total of 602 ranches had been demarcated under the NPAD, enclosing an additional 2 000 000 hectares.

Mr Speaker, for the sake of clarity, allow me to present the distribution of these commercial lands and TGLP ranches by tribal territory and ownership characteristics in a tabular format. The information presented herein is based on our official records. It is important for this Honourable House Mr Speaker, to be apprised that property ownership remains fluid, as individuals and companies frequently enter into sales and partnership agreements that may result in the transfer of ownership among citizens.

LAND BOARD	TOTAL RANCHES/FARMS ALLOCATED	NON-CITIZEN OWNED	CITIZEN OWNED
Ghanzi District (Makunda)	165	4	161
Tawana Land Board	199	26	173
Kweneng District	62	0	62
Kgalagadi Area	24	0	24
Ngwato Land Board	57	0	57
Ngwaketse Land Board	94	1	93

Mr Speaker, Botswana's active commercial arable sector utilises approximately 2,600 km², about 260,000 hectares which represents a mere 0.45 per cent of the nation's total surface area. These operations are highly concentrated within three main commercial hubs; *re na le* Pandamatenga which is located within a tribal area, the Tuli Block *le* the other one *kwa* Barolong Farms, both situated *mo* freehold land. The freehold properties for the Tuli Block cover 46,000 hectares and contain 95 original freehold farms, while the Barolong Farms span 280,000 hectares and consist of 41 surveyed farms.

Mr Speaker, the Pandamatenga area within the Chobe District operates as a strategic Special Economic Zone (SEZ), comprising a total allocated area of 137,407 hectares. This precinct is distributed among commercial farms spanning 84,500 hectares, subsistence farming accounting for 12,400 hectares, and approximately 40,507 hectares designated for the Zambezi Integrated-Agro-Commercial Development Project. Within this zone, the ownership distribution consists of 83 commercial arable farms, with 52 farms owned by companies, of which 31 are owned by foreign nationals.

The remaining vast majority of agricultural land is dedicated entirely to livestock production, an industry that historically and structurally continues to dominate Botswana's agriculture sector.

Mr Speaker, I further submit that there are 105 farms situated on state land, comprising an aggregate area of 603,363 hectares, and 17 of which are owned by non-citizens. Further, there are approximately 527 freehold land parcels. Due to the historical context of this land tenure, the ownership pattern remains predominantly composed of non-citizens. That is about 95 per cent.

Mr Speaker, I wish to conclude by stating that alienation of land rights from citizens to non-citizens involves restrictive measures of controlled transactions. This is intended to promote the retention of land rights by citizens. These control measures will be enhanced in the ongoing land management reforms.

Kwa Ghanzi and Makunda geographic space, six commercial ranches were originally allocated under TGLP. And of the six, one ranch is under joint-venture structure, split equally with 50 per cent ownership by citizens and 50 per cent ownership by foreign national.

Furthermore, Mr Speaker, a total of 159 farms were allocated under the National Policy on Agricultural Development (NPAD). Within these allocations, two farms are 100 per cent owned by a South African national, while a third farm is under a joint partnership, with 49 per cent owned by a South African national and 51 per cent owned by a Motswana. It is important to emphasise that these foreign nationals acquired their plots legally through the established process of transfer of land rights.

Ke buile Mr Speaker, *ka* Tawana *gore* we have about 199 TGLP and these spread across Hainaveld *le* 120 ranches, Sehithwa Toteng Phase 1 with 59 ranches, Bodibeng Phase III with 20 ranches. And out of these 199, 35 ranches are owned by companies. A total of 26 farms have been acquired by foreign nationals through legal property transfers.

Tsa Kweneng *tsa* TGLP *di* 35 and they are in the Motokwe areas, specifically covering Maboane, Dutlwe, Tssetseng,

Takatokwane and Tshwaane. None of these ranches were allocated to foreign nationals. Similarly, 27 ranches were allocated kwa Ngware, Diphuduhudu, Loologane kana Shadishadi within the Lephephe area. I can confirm that none of them belong to non-citizens.

Kgalagadi area, *ke tse 24 tse di kwa* Lehututu, Hukuntsi, Tshane, Struizendum, Bokspits and Middlepits. I am pleased to inform the House that all 24 farms are owned entirely by citizens of Botswana.

Kwa Ngwato 57 ranches are under TGLP. These ranches are situated *kwa* Malatswai and Lepashe areas, and they are likewise owned by Batswana.

Ngwaketse *ke tsone tse* 94, only one is owned by *motswakwa*. *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker.

MR MOSANANA: Supplementary. Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke go leboge *Minister* ka karabo e e bophara eo. Ke e lebogela thata. Gongwe motho o ka botsa gore ka gore jaanong go lebega re dule kwa go TGLP re ile kwa *new land policy*, a go na le pharologanyo fa gare ga tsone mo nakong ya gompieno?

Le fa ke itse *Minister* le *Mr Speaker*, gore dipotso tse re a bo re di boditse ka Sekgoa, e le kopo fela mo baarabing ba dipotso gore a re nne re itse fa re boletsa Batswana, bogolo jang dikgang tse di tshwanang le e e amang lefatshe. Beng ba dipotso ba a bo ba solofetse go le gontsi gore ba tle ba utlwe.

MR SPEAKER: E utlwetse *Honourable* Mosanana.

Standing Order 15.1 is very clear, “*subject to the provisions of this order, the debate of the National Assembly may be conducted in either English or Setswana.*” Jaanong fa o boditse ka Setswana, Tona o ka go araba ka Setswana mme o ka nna a go araba ka Sekgoa gape. Jaanong potso ke jaaka ke e bona e kwadilwe ka Sekgoa.

A re tsweleleng. *Honourable* Gabatsholwe Disho, akere o ne a botsa *supplementary*.

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

MR SPEAKER: Sorry, *hang on!* O ne a botsa *supplementary*?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O ne a seyo.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. O na le *supplementary*. *Mr Speaker*, re buile thata re le Puso gore re batla go fetola go aba lefatshe, dipolase di le mo teng. Boammaaruri potso ya gagwe e maleba, fa o ka lebelela dipalo tsa TGLP, re sa le re abile bontsi jwa tsone dingwaga tse 50 tse di fetileng. Fa o ka lebelela *the way they have developed*, o tlaa itemogela gore bontsi jwa tsone e santse e le meraka, ga di ise di nne *fully developed*, ga di kgone go re tlisetse mo re reng re re re a go di direla. Re dumela gore jaaka re ntse re tsweletse re botsolotsa Batswana ba re fa *feedback*, go botswa mo go sha ga go aba lefatshe go tlaa re thusa gore ba re ba abelang rra, e nne lefatshe le le tlaa nnang le maduo a a bonalang.

Re na le dithulaganyo tse dintsi gape tsa go rudisa mahudiso, re na le thulaganyo e re e kopanetseng le ba Conservation International e e leng gore *it is covering about 109 sites* go leka go rudisa mahudiso *Mr Speaker*. Re itse gore bontsi jwa rona re ruetse mo *communal*, ke dumela thata gore dilo tse tsotlhe di tlaa re thusa go fetola ka fa re ntseng re akanya ka teng gore lefatshe le kgone go re busetsa. Lefatshe la rona le sekgwafetse gape *Mr Speaker*, re le lephata re tla ka metlhale e e farologaneng ya go bona gore re dira jang go bolaya sekgwa seo gore kwa bofelong, dikgomo di kgone go bona phulo. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

DIS MEMBERS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES

MR G. DISHO (OKAVANGO EAST): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state the total number of members of the Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) that are currently facing criminal charges for offences committed in Botswana during the course of their official duties and outside the course of their official duties;

- (i) the relevant details of the charges in each case;
- (ii) what the Minister intends to do;
- (iii) update on suspensions of officers at the agency;
- (iv) why some officers were interdicted/suspended from work for a period of more than two years and later reinstated without any charge or hearing;
- (v) whether administrative procedures and the rule of law were followed; and
- (vi) what action has been taken to address such.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tla ke simolole ka gore kwa lephateng le ke leng kwa go lone ga re itse fa go na le bangwe ba DIS ba ba nang le *criminal charges* tse ba setseng ba di lebisitswe mo tirong ya bone gompiano. Ka mabaka a a ntseng jalo, dipotso tse di latelang ya bobedi le ya boraro go tlaa nna thata gore re ka di araba.

Ya bone ke gore go na le badiredi ba DIS ba le barataro ba ba santseng ba seegetswe kwa thoko ka mabaka a a amanang le tsa *court*. Ke tse di tlaabong di itebagantse gore go fedisiwe dikgang tse di amanang le go ka tseelwa dikgato ke mohiri. Go tlaabo go le thata gore motho o ka akgela mo dikgannyeng tse mo nakong e ka gore re tshwanetse go tlotla tsamaiso ya mohiri le mmereki.

Dikgang tse di ntseng jalo, go tlaabo go sa siama gore di ka tla tsa buiwa gone fa. Le fa go ntse jalo, DIS e nna e sekaseka dikgang tsotlhe tse e lebaganeng le tsone tse di amanang le bodiredi jwa yone mme fa e leng gore go fitlhelwa dikgato tse di tserweng gongwe di ne di tshwanelwa ke gore di ka lebiwa sešha, e bo tseo di ka beelwa ka fa tlhoko. DIS ka dinako tsotlhe e a leka gore e beye dikgang tsotlhe tse e leng gore di tseelwa bodiredi ka tsamaiso ya molao, go lebelelwe gore sa ntlhantlha motho o tshwanelwa ke gore a nne le tshwanelo ya gore o ka reetswa le gore go na le tsamaiso ya melao e e tshwanetseng gore e salwe morago. Re lebelelwe gore go tshwanetse gore go fetswe dikgang mo nakong e khutswanyane go sa tlotlwe tsamaiso epe e e maleba.

Go fokotsa tiego mo go fetseng dikgang tse, Lephata la DIS le dirile tse di latelang;

- Go sekaseka dikgang tsotlhe tse di teng kgatlhanong le bodiri le gore dipe tse e leng gore di na le lebaka di ntse di le ka fa thoko, di fetswe mo nakong e khutshwanyane.
- Go tiisa tsamaiso ya bodiredi mo go lebeleleng dikgang tse tsa go nna jaana le tsa go nna foo go ka tseelwa badiredi dikgato.
- Nako yotlhe go lekwe gore go salwe tsamaiso ya phiro morago.

- Go nne le tomagano fa gare ga botlhotlhomisi, ba molao le ba e leng gore ke ba khiro gone mo lephateng le go bona gore dikgang tse di fela ka bonako.
- Le go lebelela ditsamaiso tsotlhe tse di amanang le dikgang tsone tse ke buang ka tsone tsa dikgato tse di ka tseelwang bodiredi.

Ke ka re DIS e itlama ka tsotlhe go dira gore dikgato tse di tseelwang bodiredi di fetswa ka nako e e leng gore e bofeho mme e bile dilo tsotlhe di direlwa mo mpaanang e bile go sa gobeletwe, go setswe tsamaiso ya lefatshe le le Molaomotho morago le melao yotlhe e e maleba. Tse di dirwa ka go somarela ditshwanelo tsa babereki le go bona gore le yone DIS ka boyone, seriti sa yone se a tshegetswe. Ke a leboga.

MR DISHO: Supplementary. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tona, ga ke go utlwe e bile ga ke go tlhaloganye. A mme wa re o tlhomamisetse Ntlo e gore *from 2019 till to date*, ga go na ope wa DIS *who was suspended for more than two years without any criminal charges*? Ba bangwe ba buseditse, ba a bereka *as we speak*. A mme o tlhomamisetse Ntlo e gore o bua boammaaruri ka bosupi jo o re fang jone ka karabo ya gago?

Mr Speaker, ya bobedi ga ke itse gore Tona a ke ene yo o sa itseng dikgang tse kana ke lephata la gagwe? Ga ke a mo tlhaloganya sentle gore ke ene yo o sa tlhaloganyeng dikgang tse kana lephata la gagwe ke lone le le sa tlhaloganyeng dikgang tse *because* ke na le bosupi jo bo tletseng. Ke botsa ke itse gore ke na le bosupi jo bo tletseng *and I have studied that*.

Ya boraro, ga go na tiro kwa DIS *Mr Speaker*. Nama e apewa ka ketlele, o a itse *Mr Mohwasa*.

Promotions tsa lona, ke batla go itse gore a mme babereki ba kwa DIS ga ba tshwane le babereki ba bangwe ba Puso? Ke sone se ke reng nama e apewa ka ketlele ka gore *promotions* tse dingwe di tswa kwa tlase di bo di tlola *scales* tse tsotlhe tse o bo o ya go di fitlhela kwa *Number 1*.

Ke ne ke re gongwe o tlhalose *because* ga o a araba dipotso tsa me tsotlhe, o di tlotlwe tsotlhe e bile a bo a supa gore ga di a tshwanelwa go botswa. Gongwe a ntlhalosetse gore re di bule kae ka gore nna ke Mopalamente, ke romilwe, ke tshwanetse gore ke go

botse mo Palamenteng, o nkarabe? Gongwe o mphe *office* e e leng gore re ka buela dikgang tse tsa DIS teng. Nna ga ke le DIS, ke Mopalamente. Ke a leboga.

MR LEKAU: *Procedure Mr Speaker.* Ke ema fa ke lemoga gore nako ya dipotso e tloga e tšhaya mme gongwe mo Order Paper re setse ka dipotso tse pedi. Jaanong ke re ke kope gore re di feleletse fela ka gongwe di ka tlhoka metsotso e le lesome. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, di setse di le *four*. Go raya gore ke e e latelang ya *Question 12* le tse Mapalamente ba di tseelang ba bangwe. *So*, ga le ka ke la kgona gore le di feleletse *Honourable Members* because le na le *business* e ntsi fa pele ga lona. Ke tsaya gore le e bone.

MR MOHWASA: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ke re motho fa a lebile Rre Disho jaaka a ne a botsa, o ka tsaya gore ke motho yo e leng gore gongwe ga ke a tlhwaafala. Ene a re 2019, mo potsong ya gago ga go na 2019. Potso ya gago ya re mo nakong e re leng mo go yone. Jaanong ya 2019, mo go rayang gore *briefing* ya lona ga e a tsamaya sentle le yo o neng a go fa dipotso. Ke kopa gore ke bale potso ya ga Rre Disho.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, mme re a e bona. E tlaabo e le go boelela fela.

MR MOHWASA: Ee.

MR SPEAKER: Ke raya potso, re a e bona.

MR DISHO: Ke ne ke re o arabe potso, *it is for two years* Mr Mohwasa.

MR SPEAKER: Ikettle pele. *Honourable* Disho, se dire jalo, o leka go thusa wena.

MR MOHWASA: Kana o e baya jaaka e kete o buile ka 2019, *that is why* ke ne ke re ke e bale gore go supe gore rre yo o ipuela fela, ga se se a se boditseng. *Mr Speaker*, potso ya re, *“the total number of members of the Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) that are currently facing criminal charges for offences committed in Botswana during the course of their official duties and outside the course of their official duties.”* E felela foo. Ga ke itse gore 2019 o bua jang. O tlaa tshosa batho a ba raya a re o na le *information*. Go raya gore ga a ka a fetisa *information*. Rona re ne

re bua mo seemong sa gompieno. *Next time* fa o fiwa *information*, o e fetise sentle.

MR DISHO: Further supplementary Mr Speaker, *ga a ise a nkarabe*.

MR SPEAKER: Wa re ga a araba eng?

MR DISHO: *Mr Speaker*, ke boditse *Honourable* Mohwasa dipotso di le nne. Ga go na epe e a e arabileng. Ga a ise a nkarabe *at all*. *My first question has not been answered*. O e *dodge* fela mme a itse boammaaruri *and I am asking supplementary questions, he further dodges the questions. He is not answering even a single one. He is not attempting even a single question that I have asked*. Jaanong a ko *Honourable* Mohwasa a arabe dipotso tsa me tsotlhe.

MR SPEAKER: Wa re ga a araba potso efe *Honourable* Disho?

MR DISHO: Ke mmoditse gore a tlhalose gore a mme tsamaiso ya DIS ga e tshwane le ya maphata a mangwe a Puso ka gore go itirelelwa fela kwa DIS, *people are just suspended*, ba busediwa mo teng, a itse *Mr* Mohwasa. *He is not answering, he is dodging my questions. I have asked him four questions, he never answered. He has not attempted even one*. A ko le reye *Mr* Mohwasa a tlhwaafale fela a arabe dipotso tse. Ke a mo kopa.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, e utlwetse *honourable*.

MR MOHWASA: Nnyaa, ke a utlwa Motlotlegi Disho. Ke ne ke araba ya 2019. Ke ne ke tsaya gore dipotso tsa gago tse o neng o di botsa di tsene ka 2019 mme nkabo e rile le wena o emelela o bo o re nnyaa le nna ke ne ke ipuela fela, 2019 ga a mo potsong.

Ke tsaya gore ya *promotions* go bua nnete, DIS e bereka ka thulaganyo e e farologaneng ka gore tse tsotlhe di dirwa ke *Director General*. Ke ene a filweng dithata ka fa molaong go itebaganya le tseo. Ga go tshwane le modirelapuso kwa bo Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) go *cut across*.

E nngwe e o neng o re le botse dipotso, le na le tshwanelo mme kana ga e ka ke ya re fa go santse go na le dikgang tsa batho ba santse ba lebisitswe dikgang, re bo re tsenelela mo dikgannyang tseo gone fa. Re ka bua fela gore nnyaa go na le batho ba ba ntseng jalo mme fa o ne o ka lebelela dipotso, ke tsaya gore ke tlaa go

neela karabo motlotlegi gore go na le se se dirwang go leka go baakanya. Re tlhalositse gore maikaelelo a Puso e fa e sale e tsena go leka gore e baakanye DIS go na le jaaka DIS e re neng re e tlhaloganya pele ga gompieno. Gape fa godimo ga moo, ke le tlhaloseditse gore fa e sale nako e nne DIS, ngwaga o re saleng re tsena mo ditlhophong, tsotlhe tse le neng le di bona fa gongwe go kgona gore gotwe motho a tshwerwe ke ba DIS, go rileng, fa re ka bua boammaaruri, le kgona go bona gore go nnile le tokafalo, ke raya boammaaruri. *There is an improvement* mme ke tsaya gore dipotso tse dingwe tse o di buang, moo ke maikutlo a gago e bile o bua gore nna ke itse dikgang tse dingwe. O na le tsone mme nna ga ke na natso. *You are better placed.* Ga ke itse gore ke eng o mpotsa o tshotse dikarabo. Tanki.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: I am sure you can see that it is time up. So, in the three minutes, let us deal with that last one.

DR DOW: Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Minister *a re ga a itse bape ba ba lebagantsweng dikgang tsa borukutlhi, jaanong ga a kgone go araba potso. Jaanong ke ne ke batla go itse gore a o raya gore go ka kgonagala gore modiri wa DIS o ka lebagannngwa le criminal charges, mme ba sa itse re lebile gore go sekisa go mo Pusong e bile gape tiro ya mo DIS, ke tsaya gore e mo tlama gore go itsiwe sengwe le sengwe se a se dirang ka nako tsotlhe le maikano a a mo teng.* Is it possible to actually have somebody facing criminal charges without the system, him or the ministry knowing? He is not saying there is none, *a re* I am unable to answer the question because we do not know of any such. Is it possible that there could be some and you are not aware of them? Is it possible that ...(Inaudible)... criminal charges are actually mounted by the State, the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP), the DIS itself, that kind of agent will be suspended immediately from duty if he is actually served with criminal charges? *A tlhalose gone foo.* I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR MOHWASA: Ga go ka ke ga diragala Mma Dow. Dilo tse ga di ka ke tsa diragala, komiti ya lona e le sa tswang go tlhophiwa mo go yone e sa itse. Ke a leboga.

BILL

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026 (NO. 3 OF 2026)

Second Reading

**MINISTER OF TRADE AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR NTSIMA):** Thank you
Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker, I have the honour to present before this Honourable House for the Second Reading of the Industrial Development (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

The purpose of this Bill, Mr Speaker, is to amend the Industrial Development Act, 2019 to align it with the provisions of the Cannabis Act, 2025. The amendment is a consequential legislative measure intended to remove any uncertainty regarding the regulation of cannabis-related manufacturing and processing activities.

Mr Speaker, the Industrial Development Act is the principal legislation regulating manufacturing activities in Botswana. However, the act recognises that where Parliament has enacted sector-specific legislation to regulate particular industries, such activities may be excluded from its application.

Mr Speaker, during the development of the Cannabis Act, 2025, the Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship was one of the key stakeholders that provided technical input on matters relating to industrial regulation and manufacturing. Owing to the specialised and sensitive nature of cannabis cultivation, processing and related activities, it was agreed that these activities should be comprehensively regulated under the Cannabis Act rather than through the Industrial Development Act.

Consequently, Mr Speaker, it became necessary to amend the Industrial Development Act to exclude cannabis-related manufacturing and processing activities from its scope expressly. This will eliminate any overlap between the two pieces of legislation and provide certainty to investors, regulators and all stakeholders regarding the applicable regulatory framework.

Mr Speaker, the Bill therefore seeks to insert an additional exception under Section 3(2) of the Industrial Development Act, 2019. The proposed insertion will



expressly provide that manufacturing or processing activities regulated under the Cannabis Act of 2025 are exempt from the application of the Industrial Development Act.

Mr Speaker, this amendment is purely consequential in nature. It does not introduce a new regulatory regime but rather harmonises existing legislation by ensuring that the Industrial Development Act is consistent with the Cannabis Act, 2025.

Mr Speaker, the amendment is also necessary to facilitate the smooth implementation of the Cannabis Act, which came into operation in 2025. Without this amendment, there remains a risk of conflicting statutory mandates and regulatory uncertainty concerning licencing and oversight of cannabis-related manufacturing activities.

Mr Speaker, the Bill consists of a single substantive amendment, namely the insertion of an additional exception under Section 3(2) of the Industrial Development Act, 2019, to exclude activities regulated under the Cannabis Act of 2025.

Mr Speaker, the proposed amendment will promote legal certainty, avoid duplication of regulatory functions, strengthen coordination among Government institutions and ensure an efficient and coherent legislative framework governing industrial and cannabis-related activities in Botswana.

Mr Speaker, this concludes my presentation and I therefore move that the Industrial Development (Amendment) Bill, 2026 be now read for the second time. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR GARE (MOSHUPA-MANYANA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke gone go mo kgwa dikgaba fela *sir* ka gore le rona re mo komiting, re bone, ba ne ba tla kwa go rona. Boammaaruri ke gore kgang e ya *to regulate* dilo gabedi kafa le kafa, fa gongwe go dia tsamaiso le ditshwetso. *For an industry* e e leng gore *we are looking at attracting investors*, go botlhokwa gore go nne le *clarity* jaaka Tona a bua.

Se se botlhokwa se re tshwanetseng go se lemoga gape ke gore kana Puso e e mo setilong gompiano, mo maitlamong a bone ba ne ba supa gore ba tlile go tsaya kgang ya *cannabis* e le *one of the sectors, that they will drive the economy* ka tsone. Re dumela gore *this is not*

beyond just gore ke *consequential amendment*, but e tla ka dikgang tsa gore e bo e le gore *it is going to enable all industries or all actors in this space to create* ditiro tse re di tlhokang go le kalokalo.

Go botlhokwa gore re lemotshe Batswana gore *all industries can only be effective* fa e le gore *they are regulated* sentle. *For example, cannabis* e na le se se e tsamaisang, e le molao fela jaaka *some mining* di laolwa ke Mines and Minerals Act le *banking* di laolwa ke bo *banking* jalojalo. Kana Industrial Development Act e ne e na le *incentives* tsa yone, e le yone re dumela gore re raya gore e tle e kgone go ikemela sentle, e bone *incentives* tsa yone sentle. Jaaka ke ne ke bua Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ga go na sepe se re tlaa se buang, ke go rotloetsa gore *beyond this*, go diriwe tse di tshwanetseng gore ditiro tse re di batlang tse di dirwe. *We are looking at* dikgang tsa bo *revenue generation for Government to create* ditiro jalo.

Gape fela go dira jaana, *is in line with international best practices* gore mafatshe a mangwe a a mo *industry* e, le bone ba netefaditse gore *this sector* e nna le molao o o e tsamaisang e le nosi.

Sa bofelo se ke batlang go bua ka sone ke gore a e se ka gongwe dipelaelo tse re e tleng re di bone tsa gore o fitlhela dilo tse di ntseng jaana, *especially the sector*, e kare e sekegela *foreign investors* tsebe thata go gaisa *the local investors*. *Let us see ourselves* re kgona *to generate and facilitate also our local farmers* gore le bone ba nne le seabe se se tseneletseng mo *industry* ya *cannabis*. Ke ne re re se ka ra nna o kare ga re a utlwa Tona, ke mo kgwe dikgaba go le kalo. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker. Ke leboge Motlotlegi Tona Ntsima go re baya Molao-kakanyetso o pele. Mr Speaker, ke dumela gore re le lefatshe re ithutile thata gore mo re ka go ntshang re bo re sa go oketse boleng re go romela fela go ntse jalo, ke poelo morago e e seng kana ka sepe. Re ithutile re le lefatshe Mr Speaker gore, ditiro di iphitlhile mo go tsenyetseng kana go oketsa boleng ga se o se ntshang. Re itsege thata Mr Speaker ka nama, re ntse re e ntsha e le nama, le fa re ipelaetsa gompiano gore re ka dira *more value addition* mo go yone *to attract better value*, re kgone *to unlock* ditiro tse di seng kana ka sepe.

Re le Lephata la Lefatshe le Temothuo *Mr Speaker*, o tlaa gakologelwa gore ke ne ke le fa pele ga Palamente e, re itlama gore mo dingwageng tse tlhano tse di tlang re tlaabo re okeditse *the contribution ya agriculture to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to 6 to 10 per cent*. Re ne re itlama gore *we will create at least 250, 000 jobs in the next 5 years*, re le lephata. Re ne re itlama *Mr Speaker*, fa o ka lebelela fa re bua ka National Development Plan (NDP)12 gore e tlaa re mo dingwageng tse tlhano, re bo re kgona go romela kwa ntle bokete jo bo ka tshwarang *over 42, 000 tons wa cannabis*. Ke batla go leboga Palamente e gore, e ne ya re ka 2025 ra kgona gore ka *December* ra fetisa molao wa *cannabis*, re baakanya le yotlhe e e neng e ntse e le teng. O tlaa lemoga gore o o neng o saletse kwa morago, e ne e le one o *Mr Speaker*. Go raya gore fa re o tlisa jaana, re batla go lotlololela gore jaaka re ne re dira *pilot* jaana, re dire gore *other industries* tsa *value addition* di tle di dire, di fetlhe mebereko fa, re se ka ra romela *cannabis* e ntse fela jalo e le kompa kwa mafatsheng.

Mr Speaker, kwa Kgaolong ya me ya Goodhope-Mmathethe bosigo le motshegare o amogela molaetsa, Mopalamente tota a botlhoko jo re leng mo go jone jwa letlhoko la mmereko a o a bo bona. O amogela molaetsa wa gore, kana Mopalamente ke samile digarata, a o raya gore ga gona sepe se se tsamayang gope. Fa ke buisa diphuthego ba ne ba nthaya ba re, re go utlwile Mopalamente, le fa o rola dikgang tsa *cannabis* o ne o re fa tshepho ya gore o ya go rokotsa sengwe se se tlaa kgonang go re fetlhela mebereko. Ke dumela gore se Tona Ntsima a se ba bayang pele ke gone moo, gore jaanong re *create this whole ecosystem* fa go tla go tsena mo *the cannabis industry*. Re kgone *to industrialise*, re fetlhe mebereko. Ba ntheditse kwa Metlobo, kana *Mr Speaker*, ke tlhola le bone kwa terateng, fa o ka re bona kwa terateng re ithaopile ka tsholofelo ya gore mo boithopong jo, nako nngwe e tlaa re Ntsima a sena go fetisa molao o, re utlwe gotwe bangwe ba tlile ba ba tlang *to add value in this product*, gore re kgone go fetlha mebereko e. Molao o o kare o ka feta ka bonako, ka gore *season* e a simolola ya go lema ka *September* jaana. Ba batla gore jaaka ba lema, ba se ka ba lemela gore gotlhe fela re ise kwa ntle *Mr Speaker*, re kgone *to add value, unlock those jobs*.

Le wena *Mr Speaker*, ke itse gore *topic* e e fa tlase ga pelo ya gago thata. Ke itse gore nako e nngwe o kile wa

re o santse o le mo Palamenteng o ne o na le *Motions*, o na le dilo tse dintsi tse o neng o na le tshepho e e seng kana ka sepe mo go se Rre Ntsima a se fetisang jaanong. Bakaulengwe, a re dumalaneng jaaka re ne ra dumalana fela pele, ke tsaya gore le ne le bona maloba gore go dumalana ga lona, re setse re dirile ditekeletso. *We have already harvested the product*, mme go raya gore ka go na le dingwe tse di saletseng kwa morago, re patelesega gore re e ise e ntse fela jalo. Rre Ntsima jaaka o bona a fefoga jaana, o fefogela gone moo gore re kgone go fetlha mebereko.

Mr Speaker, ke netefaletse Ntlo e gore mo ga go re re neela batswakwa *licenses*, nnyaa ga se boammaaruri. *The authority* jaaka le e ntshitse e tswetse e a sekaseka, mme ba setse ba ntshitse *licenses* di ka tshwara bo boraro tse bagarona ba leng mo teng thata. Ke dumela gore ba ka tswelela ba atolosa mo go reng bagarona ba nne mo teng. Kana lefoko "*investor; you can even be a local investor*"; bangwe ba setse ba supile gore go na le lefatshe le metsi le eng mo go ka ntshang bokete jo bo kana ka eng. Ke dumela gore gotlhe fa re ka go kgobokanya, kwa kgaolong ya me ra re letebele le le kwa ga mmago le kwa ga mme le teng, ga e sa tlhole e le pinagare, ke letlhoko la mmereko. Gongwe le gongwe jarata nngwe le nngwe fa o ka tsena o fitlhela ngwana yo o sa nnang fela a sa tlhoke mmereko, o bo o itse gore jarata eo e lesego mo go maswe. Jarata nngwe le nngwe bana ba samile ditlankana, bana ba na le bokgoni jwa go ka ya go bereka. Go emetswe rona re le Palamente gore re dire melao e e ka kgonang go tlhofofatsa gore re ngoke babeeletsi ba tle go beeletsa, ba kgone go re fetlhela mebereko e. Ke tsaya gore fa re ka dira jalo *Minister Chombo* le Mapalamente otlhe fela dikgaolo ka go farologana, ba ka leboga ba itumela thata *Mr Speaker*. Kwa bofelong re bo re kgona gore *target* e re e ipeetseng ele, ka gore re dumalane gore re ya go e tshwaraganela, re bo re ka kgona go e fitlhelela. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke *support* gore re fete ka bofefo mo thulaganyong e.

MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST): *Thank you Mr Speaker*. Ke tlaa nna mokhutshwane fela thata. Ke ema nokeng Molao-kakanyetso o o tlisitsweng fa pele ga Palamente. Ke ne ke re ke botse *Minister* gore, re sale re fetisa molao o o buang ka *industry* e ya motokwane, ga ke ise ke utlwe o bua gore go diragetse eng *on the ground*. Re tlaabo re fetisa molao gore a taolo ya

industry e e tswe kwa Industrial Development Act e ye kwa molaong o o buang ka one, mme fela gone *on the ground* go diragetse eng se se supang gore sengwe se a diragala? Puso ya lona e bua ka selo se gotweng *agility*, fa le ntse le bua le na le go gatelela *agility* gantsi, mme ga ke a utlwa gore *what has been done so far that shows the Government has been agile on the issue of the cannabis industry*...

MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Elucidation.* Ke a go leboga Motlotlegi Kenny Kapinga. *Mr Speaker*, Motlotlegi Kapinga o e tshwere sentle, re ntse le *trials* kwa National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI). *We had two companies*, ya ntlha e nngwe re ne re *trial*, *we had about 1,000 seeds*, *we have germination percentage of over 95 per cent.* *From that cohort* ba bo ba *pick at least 100 plants* ba di baya *under certain conditions*, ke sone se o neng o bona maloba re simolola go supa go robiwa ga tsone, re ne re lekeletsa go ya ka mebu ka go farologana le go nosetsa ka go farologana. Re setse re bone ditlamorago tsa teng, go ne go supafala gore *this plant* e ka dira bontle thata mo lefatsheng le. Ya teng e ne e le peo e e neng e tswa kwa Europe, re ntse le ba bangwe ba ditekeletso le bone ba e leng gore mo ba neng ba go lekeletsa, ga go a kgona go tlhoga. Golo mo go re file *confidence* ya go bona gore *varieties* tse di ka dirang botoka kwano ke tse di ntseng jang. Re na le ba bantsi ba dipatlisiso tsa bone di supang gore, dipeo tse ba nang le tsone di ka kgona go dira *under conditions* tse di ntseng jang. Ke dumela gore jaaka le ne la fetisa ka *December*, le ntlamile gore ke ye *to set up authority* re bo re hire. *The authority is set up, it is chaired by Mokaudwane, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is employed* ke Rre Leareng, *so all those are well oiled.* *This organisation* e simolotse *to benchmark* kwa Lesotho, South Africa, *they have been attending conferences around the world.* *Board* ya teng *is well balanced*, le *team* ya teng ka fa re e bopileng ka teng ke go tshephisa gore mo o go fetisitseng, go re tlama gore mo dingwageng tse tlhano tse re bo re tsamaya fa kae, go tlaa kgona gore go wele. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR KAPINGA: Ke a leboga *Honourable* Dikoloti, ka *update* e o e fileng eo. Ke digela ka gore bagaetsho, maloba re ne re itshekisa kwa Cresta gore a mme mo tirong ya rona ya bo Palamente, a re ikutlwa re dira sengwe se se bonalang. Tota gore ke bo ke tla ke fetisa

molao fa go bo go felela gone foo, go bo go sa diragale sepe, ke bona ke sa dire sepe mo botshelong jwa me. *It does not bring me fulfilment, that is why* ke ne ke botsa *Minister* gore jaaka re ne re fetisitse ole, gompiano fa re sena go fetisa o, re ka solofela gore go tlaa diragala eng mo nakong e khutshwane, batho ba bone ditiro, *manufacturing* e diragale mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Kana go ya go diragala fela jaaka go ntse go diragala mo nakong e e fetileng, mo re fetisang melao fela *and then nothing happens.* Fa re dira jalo, re dira mo ka Sekalaka gotweng *shololoviya*, gakere Justine Hunyepa? Ke gore re dikologa seolo fela, go sena maduo ape a a sologelang lefatshe la rona la Botswana. Ke yone *concern* e ke neng ke batla go e raise *Mr Speaker*, *otherwise* molao re ka o fetisa. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, I now call upon the Minister to reply to the debate.

MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR NTSIMA): *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Let me thank Honourable Members ba ba emeletse go...

DR DOW: *Procedure Mr Speaker.* *Mr Speaker*, ke re gongwe o tsibose Batswana gore lebaka la gore e kete o a fefosa jaana ke eng, gore *you have introduced a new procedure of making sure that Bills are debated at committee*, jalojalo, fa re tla kwano re dira ka bonako. Ba se ka ba re gongwe re a shankodisa. Ke gore ba go tlhaloganye gore *you are promoting efficiency*, ke sone se o bonang go kgonagala gore *after two debaters* a bo Tona a fetola. Ke tsaya gore Batswana ba tshwanetse go tlhaloganya gore re dira dilo ka bofelo malatsi a. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ga e ka ke ya nna jalo. *Honourable Members*, when a *Bill* is debated go bo go sena motlotlegi yo o emang, go sa kgaatlhelesege gore ke *Bill* ya mofuta mang, Tona o tlaa bidiwa *to reply to the debate*. Go sitang ka le Tshutiso ya motlotlegi, fa e kare a ntshitse Tshutiso ba babedi ba ema *and debate* go bo go sena ope yo mongwe yo o emang go raya gore jaanong mong wa Tshutiso o ka fetola. Se se ka raya dilo di le pedi; sa ntlha se ka tswa se raya gore, mme ka fa re utlwisang kgang e ka teng tota re setse re tsere tshwetso, re emetse fela gore re e tlhophela. Go ka raya jalo. Se sengwe ke gone gore, jaaka kgang e e mo pele ga lona batlotlegi ke e e bidiwang gotwe *consequential*

amendment. Ke gore diteng le konokono ya kgang le e buile fa le tliša molao wa mmangmang. Jaanong o kana ke o e rileng fa ole o dirwa e bo e le gore o kgoma ditsetlana mo molaong o. Ke sone se o bonang o dirwa ka bofefo. Bofefo jwa teng ga se gore jaanong re na le thulaganyo e ntšha ya go dira dilo ka bonako. Kgang ke gore, *Bill e it is a consequential amendment.* Ke *Bill* e e tlang morago ga gore *Bill* ya konokono e le e buisantseng a bo e le gore jaanong e kgomile dingwe ditsetlana tša molao mongwe o o tlhokang gore le one o tuanwe go se kae. Ke yone karabo e ke ka e fang.

MR NTSIMA: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke tsaya gore Mapalamente ba ba buileng e ne e le go nkgwa dikgaba ka *Bill* e. E ne e le go fathosa se e ka nnang sekgoreletsi sa go diragatsa molao wa Cannabis Act. Gape gore o e fe dithata tse di seng mo pharologanong, le gore e nngwe e bo e le gore e kwa molaong o sele, e nngwe e kwa molaong o sele, e le gone go e thatafatsa gore e nne yone e e tshotseng molao otlhe, e bile e na le dithata tša go dira tse e di dirang.

Ke tsaya gore *Honourable* Gare o ne a dumalana fela thata le paakanyo eo, e ke tsayang gore batlotlegi botlhe ba dumalana le yone. *Honourable* Dikoloti o ne a gatisetsa, e bile a rurifatsa gore go diragala eng kana go setse go tsamaile eng mo molaong wa Cannabis o re o fetisitseng fa re le Palamente. Ke tsaya gore *Honourable* Kapinga o arabesegile ka *Honourable* Dikoloti, ka gore wa Cannabis o ka kwa go ene. O ne a tshwanetse gore a eme jalo a tlhalose dilo jaaka di ntse. Ga go supe fa re dikologa seolo ka mafoko a ga *Minister* Dikoloti a ntseng ka teng. O supa gore go setse go na le kgatelopele, mme e bile go setse go na le se se diragadiwang.

Mr Speaker, mma ke lebogele gore Mapalamente ba nkgwile dikgaba, le nna ke ba kgwile dikgaba. Ke a leboga.

Question put and agreed to.

MR SPEAKER: *Ke ne ke re ngunanguna le Tona gore* is he anticipating *gore go ka nna le amendments.* If not maybe *gongwe a e fetse* today. When for Committee Stage, Honourable Minister.

Committee -Later Today.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL (RETIRING AGE) BILL, 2026 (NO. 4 OF 2026)

Second Reading

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I have the honour to present before this Honourable House for Second Reading the Attorney-General (Retiring Age) Bill, 2026 (No. 4 of 2026). Section 51.4 of the Constitution provides that a person holding the Office of the Attorney General shall vacate his or her office when he or she attains the age of 60 or such other age as may be prescribed by Parliament. Through Section 51.4 the Constitution expressly entrench Parliament with the authority to prescribe the retirement age greater than 60 years for the Office of the Attorney General. The Bill before this Honourable House gives effect to that constitutional authority.

Mr Speaker, the Bill prescribes 70 years as the retirement age applicable to the Office of the Attorney General. It further provides that where the President considers this to be in the public interest a person who has attained the age of 60 years may continue to hold or be appointed to the Office of the Attorney General until attaining the age of 70 years.

Mr Speaker, it is important to emphasise that the Bill does not confer an alternative right for any person to remain in office until attaining the age of 70 years. It simply provides Government with the constitutional flexibility where the President considered it to be in the public interest to appoint or retain a suitable qualified Attorney General beyond the age of 60 years but never beyond the age of 70.

Mr Speaker, Government consider that a retirement age of 70 years appropriately reflects the constitutional character of the Office of the Attorney General and the specialized legal expertise required for the discharge of its functions. The Attorney General occupies a unique constitutional position as the Principal Legal Advisor to Government. The Constitution requires that a person appointed to that office must possess the qualification for appointment as a Judge of the High Court. The responsibilities of the office demand sound legal judgement, special legal expertise acquired through many years of professional practice and a thorough understanding of Constitutional Governance and Public Administration.



Mr Speaker, in selecting the age of 70 years Government has also had regard to constitutional approach, adopted in relation to Judges where the Constitution similarly permits Parliament to prescribe the applicable retirement age. The proposed retirement age for the Attorney General therefore reflects an established constitutional approach of allowing Parliament to prescribe retirement ages for offices requiring exceptional legal expertise and constitutional responsibility.

Mr Speaker, the Attorney-General (Retiring Age) Bill, 2026 (No. 4 of 2026) is a short Bill comprising only of two Clauses;

Clause 1 provides for the short title of the Act while Clause 2 is tied to retirement age applicable to the Office of Attorney General.

Clause 2 provides that where the President consider it to be in the interest of the public a person may be appointed to or continue to hold the Office of the Attorney General after attaining the age of 60 years but not beyond attaining the age of 70 years.

Mr Speaker, this concludes my presentation. I therefore move that the Attorney-General (Retiring Age) Bill, 2026 (No. 4 of 2026) be now read a second time.

MR SPEAKER: The floor is open.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mma ke tseye sebaka se ke lebohe Motlotlegi Rre Mohwasa ka go tla ka tshutiso e e botlhokwa, e e supang gore re sekaseke go oketsa dingwaga tsa go tlogela tiro tsa ga Attorney General (AG).

Ba ba nwang *wine Mr Speaker*, ba supa gore *wine* fa e setse e le kgologolo, e monate mo go maswe, ba re e bokhukhu. Nna ka go tlhoka lesego, go raya gore ga ke itse bokhukhu jwa teng. Ba ba itseng molao gape le bone ba re batho ba boagente, fa ba setse ba gola kana ba godile, ba na le *experience* e e gakgamatsang. Go raya gore jaanong gone foo ke gone mo gotweng *more wisdom, more grace*, jaanong go raya gore re ba akole le go gaisa.

Se se ntseng se diragala kana ke gone fela gore nnyaa fa ba goroga mo go 60, Tautona o ne a kgona go nna a mo latlhelela ngwaganyana o le mongwefela, go bo go

nna go botswa gore jaanong go diragala eng, ke eng go nna jalo, mme go le mo dithateng tsa ga Tautona. Se Rre Mohwasa a tlang ka sone se se botlhokwa, ke gore nnyaa, mme jaanong e bo e le gore se mo molaong le fa e le gore go tlaabo go se mo gotweng ke *automatic*, motho o tlaa nna *mandatory* fela le fa e le gore gongwe ga a batle go tlogela tiro ka bogodi jalo.

Se se botlhokwa fela ke gone gore ka bokhutshwanyane, tota re batla gore re akole botlhale jotlhe jo e leng gore boagente ba ba tona jaanong ba na le jone. Fela jaaka mo *Judges*, go ne ga supafala jalo le gone gore nnyaa tota go tlogela tiro ka bogodi ka 60 *years* ga go ka ke ga re thusa ka sepe re le lefatshe. Fa *Judges* ba setse ba gola jaanong ba fetile 60, go mo go reng jaanong ba tswelele ba ntshe *judgements* tse di botlhale ka gore jaanong *wisdom* e a bo e setse e le ntsi thata mo teng.

Ka bokhutshwanyane fela *Mr Speaker*, tota ke ema fa go ema nokeng Motlotlegi Rre Mohwasa gore *Bill* e e maleba, a re e eme nokeng go tokafatsa lefatshe la rona. E bile e se ka ya re fa re lebelela molao, kana fa gongwe Batswana re na le gore fa re lebelela molao, fa re o dira, gongwe ke bo ke o lebelela ke le Ramogapi ke re nnyaa gongwe ke tlaa ja sengwe mo teng. Bagaetsho, molao fa re o dira, ga re o direle rona, e bile ga re o direle ba ba mo ofising, re o direla *the future generations to come*. Bana ba bana ba rona ba ba tlang gore ke bone ba tle ba o akole, ba bone botlhokwa le bomosola jwa teng. Ke a itse gore gongwe e ka nna ya re fa re ntse re tsweletse, ba bangwe ba re nnyaa, mme ke eng re sa sutele bana. Jaaka ke ne ke bua ke re bagaetsho, *we need guidance, we need to enjoy the wisdom* ya batho ba e leng gore ba bagolwane mo molaong. Golo mo ke bona e le gore e bile gantsi go a re thusa thata, fa re lebelela le melao e e ntshitsweng ke *Judges* tsa bogologolo tsa matlhogotshweu. Le gompiano o tlaa fitlhela e le gore di ntse di dirisiwa fela, o utlwa gotwe nnyaa kana *judgement* ya 1535; 1600, 1800, fa o re o a lebelela, o fitlhela e le gore golo koo gatwe go ne go na le letlhogotshweu la *Judge* kana la motho yo o itseng molao.

Ka bokhutshwanyane fela, ke leka gore ke di bapise *for comparison* gore nnyaa mme golo mo go etle go diragale, e bile le mo lefatsheng la rona la Botswana, go a diragala. Ka mafoko a le kalo *Mr Speaker*, ke a go leboga rraetsho, ke ema *supporting this Bill*. Ke ne ke

seyo *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke tsere gore ba go kwaletse mokwalo, o tlaa intshwarela fa e le gore ga o a goroga mongwame. Ke ikokobeditse Morena wa me.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa mme o gorogile mokwalo.

MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST): *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Kwa lefatsheng la America go na le lephata le lengwe le bidiwa gotwe the Federal Reserve. Ke yone Bank of Botswana (BoB) ya kwa America. Go ne go na le Rre mongwe o bidiwa Alan Greenspan, *he was a Chairman of the Federal Reserve from 11th October, 1987 to the 31st of January, 2006. For 19 years e ne e le e ne Chairman of Federal Reserve. He was born in 1928, fa a tla go tlogela tiro Mr Speaker, he was 78 years old. At that age, he was chairing the Federal Reserve of the biggest economy in the world at the age of 78.*

Mr Speaker, it is not everybody yo e leng gore o kgona go bereka a bo a ya go fitlha *to that age* tlhaloganyo e le mmogo, a kgona go gakologelwa le fa a beileng *key* ya koloi teng. Bontsi e a re ba ya go tsena fa go bo 65 ba bo ba lebala le fa ba beileng digalase tsa bone teng, ba kgona go ipotsa gore digalase tsa bone di kae ba ntse ba di rwele. *So, you must recognise* gore *this dispensation, cannot apply to everybody*, ga se ya mongwe le mongwe. *It is meant to retain distinguished individuals* ba e leng gore Goromente le mongwe le mongwe fela yo e leng gore o leba dilo ka tekatekano, o kgona go bona gore motho yo fa lefatshe le ka kgaogana le ene, le tlaabo le latlhegetswe ke botsipa le maitemogelo a a tseneletseng.

Kwa America gape *just to give another example, there is an investor* yo o bidiwang Warren Buffett; Wynter kana ke wena motho wa *investments*, gongwe o ka itse gore o ngwaga di kae gompiano. Ke monnamogolo, *I think he is in his 80's* mme batho ba santse ba ya kwa go ene gore a ba gakolole ka *investments*, and he leads the biggest investment company mo lefatsheng. *The point I am trying to make* ke gore, dinako dingwe go a tlhokafala gore mongwe wa dikitso le bokgoni jo bo rileng, a tshwarelelwe gore a thuse go etelela pele lefatshe mo lefelong kgotsa mo lephateng le le rileng, le le faphegileng.

Kana bagaetsho, ga re bue ka *general administration* golo fa. Mo mafatsheng a mangwe *Attorney General is the Minister of Justice*. Ke gore fa o na le *Attorney General* ga o tlhoke go nna le motho yo o tshwanang

le *Honourable Ramaotwana* jaana. Fa o na le *Attorney General, you already have a Minister of Justice*. Jaaka kwa America, *correctional services, the FBI the Homeland Security*, di laolwa ke *the Attorney General*, yo e leng gore *under the system* ya America, *President* mongwe le mongwe yo o tsenang o itlhophela *Attorney General* wa gagwe ka fa ke itseng ka teng. Fa ke fosa bagaetsho, *you will correct me*, mme nna ke ka fa ke itseng *system* ya America e bua ka teng.

Le nna fa ke ka nna Tautona nako nngwe, ke ka eletsa gore ke nne le tshosologo ya gore ke itlhophela *Attorney General* wa me, yo ke mo itseng gore yo ke pabala mo molaong. Yo ke itseng gore yo, o tswa kgakala le tiro ya go gakolola ka semolao, o na le mokwatla wa gore fa a sa dumalane le selo, o tlaa bua gore nnyaa fa Tautona ga ke dumalane le se o batlang go se dira. Kana batho ga re tshwane, yo mongwe o kgona go nna Tautona a bo a ipatlela batho ba e leng gore ke ba ba nnang ba dumalana le sengwe le sengwe se a se buang. Foo e a bo e le *disaster*, mme fa o le Tautona yo o itlhaloganyang, o tshwanetse gore o batle batho ba ba kgonang go go raya ba re nnyaa fa rra o a fosa fa, se ye koo. Fa o bone *Attorney General* yo o nang le dikitso tse di tseneletseng, botsogo bo santse bo mo dumela, kana selo se se tona gape ke botsogo. Fa botsogo bo santse bo mo dumela, *his mental faculties* di santse di le *sharp*, a se *senile*, nna ke dumela gore tota *it benefits* lefatshe *to have somebody of extensive experience, and to have somebody of high level of wisdom*, gore a bo a ka gakolola Goromente *at that level*. Mo ga *to appoint Attorney General*, ga ke itse gore ke ka e baya ke reng *Mr Speaker*. *Young people* ba ba santseng ba kgaratlha go tsenya bana dikole le go itirela matshelonyana, ke gone mo o fitlhelang e le gore *Attorney General* o gogiwa ka nko gore dira jaana, a bo a dira. O santse a lebile gore o duela *mortgage*, sekoloto sa dikoloi le *school fees* sa bana. *If you have somebody who has reached a certain age*, a feditse ka dilo tseo, ga a rapele *salary every month*. *You can be assured as a nation* gore yo o tlaa lebelela boammaaruri e seng sepe gape, mo tirona ya gagwe.

The red flags fela *Mr Speaker* ke gore, fa gongwe re tlaabo re re, re dira molao o, *trying to make governance more flexible*. O bo o fitlhela e le gore le buletse Goromente yo e leng gore *pre-occupation* ya gagwe, ke *to capture institutions*. Dikopa *Mr Speaker*, di di ntsi le motho yo motona yo o saleng a bereka a na le 40 years'

experience, mme kitso ya gagwe e lekana le ya motho yo o nang le five years' experience. You can find that individual especially in the public service. Yo o nnang a tsholediswa fela ka gore scheme of service sa re, fa o digetse dingwaga di le kana, o a tsholediswa o isiwa fale. A sa goroga kwa godimo ka ntlha ya bokgoni. O ka nna wa fitlhela Goromente yo o ipatlelang bone bao. Ba ba itseng le bone gore ke filwe favour fela ya gore, ke filwe appointment ya bo Attorney General.

Goromente yo o senang letswalo, o kgona go ya go tsaya motho yo o ntseng jalo, a bo a mo dira Attorney General. E bo e le gore sengwe le sengwe se Goromente a batlang go se dira, o a dumalana and facilitate. Sa gagwe ke go batla loopholes mo molaong fela gore a thuse Goromente go dira dilo tse di sokameng. *That risk is there Mr Speaker, but also the advantage of retaining extensive wisdom and expertise, e botlhokwa thata jaaka go itshupile mo example e ke e fileng ya ga the Chairman of the Federal Reserve, who was kept until the age of 78 years. Go tswa mo go rona bagaetsho, gore fa re ka fetisa molao o, re ya go o dirisa ka motives dife. Fa re ka ya go o dirisa ka motives tsa to capture institutions and key officers, re tlaabo re sa direle lefatshe le sentle.*

Ke dumela gore ga se maikaelelo a gago Honourable Mohwasa to capture institutions, gore le beye ditshosa mo diofising tse le yang go di goga ka dinko. Ke dumela gore maikaelelo a lona, ke go tsenya batho ba ba itshupileng, ba ba itsiweng ke mongwe le mongwe; *people who have a track record. Ba ba itsiweng ke mongwe le mongwe gore yo, ke lawyer ya maemo a a kwa godimo. Yo e leng gore fa go tlhokafala, o ka bolelela Goromente gore ga go diriwe jalo, go diriwa jaana. Fa e le gore ke maikaelelo a lona one ao Honourable Mohwasa, ke ka go raya ka re, speaking for myself, ke dumela gore Goromente a nne le that leeway ya to retain such people for exceptional positions, for exceptional individuals, not for every Jack and Jill. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.*

MR PULE (KGATLENG EAST): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke dumedise batlotlegi. Thata ke dumedise Honourable Moeti Ceasar Mohwasa, yo e bile e leng nnake. *I think you had a very wonderful congress ka weekend. Ke itumeletse gore le ne le laleditse Speaker of the National Assembly.*

Molao o, *is very sensitive. Ga ke batle go bua ke re, the move is illegal. It is not illegal because it is embedded in the Constitution ya Botswana gore dingwaga tsa Attorney General di ka okediwa from where they are, go ya kwa re tlaabong re ya teng, mme go dira Tautona jalo. Selo se se ntshwenyang thata ke gore, re ntse re le mo Pusong, re le Puso ya Domkrag, dikgalo tse di ntsi tse re neng re di amogela, ke tse di neng di tswa mo diphathing tsa kganetso mo nakong eo. Ba tlhalosa gore o kare powers tsa ga Tautona, di di ntsi thata, di fokodiwe.*

Jaaka Rre Kapinga a ne a bua, fa Tautona a tsenya motho mo position, yo e leng gore o mo tsenyeditse gore ke moratwa wa gagwe, ga go nne sentle. *Like I am saying, it may look legal but it is the most sensitive thing for Government to do, very sensitive. Especially fa go dira mo seemong se re se itseng gore incumbent o tsene maloba, e bile o gagabela dingwaga tse. Fa e ne e le gore o ne a le kwa dingwageng tse di kwa tlase, ke gone re neng re ka akanya gore go tsamaya sentle. Ga ke re go ntse jalo, e bile I do not have disregard for the current Attorney General. Ke itse bokgoni jwa gagwe, gongwe le nna fa ke ne ke le Tautona, ke ne ke ka mo akanyetsa go oketsa dingwaga gore e re fa a goroga fa a gorogang teng, a bo a ka tswelela a berekela lefatshe la rona.*

Potso e nna gore *is this for the country kana it is for the person in power? Obviously, fa e ntse ka fa e ntseng ka teng jaana, it raises some red flags. Batswana ba a botsa gore is this not part of what the opposition parties used to say? Mo go bidiwang gotwe Constitutional engineering? O baakanya Constitution to favour ba ba mo setilong. Ke dingwe tse Batswana ba ka di botsang bagaetsho, ka seemo se se ntseng jalo. Mongwe Motswana o ka nna a re, mo ke maikaelelo a ga Rre Motsamai to protect the incumbent ka gore ke a itse gore o ya to support, tsala ya me, ke motho yo ke itseng ka fa a akanyang ka teng. Fa re go botsa re le ba Charles Hill gore are you not protecting the incumbent kana o dirwa ke gore go tlhoka gore go nne jalo?*

Ke ema fa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke ema nokeng Tshutiso e. Se ke tlaabong ke se baya fa pele ga babusi, ke gore, le ikeleng tlhoko. Le sale le re reile le re, le tlile to change Constitution ka bonako, le ntse fela. Le ne le rile six months le tlaabo le feditse ka yone. Le ntse fela, le a ne le tsenya dilonyana. Maloba

le ne le tsenya *Constitutional Court*, gompiano *you are changing age* ya *Attorney General*.

Ramogapi, *you were here in this Parliament*, ke na le wena. Maloba o ne o gaketse o bua gore go busa, ga go motlhofo. Go busa go motlhofo rraetsho, fa o ntse mo setilong sa Puso, ga go motlhofo. A ko le se ka la tswelala la latlhela dilonyana fa re ya gore thaa! Thaa! Tha! Re fitlhela e le gore *Constitution* e ile, ka *piece meal approaches* tse tsa lona. *Be careful, we are watching you*. O a utlwa *Honourable Motsamai*? Re le lebeletse, *Mr Speaker*. Re ba lebeletse batho ba ba Modimo ba, gore a dilo tse ba di dirang, a ke tse di siameng kana ba...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Pule*, o ele tlhoko thata Standing Order 50.1, *address your observations to the Speaker*. Fa o ntse o ba *mention* jaana, o *mention* nna, o lebagane le nna, *in terms of* Order 50.1. Ga ke itse gore a e go arabile?

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MOTSAMAI): *Point of order*. Ee, o mo arabile *Mr Speaker*. O tlaa sulafalelwa ke se a le kang go se bua. Ke a le boga.

MR PULE: Go a bo go kgalemelwa nna, le wena o bo o dira tsa gago fela. Nnyaa, ke boetse morago dikgang tseo. Fa ke bua ka *Motsamai*, ga go na ope yo o sa itseng mo lefatsheng la Botswana gore *Motsamai* ke tsala ya me. Ke a bo ke tsaya gore *he is always emotionally intelligent*. So, o tlaa amogela *whatever people will look at as being ridiculous but* nna le ene, ga re nke re nna *ridiculous*. Ke sone se o utlwang a re, ke tlaa ikotlhaela se ke se buang.

Ke eme fela ke re, *Mr Speaker*, ke eme fano *to support* Rre Mohwasa. *With those questions* tse ke di ntshitseng gore fa e sa le le dira mo gotweng *Constitutional Engineering*, le baakanya *Constitution to favour you*. Ke a le boga *Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente*.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): Ke a le boga *Mr Speaker*, e bile ke le boga *Honourable Mohwasa* ka Tshutiso e. Mo nakong e e fetileng *Mr Speaker*, mo Palamenteng e ga lemosega fa e le gore *Judges* tsa lefatshe la Botswana, dingwaga tse ba tlogelang tiro di kwa tlasenyana. Golo

ga teng go ne go dira gore fa ba goroga mo nakong e gotweng batho ba ba setse ba na le *experience* e ntsintsi, ba patikesega go tlogela tiro ka dingwaga tse di neng di beilwe tsa 65 fa ke gakologelwa. Palamente e ne ya tsaya tshwetso ka nako eo ka gore batho ba ke ba ba sa bonaleng motlhofo, go lekwe go okediwa dingwaga tsa bone tsa *retirement to 75* fa ke gakologelwa sentle. Palamente e ne ya dumalana e lebile thulaganyo ya gore batho ba ba a bo ba na le *accumulated experience* e e tlhokafalang mo lefatsheng leno. Ka nako eo ke ne ka dumalana le thulaganyo eo. Ya re kwa morago ga tla molao o go neng ga okediwa *retirement age* ya yo o tlaabong a lebile thulaganyo ya molao ya kwa sesoleng. Ke gakologelwa gore o kare e ne e tla ka *Honourable Mmusi* ka nako ya teng. Le yone mabaka a ne a tshwana fela gore o kare batho ba fa re ka ba baya kwa go 65, ba ya go re latlhegela ba santse ba tshwere *skill, experience* e e seng kana ka sepe. Nako ya teng ke ne ka dumalana le *Honourable Mmusi* gore ke boammaaruri go ntse jalo, a *retirement age* ya gagwe e tsamaye e ye kwa dingwageng tse 75.

Ga se *Judges* fela, re tlaa gakologelwa gore go ne ga nna le nako e gape go neng ga tshwanelwa ke gore barutabana, le bone fela ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, le a itse gore *most of* babereki ba lefatshe leno *retire at 60 years*. E ne ya re go lebilwe mabaka a re ntseng re bua ka ga one, *wisdom, experience* jalo jalo, *scarcity at the time* ga tsewa tshwetso gape ya gore jaanong morutabana *can retire* ka dingwaga tsa 65, go na le 60 years. Thulaganyo e ka nako eo, ke ne ka e itumelela thatathata ka gore le nna ke morutabana. E ne ya re fa ke ntse ke le *teacher*, ngwaga le ngwaga o ke neng ke ruta ke ne ke utlwa gore ke tlopegelwa ke kitso e ntsi ya go ruta, ke bona gore fa ke ka tsamaela kwa pele le go gaisa, ke ka nna diphatsa mo go gakgamatsang.

Ke sone se *when Honourable Mohwasa proposes Attorney General*, le a itse gore ke ene *experienced* mogakolodi wa *Cabinet*, mogakolodi mogolo wa ga Goramente. Tota go tlhokafala e e seng kana ka sepe. Fa Rre Mohwasa a tla ka Tshutiso e e ntseng jaana ya gore a re etseng ba bangwe bale, re nne *consistent* ka go baakanya melao ka re lemogile mosola wa go dira jalo. Fa a tla ka Tshutiso e ka bona gore go ganetsa e tlaabo e le go swelela fela ka gore o dira sone se se ntseng se tla re dumela gore *is the right thing to do, especially* jaaka ke tlhalositse gore *Judges* di kwa go bo 75, wa

kwa Botswana Defence Force (BDF) 75, re itse gore *teachers* ba kwa go 65, *most of the workers* at 60...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Correction Mr Speaker.

MR MMOLOTSI: Ke sone...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke kopa go mo gakolola foo.

MR MMOLOTSI: Nkgakolola *sir*.

MR MMUSI: *Correction.* Ke ne ke re gongwe e ya 75 o a fosa Tona. Ke dumela gore ke 65 ya Ramasole, *and then deputies* tsa gagwe ke bo 62, e seng 75. O tsietsa setšhaba *sir*.

MR MMOLOTSI: Ke bua ka *Judge Advocate* wa kwa BDF *sir*. Ke ne ke tsaya gore ke wena o neng o tsile ka molao wa teng nako ele re o *debate* fa. Jaanong re tlaa *cross check*. E ke buang ka go yone, ga ke bue ka *Commander* wa BDF, ke bua ka *Judge Advocate*.

Ke sone se ke reng ke lebile *pattern* ka fa e ntseng e tsamaya ka teng ka gore mabaka a go dira jalo ke ne ke a tlhaloganya. *That is why even in the previous administration, when these Bills were brought to Parliament, I was amenable to that amendment. Therefore,* ke ema mokaulengwe *Honourable Caesar Mohwasa* nokeng gore a re baakanyeng gone foo gore re oketse *retirement age* ya ga *Attorney General*. Ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): *Good afternoon Mr Speaker, good afternoon colleagues.* Ke a leboga. Ke eme nokeng Molao-kakanyetso o o tlisitsweng mo Palamenteng ka mabaka a gore dipatlisiso di supa gore fa o ntse o gola jaana, go raya gore o nna le kitso e e tletseng, *experience* e e tlhokafalang. O nna le *stability* sa kakanyo le tlhaloganyo, se se ka tlisang *wisdom* le *judgement* e e rileng. Fa le ka lebelela *Constitution* ya rona, gore o nne *Attorney General* ke gore a bo o na le *requirement* e e batlegang mo go *Judge*, ga mmogo le Delivery Versus Payment (DVP). *Requirements* tsa bo *Judge* di a tshwana gore o hirwe, o tshwanetse a bo o na le *qualification* e o ka kgonang go nna *Judge*. *Judges retire at 70*. Ke selo se re *align* melao gore e tsamaelane. Ga se gore *we align* one o fela, e mengwe re tlaa *align* gore batho botlhe ba *requirement* ya bone ke e gotweng

fa ba na le *qualification* e e tshwanang le ya go ka *qualify* bo *Judge*, go raya *we align* e nne 70 yotlhe.

Gompieno re tsisitse wa *Attorney General* ka mabaka a gore Molaotheo o supa gore o ka dira jalo. Ke emela *to support* ka gore fa o ka lebelela US Senate ka 1954, *it passed a Bill* e re *Judges should retire at 75*. Ga tloga ga nna le gore o ka swela mo *bench* fa o batla go swela mo teng ka gore Holmes *retired in 1932* a le 90 *years*. Ba bangwe ba teng ba ba neng e le *Judges retired* a setse a lapile ka bo 80, a santse a le *sharp in terms of judgment prudence* le go dira melao. Go supagala gore *on that stage* o sa tlhole o batlisisa gore molao ke eng, o a bo o setse o le molao ka bo wena, o itse gore tsamaiso ke eng, go ka diragala jang, e bo e re fa o ntsha *judgement*, e bo e se e e bokoa o santse o itshupa, o ithuta. Go raya gore le ene wa *Attorney General* ka *qualification*, ke tsaya gore o tshwanetse wa bo o le motho *who qualifies to be a Judge to be an Attorney General*. Go raya gore jaakae le gore *they retire at 70, you are aligned in* le gone.

I have got full confidence, ga re direle *the current Attorney General*, re direla gore e tšile go nna molao, le ba ba tlang fa morago ga gagwe ba tšile go tsena fela e le 70. Ga se gore go lebilwe *the current Attorney General*, ke go baakanya molao *but* ene *as a jurist, he is very sharp, calm and cool collected*. Ga se yo o ka gogwang ka nko gotwe dira jaana, ke motho yo o itsetsepetseng, wa maikarabelo. Molao ga o a direlwa ene, o diretswe setšhaba le ba ba tlaa tlang morago ga gagwe. Go raya gore molao o santse o tšile go nna, le bana ba bana ba rona ba tšile go o fitlhela o le foo ba o akola ba fitlhela e le gore ke 70 *years*. O motlhofo, o mokhutshwanyane gore *experience is the best teacher*. *Experience* ke yone gore fa dilo di tla o di tsaya ka *measured emotions*, e seng o di wela fela porogo batho ba fitlhela o dirile diphoso. Ke sone se go tlhokafalang gore *that stage*, dipatlisiso tsa re *lawyers* ke yone nako e a simololang go nna *sharp around* bo 65, 70 and 80. Ke gone fa o tshwanetseng go akola botsipa jwa bone teng. Ka jalo ke o ema nokeng ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Batlotlegi ba se ka ba re re o direla ope, ga o direlwe ope. Re santse re tlaa tliša le e mengwe gongwe go baakanya le tsone tse di nang le *qualification* ya gore, gore o hirwe *as DPP kana as Ombudsman you should be having qualifications* tsa bo *Judge*. So ke sone se ke reng gongwe ba se ka ba tshoga thata.

Piecemeal approach; certain things are inevitable, ga re ka ke ra di kganela ka gore even as we desire to have comprehensive review ya Constitution, ga re ka ke ra ema, re re re eme two or three years, re sa dire sepe re re ka gore go tlaa tla Constitution, tse re bonang gore re di baakanye gone foo re a di baakanya, comprehension e tlaa re fitlhela re ntse re baakantse tse dingwe gore re kgone go bereka, go fetola dilo kana go bereka sentle. Gape le itse gore ya comprehensive review ga se e e ka diragalang fela over four or three months, because if you see e e neng e diragetse maloba ele ya Commission of Inquiry ya the past administration, le itse gore e tsere lebaka le le kae, and go tlaabo go raya gore go tsena settlement nngwe le nngwe go tlhoka madi, so ga se mo e leng gore jaanong re ka emela process e e leng gore e ya go re tsaya five or three years, go na le tse dingwe tse re tshwanetseng go di dira re kgone go tswelela re bereka.

MR MOALOSI: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga Honourable Nelson Samuel Ramaotwana.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, maina ao ga ke dumele gore ke one.

MR MOALOSI: Ke a a neng a a dirisa kwa University of Botswana (UB), ke ne ke sa itse gore a o le ntshitse.

Honourable Nelson Ramaotwana, I hear you clearly. Jaanong ke ne ke botsa gore a Bill e le tlang ka yone does it also give the Attorney General security of tenure because ga go na mosola wa gore o re motho will retire at 70 or 90, mme e bo e re nako e nngwe le nngwe o bo o kgona go mo goga o mo raya o re wena ga ke dumalane le ditshwetso tsa gago, a ko o sutele kwa morago? Do you give them security of tenure, gore fa e le gore o ya to retire at 70, a bo a itse gore ke a go bereka until 70, ka gore Judges tsone they have that kind of security of tenure, gore o ntshe Judge ke process tota, o tshwanetse gore o bo o prove gore o incompetent jalojalo. So molao o a o ntse jalo kana le tlaa tla ka amendment e nngwe gape e e baakanyang tseo? Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Leka go araba, mme ke tsaya gore karabo ya gagwe e teng mo Molaomotheong.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ke ne ke santse ke rialo ke re, tsamaiso ya Molaomotheo, ofisi nngwe le nngwe, e le Molaomotheo, go na le ka gore fa go tsewa ditshwetso *there should be a tribunal kana jang... (Inaudible)... fa*

go na le misconduct. So there is a process ya gore ga o ka ke wa gogela motho fela go sena se a se dirileng, fa go na le any misconduct, even a Judge fa go na le misconduct because you may specify gore go nne le tribunal gore go dirwe jang, ke tseela gore that one is guided le fa e ka bo e sa kwalwa mo Molaomotheong in terms of the Common Law, e a supa gore motho o tshwanetse gore a tseelwe dikgato go tsamaiwa jang ka process e e ntseng jang.

Ke ne ke le mo go ya gore re a oketsa gore re kgone go akola botsipa jo bo le teng mo Batswaneng ba ba re ka ba dirisang e le gore jaanong le bone re kgone go akola kitso ya bone ka ke supile gore *the older it becomes a law, the sharp in terms of decision making and judgement*, go nna mo e leng gore jaanong go ka tokafala.

Ka a le kalo *Mr Speaker*, ke ema Molao-kakanyetso o nokeng o o tsileng ka Tona Rre Mohwasa. Ke a leboga.

MR SEGOKGO (TLOKWENG): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke emela go ema Tona nokeng ka Molao-kakanyetso o a o beileng fa pele ga rona. Tota maemo mangwe fela mo setšhabeng a tlhoka botsipa, maitemogelo le boeteledipele jo bo rileng, bogolo jang ofisi e re buang ka yone ya *Attorney General*. Fa o ka ela tlhoko, *Mr Speaker* kwa moragonyana, ke dumela gore bontsi jwa rona re gakologelwa the 1999 debacle ya State of Emergency (SoE) e e neng ya bidiwa Palamente e phatlaladitswe e bo e busediwa gape mo Palamenteng e le gore go ne go na le bontsi jwa Batswana ba e leng gore *they were supposed to be disenfranchised, about 70,000 ya Batswana ba ba neng ba tshwanetse gore ba ka bo ba tswaletswe kwa ntle ga tlhopho*. Re gakologelwa kgogakogogano yone eo e e supang gore *the delicacy and the fundamental importance* ya ofisi e gore fa gongwe fa lefatshe le le mo mathateng a a tshwanang le one a nako eo, go tlhoka maitemogelo a a rileng, a maemo a a kwa godimo fela thata.

Re gakologelwa le ditlhopho tsa 2014 tse di neng di amana gape le Palamente e, e le gore ngangisano ke gore a mme go tshwanetse gore go tlhophiwe ka lebogo kana go diriwe ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke dingwe tsa dikai tse di supang gore fa gongwe lefatshe le tlhoka bogakolodi jo bo rileng jwa maemo a ntlha fa re le mo seemong sa mofuta oo.

Re ne ra tsamaya makgethonyana gape *Mr Speaker*, fa o gakologelwa ka nako ya COVID, e le gore nako le nako fa go dirwa SoEs lefatshe le le mo mathateng, fa gongwe go tlhokafala botsipa jo bo rileng, motho o ka kgona gore a ye go emela lefatshe ka dinako tse di thata, kana a gakolola boeteledipele ka nako eo ka dinako tse di thata.

Gape fa o gakologelwa, *Mr Speaker*, towards ditlhopho tsa 2024, ke batla gore ke tsene, *I just want to confine myself to the fundamental importance* ya ofisi ya Attorney General. O gopola thata *Mr Speaker* fa re lebile ditlhopho tsa setšhaba tsa 2024 o tla ka *these constitutional amendments* gore bogakolodi jo bo tona bo tswa kwa ofising ya Attorney General, gore go feletse go diragala ka tsela e e ntseng jang, le bogakolodi jo bo ne bo tswa mo ofising e.

Mr Speaker, ke wela ka gore ga ke batle gore ke nne molelee ke tle ke fe bakaulengwe sebaka, tota *I am of the belief* ya gore *our political system is too technocratic in nature and in design* mo e leng gore fa gongwe go kganela *the political wing to be too infused* mo *the public service* ya rona. *I am very clear Mr Speaker that there are certain executive cadres in this country* tse di tshwanetseng gore di tsamaye ka *political appointment* and *we should not shy away ... (Interruptions) ... Government* mo thulaganyong eo.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): *Point of procedure Mr Speaker.* Honourable Member le bakaulengwe ba bangwe *are raising very pertinent points* ka molao o, and ke dumela gore molao o o ne o tlhokile gore re o pataganele tota re o tsentshe mashetla. Jaanong ke tshwenngwa ke gore o kare ba Botswana Congress Party (BCP) ga ba yo. Ga ke itse gore a mme e tlaa se ke e tloge e re kamoso ba bo ba re molao o builwe ba seyo. Honourable Kapinga o teng ke yo, Honourable Furniture le Rre Moalosi, ba bararo fela *out of 15 members*, so tota *quota* e re e dumalaneng ya gore phathi nngwe le nngwe e tshwanetse gore e nne le palo e e rileng, ba kgakala thata le yone. Jaanong ga ke itse *Mr Speaker* gore ga e ka ke ya tloga ya re kamoso ba bo ba re ba gobeletswe ka gore tota mo go baakanya molao go re tlhoka re le mmogo. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *Father of the House* ke utlwa *your concern*, mme ke ne ke tsaya gore bakaulengwe ba lona ba ntse ba na le tiro e tona, gongwe ke jaaka o bona ba le

kwa tlase ga *quota* ya bone. Ke dumela gore dikgang tse di simolotse ba le teng, ba bangwe ke maloko a dikomiti, le kwa bo General Assembly ba ne ba le teng *they were briefed*. Ke tsaya gore e siame, a re tsweleleng, ba ba leng teng ba ba emetse, mme fa ba ne ba ka leka gore ba *meet the quota* e re e dumalaneng. A re tsweleleng batlotlegi.

MR SEGOKGO: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke santse ke bua gore tota fela *we have to be very clear* fa re ntse re tsamaya *because democracy is work in progress*, ga se gore ke selo sa letsatsi, re tllile go nna re ntse re ya re fetola melao nako le nako. Jaaka ke tlhalositse *Mr Speaker*, tota ke dumela gore *there are certain executive cadres* mo *public service* ya rona tse re tshwanetseng go di ntsha kwa *the Public Service Act*, go nne *clear* gore *positions* tsa teng di tle di kgone *to be appointed politically*, e bile gape re bo re di *tie* le *the the political term* so that *we can manage even the predictability* ya gore *public service* e ya go tsamaya ka tsela e e ntseng jang, ke dumela gore ke selo se se botlhokwa. Ke leka *to ride* mo mafokong a a neng a buiwa ka *Honourable Pule earlier on* gore; ka gore e ne e le sa ntlha re bona phetogo Puso e re sa tswang go e bona, re tshwanetse gore re nne *clear* gore *executive cadres* tse ke ntseng ke bua ka tsone, e seng tse tsotlhe, go simolola fa go F2 kana F1, gongwe go ya kwa godimo, re nne *clear* gore tota di tshwanetse gore di tsamaye ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *Even the Chief Executive Officers (CEOs)* of State-Owned Enterprises, gore di tshwanetse gore di ye go tsamaya ka tsela e e ntseng jang, *so that* ba ba tsenang ba kgone gore ba nne le *that liberty* ya gore ba itlhophele ba ba eletsang gore ba ye go tsamaisa Puso le bone.

O nkutlwe *Mr Speaker*, *I am not saying* batho ba teng ba *they should be recruited* ka *political affiliation*, *they should be recruited* ka *meritocracy*, mme re e fa *the establishment* e e leng gone foo ka nako eo ya *five years*, gore ba tsenye ba ba dumelang gore ke bone ba ba ka *drive their strategic goals and their strategic objectives* tse ba tlaabong ba di beile gone foo mo dingwageng tse tlhano. Golo mo ga teng *Mr Speaker*, re tshwanetse gore re se ka ra go boifa, e bile re go fefogele ka bonako. Golo mo ga teng kana re leka gore, le babereki ba e leng *the human capital* e e gone foo, le bone re leka gore re *manage their mental stability* gore ba kgone gore ba ipaakanye le bone, *position themselves, manage*

predictability gore ba itse gore fa *term* ya rona e wela ka 2029, go raya gore re tlaabo re ya go tswa le ba e leng gore ba gone foo. Ba ba tsenang gongwe ba ka ntwela pelo kana ba ka se ke ba ntswele pelo, ka gore e ne e le lantlha mo ditsong tsa rona *ever since independence experiencing that*. Ke dumela gore re ithutile.

MR MOALOSI: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. *Honourable* Segokgo, ke batla go tlhaloganya gore golo fa kana fa re bua ka Attorney General. *I know o general* fela, gore a mme Attorney General, *Judge*, kana ke re le batho ba maemo a a kwa godimo, bo Director of Public Prosecutions, *that argument* o batla gore re akanye gore gongwe le bone re ka ba akanyetsa jalo. Gore fa e le gore re tsena mo Pusong, re bo re tsenya Attorney General, fa re tswa re bo re tswa le ene?

MR SEGOKGO: O nkutlwa sentle, go ntse fela jalo. Tota *executive cadres* tse dingwe *let us just liberalise*, gore ba ba tsenang ba nne le *freedom and the liberty* ya gore ba itlhophela ba ba tsenang le bone. O nkutlwe gore ka reng, *we have so many* Batswana ba ba rutegileng *across the political divide*, *I am not saying we should recruit on patronage*. Se ke se buang ke gore, ba nne le gore Batswana bangwe le bangwe, ba BCP le bone fa ba rutegile, ba na le boitseanape jo bo rileng, le bone go raya gore ba ka nna le sebaka sa gore ba ka tsenngwa, ba Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) fela jalo. *I am not saying these people should be recruited on political affiliation. They should be recruited on meritocracy. The establishment* ya nako eo, e nne le sebaka *Mr Speaker* sa gore e itlhophela ba e a ba batlang, gore re kgone gore re *manage* dikgang tse di tlholang di buiwa gotwe, “nnyaa go raya gore ba tsenya ba bone,” ba a reng, ba a reng. Go nne *clear*; ka gore o a bona gore gompiano gone jaana go *dicey*.

Gone ke a tlhaloganya gore ya Attorney General e tsamaisiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Jaaka ke re *democracy is work in progress*, e re fa re ntse re baakanya kwa pele kwa, *even other cadres*, re kgone gore re itsenye mo teng gore ba e leng *establishment* ya nako eo, ba nne le sebaka sa gore ba ka itlhophele ba e leng ba bone. Fa gongwe re tlele go nna re ntse re nna le letshwenyego la gore, *the establishment* ya nako eo e ne e tlhalosa gore kana *these people are rigid, they are not flexible* mo go tsamaiseng *mandate* wa rona, ga ba batle *to push our NDP and Transformation Programme*.

Go bo go raya gore ga gona ba ba ipatlang ka nako eo, ba itsenyeditse ba e leng ba bone, *they can push their mandate*.

Ke selo se ke ikaeletseng gore mo Palamenteng e, legale ke tlaa fa *the ministry* sebaka sa gore dikgang tsone tse fa ba ntse ba nkutlwa ke di bua, ba ye to *infuse* mo bokamosong, mo *Bills* tse di tlaa tlang kwano. Fa e le gore go tlaa nna le tiego, ke dumela gore gongwe ke tlaa tsenya *the Private Member's Bill*, e e tlang ka dikgang tse gore re ye go leka go bona gore tse dingwe tse re ka *package* ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Molao o o *very clean*, ga o na dibebebejane dipe, ke dumela gore bakaulengwe rotlhe fela *across the political divide*, ke selo se re dumalanang le sone gore gongwe dingwaga tse re ye go di tsaya, re ye go di baya golo gongwe, ka gore re tlhoka botsipa joo, jo e leng jwa *office* e ke ntseng ke tlhalosa botlhokwatlhokwa jwa yone. Re bo re e *align* le tse dingwe tse *Honourable* Ramaotwana a ntseng a di tlhalosa, tsa *Judges and Judge Advocate* jalojalo. Ke ema Tona nokeng *Mr Speaker*, ka mafoko ao.

MR MOALOSI (NKANGE): Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke le dumedise, ke dumedise le Batswana kwa gae. *Honourable Speaker*, *Bill* re e bone, mme gongwe ke bue fela gore ke ne ke tsentsa Thutiso le nna ya *Private Member's Bill*, ya *to amend* molao wa *Attorney General*. Jaanong ke gore gakere go raya gore e santse e le mo *process*, ga e ise e goroge fa.

Mo gongwe ke nankole fela gore, ke ne ke lebile thata mo goreng *Attorney General should be independent from any influence* fela ya ga ope. *Attorney General* o tshwanetse gore a nne le kgang ya gore *as much as we want him to retire late*, ka *reasons* tse di neetsweng, mme le ene a nne le *security of tenure*. Ke gore a nne *sure* gore konteraka ya gagwe e simolola leng, e ya go fela leng, a nne *free from arbitrary removal*. Ke gore e se ka ya re gongwe a sa dumalane le ditshwetso dingwe tse gotweng a di tseye, a bo a patelediwa gore a tswa.

We have had cases where an Attorney General, ke gore le fa a ne a sa kobiwa, mme o ne a ntshiwa mo ofising a neelwa tiro e nngwe go sele, a ya go nna *Ambassador*, yo mongwe a ntshitswe a ya go nna *Judge*, jalojalo. E le dilo tse ba a bong ba batla go tsenya yo ba mmatlang. Jaanong dilo tseo *Honourable Speaker*, di dira gore fa

motho a le *Attorney General* a bo a palelwa ke go tsaya ditshwetso *independently*, a dirisa *knowledge* ya gagwe, e re reng o na le dingwaga tse dintantsi a e *gain*, a dirisa *experience* ya gagwe, a bo a tewa gotwe *we want you to defend* dikgang tse. Re bone mo dikgannyeng tsa P100 billion gore, nnyaa diofisi tsa Puso di ne di dirisiwa botlhaswa. Fa o ka ba biletsa mo khoneng ba ba neng ba eteletse dikgang tse, o tlaa go raya a re melaetsa e ne e tswa kwa godimo gotwe re tseye ditshwetso tse.

International best practises tsa re *they should ensure the independence of the Attorney General*, gore go se ka ga nna le *interference* epe fela, *particularly* fa o bua ka *operational autonomy* le *security* e ke ntseng ke bua ka yone. *These principles Honourable Speaker, they are very, very crucial for upholding the rule of law and ensuring impartiality because* re batla gore *Attorney General* fa a tsaya tshwetso gore *they are defending a case* kana fa e le gore gongwe motho o batla go sekisa Goromente, a bo a tsaya a lebile molao gore wa reng. A bo a sa tseye a lebile gore foromane ya gagwe ya reng kana *those who appointed them* ba akanya jang. Ba tshwanetse gore ba nne le *independence of decision making*.

Jaanong kana fa e le gore o na le letshwenyego la gore gongwe o ka nna wa ntshiwa, ga o ka ke wa nna *independent*, ga o ka ke wa neela motho *advice* e o bonang gore *advice* e gongwe ga a ka ke a utlwana le yone. Go felela jaanong Goromente a latlhegelwa ke madi mo *cases* tse gongwe di ka bong di sa sekiwa, di le *settled out of court*, ka gore *Attorney General* gongwe ene o ne a *advise* jalo.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): *Clarification.* Ke ne ke re o ntlhatswetse gore, a o dumela gore *Attorney General* ga a na *tenurial security* mo nakong ya gompiano?

MR MOALOSI: Ee rra, ke dumela jalo ke lebile *the removal of the past Attorney General*, Mme Abram. Ga ke dumele gore, ene ka bo ene o ne a batla go tswa. Ke raya gore ke tumelo ya me, o ne o mpotsa ka tumelo ya me. Tumelo ya me ke yone eo gore, *you can force somebody to retire* a sa batle, kana o bo a mmatlela tiro go sele. Ke raya gore *that is my belief*, o ne o batla *my belief*.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): *Point of order Mr Speaker.* Ke ne ke re ke gakolole motlotlegi fela gore, re se ka ra bua ka maina a batho, ka e bile ba sena tshwanelo ya go ka ikarabela fa. Go botoka re sa bue ka maina a batho, re dirisa *posts* kana *position* fela. Ke a leboga motlotlegi.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, *ke bona o kare argument ya lona e mo tenurial security.* I see Section 51, I do not think there is any doubt, read with another provision on removal. The one that we must desist from Honourable Moalosi *ke e o nang le tumelo ya gore mongwe o ka tswa a pateleditswe ene a sa batla, e le tumelo ya gago.*

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

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, a re tsweng mo tumelong. *Yes, you are not accusing him of anything that can tarnish him, mme there is a thin line* fa o re wena tumelo ya gago ke gore o ne a patelediwa. *Let us try and focus on the subject at hand in accordance with Order 57.1.*

MR MOALOSI: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*, ke a leboga *Honourable Ramogapi*, malatsi a disutu tsa gago di dintle nkgonne.

Mr Speaker, tumelo ya me gape ke gore, *Attorney General* fa a tlhongwa e se ka ya nna tshwetso ya *Executive branch* e le nosi. E nne tshwetso ya a *particular body* e e ka dirwang, gongwe e na le bo Law Society kana Palamente mo teng. Le ka sekaseka *the best international practice*. Kana gona le *model laws*; go na le Southern African Development Community (SADC) *model laws*, African Union (AU) *model laws* le tsa bo European Union (EU) jalojalo. Le lebe gore, gore bo *Attorney General to perform at the best of their ability*, go batla ba tlhongwa jang. Keletso ya me ke gore go nne le a *very transparent process of appointing the Attorney General*. Gongwe fa e le gore *we are interviewing him/her* mo Palamenteng mo kana komiti ya Palamente *interviewing him/her, it should interview him/her live*, batho ba bone, ba tlhole *cases that he handled*, jaaka re tlhola re bona go dirwa kwa mafatsheng a mangwe. Golo moo go ya go netefatsa gore *we are going to have the best Attorney General that we can get.*

Re se ka ra tsaya ofisi ya ga *Attorney General* as if ke *extension* ya *Executive*, mo o kareng o tlhoma Permanent

Secretary (PS) fela kana eng, ka gore mapolitiki kana Goromente o tsaya ditshwetso tse fa gongwe di babalelang ditshwanelo tsa batho jalojalo. *Attorney General* o tshwanetse go nna mo seemong sa gore o ka nna *independent*, a bo a gakolola a sa tshabe sepe, gore fa le tsaya tshwetso e, ga e a siamela Motswana. A se ka a nna mo kgatelelong ya gore a itumedise *the Executive*. Ke dumela gore fa a tlhomilwe jalo *in a transparent process, we are going to get the best person*. Fa a tlhomilwe a itse gore *contract* eo ke *seven years*, o a itse gore o ya go bereka *seven years*, o ka ntshiwa fela gongwe a sentse sengwe, go dira *tribunal* tota *that checks* gore mme sengwe *that we are accusing him* gore o se dirile, *is it against the law*.

Le *the ... (inaudible) ... process should be clearly defined by law and limited to ground such as inability to perform functions or misconduct, le yone is determined by independent body or process not the Executive branch alone*. Ke tsone dilo tse re di eletsang gore fa re baakanya re se ka ra baakanya *piece by piece*, re baakanya *retirement age*. Re baakanye *the whole law*, re dire gore e nna molao fela o e leng gore le bana ba rona ba tlaa tla ba bona gore le fa go ne go na le bangwe ba ba neng ba se botlhale mme bontsi kwa Mapalamente ba ne ba le botlhale. Ke dumela gore ke tse re di tlhokang mo molaong *Honourable Speaker*.

Ke re ga ke ganane le *argument ya retirement age*, mme ke dumela gore fa re tswa fa gongwe *we will notice the amendments* go leka go thatafatsa molao o, o re dumalanang le one gore o baakanngwe sentle, o direlwe ruri. E re mo dingwageng tse 20 tse di tlang o bo o ntse o bereka, o siame fela. Re se ka ra dira molao gompiano ka gore ba bangwe ba na le pelaelo ya gore go direlwa gore *retirement age ya Attorney General* wa gompiano e a wela, *so re direla ene*. Re dire molao o re itseng gore *we will be very proud* ka one, *like* melao e mengwe e gongwe re tlaa tlang ka yone. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

MR FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Tla ke leboge sebaka se o se mphileng ke tle ke latlhele. Ke ne ke re ga ke latlhele, mme jaanong ke bona gore diphathi tsotlhe ka go farologana di ntshitse sa bone, ke bo ke re mma ke eme ke emele Botswana Patriotic Front (BPF) ba e leng gore gongwe ba santse ba tshwerwe ke tse dingwe, ba ba neng ba tsamaisa ditlhopho tsa ga Rre Kapinga kafa. Ke

re ke ema jaana ke dumalana e bile *supporting*, jaaka ke ne ke supa ke re ke tla ke tswa kwa letlhakoreng la BPF.

Fa ke lebelela *Bill* e ya *retirement age* ya ga *Attorney General* ke tsaya gore ke kgang fela e e tlhamaletseng. Fa ke ntse ke e lebelela, sengwe se ke tsayang gore mongwe le mongwe o a se tlhaloganya ke gore, dingwaga jaanong fa di ya kwa godimo segolo jang *dealing with* dikgang tsa semolao, ke teng jaanong fa gongwe re tlhokang *experience* ya gago le go feta. Fa o lebelela mafatshe a re bapileng le one, ke tsaya sekai ka South Africa, *Attorney General* wa bone o goroga kwa go bo 75 years. Mafatshe ka bontsi ba a bo a lebeletse dikgang tsa *experience Honourable Speaker*. Mme le nna e rile fa Tona a re e alela *Bill* e fa ke e lebelela, ke bo ke bona gore mme kgang e e tlhamaletse, e tlhokana fela le gore gongwe re leke go ntsha *advice* fale le fale.

Sengwe sa dikgang tse gongwe ke ka fetang ka tsone ke gore, motho yo o tshwanetseng gore a tshware *post* e ya bo *Attorney General*, ka re a itse gore ba ba fetileng ba dirile bontle le bokgabane, re tshwanelwa ke gore re bo re lebeletse motho ka fa a leng ka teng, gongwe seemo sa gagwe sa itsholelo. Ka gore fa o kare o ya go tsaya motho yo e leng gore gongwe o a bo a santse a batlana le khumo, fa ke ka rialo, o ya go tla a dirisa *position* eo ka tsela e e seng yone. Jaanong fa re ya *to appoint* motho re mo fa maemo a sepobego sa go tshwana le seo, re tshwanelwa ke gore re bo re lebeletse seemo sa gagwe gore le fa e le gore gongwe re a bo re sa tsenye thata...

MR MOALOSI: *On a point of correction*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Frenzel*. Ke re ke go baakanyetse fela fa o neng o re kwa South Africa *they retire* ka 75, ke re nnyaa *they retire* at 65. Ke a leboga.

MR FRENZEL: Ke a leboga. Mme *discretion* e a bo e le mo go Tautona gore gongwe o ka fetelela go ya go fitlhelela kwa go 75. Legale eo ga se *argument* ya me e tona, fa e le gore ke 65 *it is fine, but* fela ke itse gore *discretion* e a bo e tswa mo go Tautona.

Ke ne ke bua gore *appointment* ya motho yo o tshwereng *position* ya go tshwana le eo re tshwanelwa ke go lebelela seemo sa gagwe sa itsholelo gore ke se se ntseng jang. Kana fa re setse re tla mo dikgannyeng tseo re a itse gore motho *can be tempted by* sengwe le sengwe. Jaanong fa o ya go tsaya motho yo e leng gore gongwe o santse a gagabela go ipatlala kwa le kwa,

go ka nna diphatsa mo go lekeng go gakolola ka fa go tlaabong go le botlhokwa ka teng. Se segolo ke gore re lebelele *experience*, e botlhokwa thata fa re ya go dira *appointment* ya go tshwana le eo. O tshwanelwa ke *to have served as a lawyer for* dingwaga tse di rileng, o nnile *Judge* ka dingwaga tse di rileng. E seng jaaka re kile ra bona kwa South Africa mongwe a supa gore *he practiced law* a sa ya sekoleng, mme a ne a dira bontle mo dikgetsing tse a neng a di fiwa. Ke raya gore mo *case* ya rona re tshwanelwa ke go lebelela gore motho *have practiced* ka tsela e e ntseng jang mo go tsotlhe tse di ka tlhatlologanang gore o ye go fiwa *position* eo.

Fa re lebelela dikgang tsone tse, gongwe le *appointment* ya gagwe re bo re e lebelela gore a mme ke e e leng gore rotlhe re a e dumalana re lebeletse tsotlhe tse di botlhokwa. Gongwe re se ka ra fitlhela go tlhophile Tautona a sa tlhaloganye tsone dikgang tseo. O bo o fitlhela e le gore go tserwe motho yo e leng gore fa o re o lebelela *case record* ya gagwe kwa *courts* tse a neng a di eteletse pele, o bo o fitlhela e le gore gotlhelele go thona gore a bo a filwe *position* eo. Ke tsaya ke re *before appointment of Attorney General*, re tshwanelwa ke gore re bo re lebeletse, ka lebaka la gore gongwe Tautona fa e le gore o dirile *appointment* letsatsi leno, kamoso o a bo a seyo mo setilong, mme ene *Attorney General* o tshwanetse gore a bo a tswelela ka tiro ya gagwe. Dikgang tse tsotlhe, re tshwanetse re bo re lebeletse *case record* gore a mme e maleba gore motho e kare a tlhophilwe, a fa *advice* tse di maleba. Jaaka re itse, tiro ya bone tota ke go fa *advice* go tswa kwa go bo Tautona le *Ministers*. Le seemo se se a bong se diragala mo lefatsheng jaaka re itse gore dilo di di ntsi tse gongwe go tlhokanang le gore a fe bogakolodi teng. Jaanong fa o re o lebelela dikgang tse, motho yo o yang go tlhophiwa, go tshwanetse gore go bo go lebeletse *merit* ya gagwe gore a mme tsotlhe tse e leng gore gongwe o a bo a ka neelwa *position* eo, o tlaa tla a e dira ka bokgabane, e seng mo e leng gore e tlaa re fa a filwe *position* yone eo, o bo o fitlhela a nna a sekegela kwa ntlheng e nngwe e sele.

Kana kwa mafatsheng a mangwe a re bapileng le one, ke tlaa fa sekai ka Zimbabwe, bangwe ba *Judges* tsa bone ba santse ba dumela mo go reng go ka tsennngwa sengwe ka fa tlase ga tafole. Batho ba ba tshwanang le bone bao *before* re ya go dira *appointment*, re bo re lebeletse gore a mme ga go ise go nne le *records* tsa go

nna jalo, kana sepe se se sa tsamayang sentle fa a ntse a tshwara *cases* tsa gagwe mo *courts* ka go farologana. Re a itse dilo tsa go tshwana le tsone tse di a diragala, jaanong re tshwanelwa ke gore e re fa go ya go dirwa *appointment* ya go tshwana le yone eo, dilo tse tsotlhe re bo re di lebeletse gore a mme ga go na sepe se se kileng sa diragala se dule mo tseleng...

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MOTSAMAI): *Clarification.*

Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ka bokhutshwane fela ke ne ke re kana o fitlhela fa gongwe dikgang tse dingwe ke batla gore motho a papamale sentle fela. A o raya gore dikgang tse o re di bayang fa pele, motho a tshwana le Rre Kapinga jaaka re itse gore o iteilwe seatla mo molaong, di ne di ka mo tshwanela, go ne go ka sekasekelwa mo go ene kana jang? Ke raya ka ke bua a le teng.

MR FRENZEL: Ke a leboga *Honourable* Motsamai. Nnyaa, tota ke tsaya ke re ke mongwe wa batho ba e leng gore gongwe jaaka gompieno a supa gore *he is retiring* mo sepolotiking, *term* e ke ya gagwe ya bofelo, ke mongwe wa batho ba gongwe re ka ba sekasekang re lebeletse *experience*, *unless* e le gore o ka fetoga gongwe ka bo 2028, *but* ene o supile gore o tlaabo a sa eme. Fa a sa eme, re lebeletse *experience* ya gagwe, ke mongwe wa batho...

MR KAPINGA: *Point of order.* Nnyaa, *Honourable* Frenzel o a nkoglega, ga re ise re nne phuthego gope ke mo raya ke re ke a tshaisa ka 2029. O tlaa mpolaisa batho, ga ke ise ke ko ke mo reye jalo.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Frenzel, a re o a mo pateletsa, o se ka wa bua jalo ka ene.

MR FRENZEL: Ke ne ke ithaya ke re gongwe o tlaabo a se fologa jaaka *Honourable* Motsamai a ne a supa, ra tla ra mo sekasekela mo *post* yone e ya bo *Attorney General*. Fa ke lebeletse *experience* ya gagwe, *he deserves* le ene gore o ka tla a e neelwa. Ke motho yo e leng gore fa o re o lebelela *record* ya gagwe, o a bona gore go maleba gore o ka tla a tsena fale. Fa e le gore *you are not retiring*, ga e na bothata bope *Honourable* Kapinga. Ke tsaya gore ke kgang e e tlhamaletseng, mme fela kgang e tona e ne e le gore a mme wena fa re lebeletse *experience* ya gago, a o ka tsena fale. Kgang e bo e nna gore *experience* ya gago e botlhokwa fa re e lebelela fela kwa e tswang teng. Ke raya gore *record*

ya gago yotlhe kwa sepodiseng go ya go tsena kwa maamong a bo *Deputy Commissioner*, le dithutego tsa gago tse o di dirileng tsa *law*, gongwe re ka go sekasekela ka nako yone eo. Fa e le gore o tlaabo o tlogetse tiro, ba ba tlaabong ba tsaya Puso, ba tlaabo ba go lebeletse go ka tla ba go neela tshono eo gore gongwe o tle o ye *to advise* Puso ka fa go tshwanetseng ka teng. *Thank you, Honourable Speaker.*

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR NTLHAILE): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Le nna ke emela go ema nokeng Tona Mohwasa ka Molao-kakanyetso wa *to amend Section 51 (4) ya Constitution* gore re kgone gore go bo go ka okelediwa dingwaga tsa *retirement to 70 tsa Attorney General*.

Mr Speaker, ke dumela gore Molao-kakanyetso o o tla ka nako e e maleba ka gore lefatshe ka bophara, se re se dirang fano gompiano se a diragala. Le mafatshe mangwe a re nang le ditsamaiso tse di tshwanang le tsa bone, kana ba bangwe re dirile le bone mo nakong e e fetileng ba le mo lefatsheng la rona, ba tsamaisa ka yone thulaganyo e ya go lemoga botlhokwa jwa boikarabelo jwa lefapha lone le la tsa *Attorney General* gore ke nngwe ya *professions* tse di botlhokwa ka ntata ya gore ga go motlhofo gore o ka bona *Attorney General* ka nako e khutshwane gongwe a tswa mo sekoleng a na le dikitso tse di ka mo kgontshang gore a tsene gone foo. Bontsi jwa batho le fa ba tswetse mo ditirong tsa bone, gongwe ba kgona go felela fa tlase thata ba ise ba kgone *to acquire experiences, expertise* tse di ka ba kgontshang gore ba tsene teng koo.

Ke dumela gore Molao-kakanyetso o o siame, e bile o tliša thitibalo mo lefatsheng, mo tsamaisong ya rona gore re se ka ra iphitlhela ntswa re na le batho ba ba nonofileng, mme fela ka ntata ya gore gongwe dingwaga tsa bone di setse di fetile 60 re bo re iphitlhela re le mo seemong se re tlhalelwang ke bone ba ba ka tsweledisang tiro ya *Attorney General* gore lefatshe le kgone go tswelela pele. Ka yone popego e, ke dumela gore e re ntswa Tautona gone fa a na le *discretion* ya gagwe ya gore ka gore tota ga go a fetoga gore *retirement age* ke 60, *but* go dirilwe yone *provision* e, le fa go ntse jalo, Molaomotho o supa gore Tautona o tlaabo a oketsa go feta 60. Se e leng *stopgap* gone fa ke gore o dira jalo e seng ka keletso ya gagwe, o dira

jaana *in the public interest*. Ke sone se re reng, mme go raya gore tota golo fa ke tebelopele ya go lemoga gore go na le dipaka tse go tlhokegang gore go bo go na le motho wa bokgoni jo bo ntseng jalo, jo e leng gore ga ba bantsi ba ba ka tswang ba na le dikitso le *experiences* tse motho wa seemo se a tlhokang gore a bo a na le tsone.

Se sengwe ke gone gore *Mr Speaker*, re lebelele jaaka ke setse ke supile, gore mafatshe a mangwe ba setse ba kgonne go dira jalo ba oketsa, ba lemoga mabaka a gompiano a a fetogileng. Go na le mabaka a masha a e leng gore batho ba tshela lebaka le le leele. Matshelo a a tokafala ka ntata ya gore botshelo ka bo jone, bo ntse bo a tokafala. Go bo go raya gore ke go itepatepanya le gore re bo re ka kgona gore re tshware batho ba gone foo, ba tsweledise tiro ya bone.

Mafatshe mangwe fa ke ka baya sekai; ke United Kingdom (UK), kwa e leng gore Baatlhodi kwa teng, *are not Attorney Generals*. Ke raya gore *this is within the same profession, Judge's retirement* tsa kwa UK ke 70 years. *The Lord Chancellor* teng koo, o na le *discretion* ya gagwe ya gore o ka oketsa *up to 75 years*. Lefatshe le lengwe gape le le neng la bona go le botlhokwa gore go okediwe lebaka la *retirement ya Federal Judges*, ke Australia, kwa e leng gore bone *they retire* ka 70 years. Ke nankola mafatshe a sekae fela *just to show* gore selo se, ga se tlholontšha. Ga se gore go simolola ka rona mo Botswana kana ka Puso ya rona. Ke se se tlwaelesegileng, mo mafatsheng a mangwe, ba a se dira.

Mr Speaker, ke tshwaela mo mafokong a ga *honourable* yo a neng a sa tswa go bua kgantele gone fa ka *tenure of office*. Ke supe gore *Constitution* ya Botswana e a supa. *Section 113* e bua ka *tenure* ya *Attorney General*. Ga go motlhofo gore o ka ntsha *Attorney General* go sa salwa morago ditsamaiso tse di akaretsang gore go bo go nna le *tribunal*, fa e le gore *Attorney General* o a ntshiwa. *Even* le fa e le gore gongwe *Attorney General* go ama bokgoni jwa gagwe jwa go tsweledisa tiro ya gagwe, ga se selo se se motlhofo sa gore o ka ntshiwa. *Section 113* ya *Constitution* ke boammaaruri e supa gore *office* e, e sireletsegile. Ga go motlhofo gore o ka ntshiwa. *Then Section 51* e ya *Constitution* e supa gape e papametse gore *the Attorney General is appointed by the President*. Ke leka go supa gore go matshwanedi mo nakong ya gompiano gore re eme Molao-kakanyetso o, nokeng. O tsamaelana le ka fa mafatshefatshe ba dirisanyang kana

ba tsweledisang go sireletsa boitseanape jwa *Attorney General's* le *experience* tsa bone. Go na le dipaka tse e leng gore go botlhokwa gore ba okelediwe nako.

Ke supe jalo *Mr Speaker* gore ke ema Molao-kakanyetso o, nokeng. O supa gore ga se o go okelediwang *Attorney General* dingwaga, ga se selo se se diragalang nako le nako. Ke selo se se diragalang morago ga lebaka. E bile ga ba bantsi batho ba e leng gore nako le nako, ba tlaabo ba okelediwa lebaka la go dira mo diofising tsa bone. Ka a le kana *Mr Speaker*, ke eme Molao-kakanyetso o nokeng.

MR KWAPA (JWANENG-MABUTSANE): Ke go leboge *Mr Speaker*. Ke rata ke eme jaana, ke eme Tona nokeng ka paakanyo ya molao o. Ke mo eme nokeng mo Molao-kakanyetsong o. Ke supe gore ke mo ema nokeng ka lebaka la gore mo Molao-kakanyetsong wa gagwe, ga a re, o bakaanyetsa motho mongwe. Ga go na leina lepe le o le supileng fano gore e kete o baakanyetsa motho mongwe. Ke gore ka fa a e dirileng ka teng *Mr Speaker*, ga se kgang ya *nzamele* e bakaulengwe ka kwa, ke bonang ba na le letshwenyego la gore go akanyediwa mongwe gore a sukunyediwe golo gongwe. Nnyaa, paakanyo e Tona a tlang ka yone, ke kgang ya gore molao o, go ne go supega sentle ka botlalo gore go na le letlhokego la gore go baakanyediwe *office* e ya Rramelaomogolo gore e thuse Batswana ka fa go tlhwaafetseng ka teng.

Ke dumela jalo *Mr Speaker* gore Puso e, e tlhwaafetse ka e supa gore go hirela *office* e ya ga Rramelaomogolo, ke ga Batswana, ga se ga *party* e e rileng. Ke lebogela ditshwetso tse di tserweng. Jaaka bakaulengwe ka kwa ba ne ba supa, gore e kare go dirwa *piecemeal approach*, fa o lebeletse *Constitution* ka fa e ntseng ka teng, ke molao o motona. Melao e yotlhe ya lefatshe, e tsaya go tswa mo go yone. Go maleba gore e re fa go lemogiwa gore dilo dingwe ga di a nna sentle, di tshwanetse di baakanngwe, di tsenngwe mo tseleng e e tlaa sologelang Batswana ka kakaretso molemo. *Office* e, ga go tsene mongwe le mongwe fela yo o tshwanang fa ke ka fa sekai; Motlotlegi Disho gotwe o ka tsena fa ofising. Go tsewa bo mmantswitswidi tota, bo mmakgonthe ba re lemogang botlhokwa jwa bone. Ga se bagakolodi ba e leng bo mpharanyane fela, ba ba ka sekeng ba thuse lefatshe leno ka sepe. Go tserwe bo mmakgonthe ba re tlhaloganyang botlhokwa jwa bone, gore ba tshwanetse

go tswelela ba gakolola Puso segolo jang fa o lebeletse mo nakong ya gompieno gore...

MR MOTSAMAI: *Clarification Mr Speaker:* Re baakanye mafoko fela *Mr Speaker* gore gakere fa o bua ka mpharanyane jaaka o buile ka Rre Disho, ga o reye gore o raya ene totatota. Ke bona kgang ya teng, e ka se ke e ba tseye sentle, ka e bile ba setse ba le bararo fela mo Palamenteng. Ba bangwe re sa itse le gore ba fa kae.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, a re tsweleng bakaulengwe. *Honourable Kwapa*, le se ka la rumolana jaaka *Honourable Motsamai* a gakolola.

MR KWAPA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Nnyaa, mpharanyane ke raya motho yo o senang le fa e le dikitso, yo e kareng fa go lebilwe, a bo a fopholetsa. Re bua ka bo mmantswitswidi, bo mmakgonthe ba ba tlhaloganyang tiro ya bone, ba itsege.

Botlhokwa jo ke bo buang, ke gore re tlhokana le batho ba sebopego seo. Fa o lebelela sentle *Mr Speaker*, o tlaa lemoga ka botlalo gore batho ba re buang ka bone, bo Rramelaomogolo, ba ya go gakolola Goromente ka fa re itseng, e bile re tlhaloganya tiro ya bone ka teng. Ke batho ba e leng gore jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa, ke dirisa lefoko la mpharanyane *Mr Speaker*, ke gore ga go tsewe bo mmampudulele fela, go bo gotwe ba ka gakolola Puso. Re lebeletse ka fa go ntseng go direga ka teng mo dingwageng tse dingwe. Mo mafatsheng o fitlhela bo Rramelaomogolo ba le mo mathateng a gore go na le gore ba inole Puso mo mathateng, jaanong ba e tsentse mo go one. Ke sone se ke se tlhalosang jalo gore mmantswitswidi, mmakgonthe, ke batho ba ba itsegeng, ba tlhaloganya melao yotlhe ya lefatshe ka lebaka la gore le ditiro tsa bone, di a bonala *Mr Speaker*.

Fa go tla go tsena Molao-kakanyetso o, re bona botlhokwa jaaka bakaulengwe ba ntse ba tlhalosa gore molao o tshwana le mofine. Mofine fa o ntse o tswelela le dingwaga, o nna bogale, o nna tlhwalhwakgolo. Ke gone mo re reng, dingwaga tsa bone fa re di lebile, di tsamaela gone kwa pele koo. Re bona botlhokwa jwa gore ba tshwanetse, e bile ba a tlamega gore ba okelediwe dingwaga. E se ka ya re fa re ba tlhokang teng, a bo e le gore re kgaogana le bone. Ke araba e e neng e bodiwa ya *a security of tenure of office*. Ke dumela jalo gore re a ba tlhoka. Ke gone ka moo ke dumalanang ka bongwefela jwa pelo gore re a ba tlhoka,

re ba okeletse. Tota e bile le fa re ne re gogela kwa go 80, re lebeletse ka fa mafatshe mangwe a dirang ka teng, ba bone botlhokwa jwa *office* e, go ne go le maleba. Ga gotwe go okeletswa semangmang. Tona o tsile fa a kopa Molao-kakanyetso o gore re mo eme nokeng ka lebaka la gore, ga a direla ope *nzamel*a. Ga a tla ka leina la ga ope. Batswana re tshwanetse go tlhaloganya gore golo mo go tlaa nna *in record*, go tlaa nna teng fela jaaka molao o tlaabo o baakanngwa. Go tlaa fitlhelwa ke bana le dikokomane tsa rona gore molao o ntse jalo. Fa o ka lebelela *the Magistrates Court Act*, fa ke e fa sekai; go na le *gap* ya bo Mmakaseterata gore dingwaga tsa gore ba ka tshaisa mo tirong, ga gona gope fa di kwadilweng teng.

Gone mo go tla baakanya gore fa Tona Ramaotwana a ka tla ka Molao-kakanyetso gore go baakanngwe, go nne le dingwaga tsa gore ba tshaisa leng. Re a itse re na le *backlogs* tsa dikgang tse di teng mo Makgotlatshekelong a ga Mmakaseterata, mme go tlaabo go le maleba gore fa re tla go tsena mo molaong wa bo Mmakaseterata, re kgone go lemoga gore golo fa le bone ba saletse kwa morago. Go tshwanetse ga nna le seelo sa gore re ka itse gore ba ka tshaisa leng. Fa o ya go lebelela dingwaga tsa bo *Chief Magistrates* ba ba santseng ba le gone foo, gongwe nako e setse e tloga e goroga ya gore ba tshaise mo ditirong ka gore kana ke badirelapuso. O fitlhela go na le *that gap* e ke dumelang gore re tsamela gone koo *Mr Speaker*, ka gore re a tlamega gore e re fa Molao-kakanyetso wa teng o ya go tla, gore bo Mmakaseterata le bone re ba lebelele *to specify* dingwaga tsa bone. Fa e le gore di tlaa tlhoka go goroga kwa go bo 70 jalo, le tsone di ye go goroga gone koo. Jaaka ke bua e tlaabo e se kgang ya gore go direlwa Mmakaseterata semangmang kana e Puso e tlaabong e bona gore go maleba gore ba ka okelediwa, go bo go ka dirwa jalo. Ke sone se ke se buang ke re Molao-kakanyetso e e tlang ka sebopego se re tshwanetse go e ema nokeng *Mr Speaker*, ka gore fa re bua ka ofisi... Gongwe ke tlhalose kgang ya *nzamele*; ke e go tlaabong gotwe re kopa go okeletsa semangmang ka lebaka le le kana ka gore o setse a tshwarwa ke dingwaga. Mo bogompionong se se teng ke gore jaaka ke tlhalosa, Molao-kakanyetso o ke o o baakanyang molao wa lefatshe gore le mo isagong, re tle re itse gore Mmamelaomogolo kana Ramelaomogolo yo o tlaabong a le teng, a se ka a tshwenyega a re gongwe dingwaga tsa gagwe di tlaa kgaolwa. A itse gore fa a tsena mo ofising,

dingwaga tsa botshelo tse a tlaabong a na le tsone di tlaa mo fitlhisa go ya go tsena gone koo, kwa ntle ga tse re di itseng tse di ka mo gapelang botshelo. Ke *security office* e ke ka buang ka yone gore *tenure of office* e e tlaabo e siame go lebeletswa dingwaga tsa gagwe gore o tlaa ya go fitlha koo.

Mr Speaker, ke eme Tona nokeng ka mafoko a gore re se ka ra belaela, re itse gore ga gona ope yo o direlwang *nzamel*a. Ke ema ka a le kalo. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister of Communications and Innovation, Honourable David Tshere, Member for Mahalapye West.

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mma ke dumedise Ntlo e, ke dumedise le wena *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke emelelela gore le nna ke eme nokeng *Bill* e. Ke itumelele mafoko a Mapalamente mo Ntlong letsatsi leno, le ba ba ka kwa ke santlha ke bona ba dumalana. Re dumalana gore letlhaku le leshe le agelwa mo go le legologolo gore re tshwanetse re dumalane. E bile ke bona re dumalana gore a re se ka ra kgetholola batho fela ka gore ba batona.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Procedure Honourable Pule.

MR PULE: *Point of procedure.* *Mr Speaker*, re se ka ra tlogela Tona yo o nang le botho jaana a raya setšhaba a re ga nke re dumalana. Ke ntse ke eme fa ke dumalana le molao o, fa a re ga re nke re dumalana o raya jang? Ga a re beye sentle mo setšhabeng.

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

MR SPEAKER: Ga ke a go utlwa, o ne o reng *Honourable Tshere*? O se ka wa rumolana.

MR TSHERE: E bile mma ke tswe mo go yone ka gore ke ne ke re ke itumelelela gore ba a dumalana. Ke ne ke ba akgola thata, mo godimo ga moo ke bone gore Palamente e bua dilo sentle. Se ke se itseetseng fa ke gore ga re kgetholole batho ka gore ba na le dingwaga tse kae. *It is not a bad thing to be old* jaaka *Honourable Pule* jaana. *It is not bad.*

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

MR TSHERE: *It is actually a good thing, and we should benefit from the old people's wisdom.* Ke yone e Motswana a reng lethaku le lesa le agiwa mo go le legologolo. Re tshwanetse re itumelele bagodi ba rona, fa re kgonang go anywa teng, re anywe mo go bone ka tshosologo e bile re fetole melao e e tlaa dirang gore selo se nne motlhofo. Ke itumetse thata gore re bo re gata gone foo re le Palamente e.

Ke utlwile ka potso e e neng e bua ka botsogo gore kana fa gongwe fa o le mo dingwageng tse, botsogo bo a pala, jalojalo. *Mr Speaker*, botsogo bo ka pala mme e bile go na le tsamaiso ya gore fa bo pala, fa o bereka go diragala jang. Go na le tsamaiso fela e e phepa, fa o le modirelapuso go na le *Medical Board* e nna foo *and determine* gore ga o kgone go tswelela, ke gone o bo o kgona go kgaolwa mo tirong ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Go na le tsamaiso le kwa go bo *Attorney General* le *Judges* e e papametseng. Botsogo ga se kgang, re tshwanetse re rotloetse bagodi ba rona *at the age of 70 to benefit from their wisdom*. Mma ke go fe sekai pele ke nna fa fatshe fa *Mr Speaker*; fa ke santse ke le ngwana wa sekole, ke ne ke bereka le monnamogolo yo mongwe jaana. Monnamogolo wa teng *was very, very old*. E ne e le *a sergeant, biomedical engineer and a neurosurgeon*. Re dira dikatse foo e le *experiment* ya gagwe. Monnamogolo yo nako le nako fa a tswa *from lunch*, o ne a tlhoka gore a itapolose, a fiwe *an hour nap every day*.

Ke ne ke re le one molao wa rona *like we have been accommodating old age*, re tshwanetse re fetole melao ya khiro gore e kgone *to accommodate old age* mo nakong ya gompiano. Fa o setse o le kwa *old age* jaaka re bua ka botsogo, go kgona gore go bo gotwe o tlhoka *bed rest, an hour during the day after lunch. You should accommodate that* mo tirong ya gago. Fa a tswa kwa *after an hour* monnamogolo yole, ga o ka ke wa mo thiba *but* o tlhoka *that hour to rest* fa a sena go nna a a ja. A re lebeleleng melao e ya rona go netefatsa gore fa o setse o na le batho ba ga o ba gatelele, o tloga o re o bonya jaaka *Honourable* Kapinga a re o lebetse kwa digalase tsa gagwe di leng teng a di rwele. Ga re ba tloape jalo, re a ba rotloetsa ka gore maikaelelo ke go anywa, ke sone se Motswana a reng lethaku le lesa le agelwa fa godimo ga le legologolo. *We should not prejudice based on age...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR SPEAKER: Clarification Honourable Pule.

MR PULE: *Point of clarification.* O e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe. Ke ne ke batla go botsa fela gore kana ka fa o buang ka teng, o tthalosa gore *old age* ga se *hindrance in performance*, go laola gore motho o tsogile jang. O raya banana ba ba reng nna le wena re ba sutele o reng?

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister Tshere.

MR TSHERE: *Thank you very much.* Nnyaa ga ke tseye gore banana ba raya mo polotiking, ba raya kwa tirong. Kwa polotiking gakere o a itse gore ga gona *age limit*, re ka tla fa re le 80 *years* ra nna ra tswelela ra bulela batho. Ke gone mo o utlwang gotwe fa o le 80 *years* o tlaa nna le kakanyo e e rileng. Re tshwanetse re dire ditshono *for* banana, seo ga re a tshwanela go se itlhokomolosa fa re bua ka *a specific* maemo *at a very high level, specialised* a thusa ka bogakolodi jwa ga Goromente jwa semolao.

Mr Speaker, ka mafoko a a kana, ke tsaya gore re a buile jaaka ke ne ke akgola jaana. *I want to move Mr Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 55.1 that we truncate this debate and allow the mover to respond. Thank you.*

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

MR SPEAKER: Ga ke itse gore *procedure* ke ya eng?

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: *Point of procedure.* Morena ga go a siama gore e re o ntse o ngangisa, a bo o re go tswalelwe. Fa go dirwa jalo ga go dirwe sentle. Legale ke kgona go bona gore go diragala eng, go tlaa siama.

MR SPEAKER: Leader of the House.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Nnyaa *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke re Rre Mokgwathi tota go bua nnete, e ne ya re fa re bua fa re bo re re re eme, Rre Tshere le ene a bo a tsaya gore re a dimalana. Ke tsaya gore Rre Mokgwathi o bolelela ruri, a gongwe le ene a fiwe sebaka sa gore a ngange. Ke a kopa *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Ke batla go bona gore ke ba le kae ka koo ba ba...

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

MR SPEAKER: Ba babedi fela?

BRIG. MOKGWATHI (LETLHAKENG): Ke go leboge Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. E re lantlha fela ke supe gore golo fa maikaelelo ke gore ga re batle go baya ope mo ofising re le Goromente wa Botswana. Re senka bo mankge, dikakapa, bo mmantswitswidi ba e leng gore fa ba tsena golo gongwe ba na le mo gotweng *conscience that has been built over time*.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke dumela gore le a itse gore monnamogolo fa a ntse mo setilong, ngwana a bo a palama setlhare a ya kwa godimo, monnamogolo o kgona go bona kwa lefatshe le felelang teng. Ngwana ene fa a le kwa godimo ga setlhare gongwe dikakanyo tsa gagwe di ka latlhegela fa go ka latlhegelang teng metsi a dinoka.

Betsho, fa re bua ka dilo tse re a bo re itheeditse re itse gore di botlhokwa. Lantlha fela *we want to retain legal expertise*. Go na le mo gotweng *institutional remembrance or memories*. Motho fa a kile a *mature* a nna agente, a tswelala le diofisi tsele a gola, re na le tumelo ya gore o tlaa kgona gore e re fa a gakolola Goromente, a mo gakolole ka gore o itse gore go diregile eng ka dingwaga tse dintsi.

Sa bobedi go nne le mo gotweng *continuation*. *Ensure continuity so that* fa go na le ditsheko tse di tsayang lebaka. Re a itse gore mo Botswana ditsheko di tsaya lebaka, mme motho yo o 70 years o kgona go gakologelwa gore e rile ka bo 19 *so and so* go ne ga diragala eng, mme a kgona go gakolola Goromente yo o busang.

Sa boraro go na le mo gotweng *we learn by best practices*. Fa re lebelela mafatshe a rona mo SADC, le bone ba lebelela gore bo *Attorney General* ba bone ba tsaya dingwaga tse re di batlang tse. A go nne fela jalo, re tshwanetse ra itse gore mafatshe a mangwe le bone ba dira jalo.

O a itse gore dingwaga tsa rona tsa bo 60 le 70 tse, batho gantsinyana ba fapaana le marothodi. *Lawyers* ba ba salang ba nna *few*. Bone bao re ba dirise gore ba kgone go thusa mo tsamaisong ya lefatshe bogolo jang mo go tsa melao.

Go na le *modern law complexities*. Fa le ka ela tlhoko, go na le molao o o dirwang ke mafatshe a mangwe.

Gompieno re le lefatshe la Botswana, re kgona go tsamaya mo mafatsheng a sele re dira mo gotweng *peace keeping*. Ka go na le dilo tse di fetogang, fa *Attorney General* a tsena mo dingwageng tsa masome a supa, re na le tumelo ya gore o itse sengwe le sengwe ka *history* ya Botswana. O ka kgona go gakolola Botswana gore re ya kae.

Sa borataro, re tshwanetse go itse gore motho yo ka e le motsadi o na le *the ability to carry out mentorship*. A ruta ba bangwe a bo a dira *capacity building* mo lephateng le a leng mo go lone. Ba ba golang ba, ba tlaa kgona go itse gore fa re lebile rre yo, ke motho yo o nang le maboko a a rileng.

E nngwe e e lateng ke *cost effectiveness*. O itse gore dikgotlatshekelo di a tura, mme motho yo fa a le teng ka gore o botlhale gape o na le *experience*, o tlaa kgona *to shorten the longest* dikgetsi tse di tsenyeng mo go Goromente gore re se ka ra felelwa ke madi kgotsa ra dirisa madi a mantsintsi.

O ka bona gore ka ke na le lebaka le le telele ke ntse ke bereka ke le agente, go ka dirwa ditlhabololo kana dipheto go dife tsa molao tse di ka lebaganang le dikgwetlho tsa dinako tsele. Re tshwanetse ra itse gore motho fa a na le bo 60 to 70 years, *he does not have any political interest*. *Interest* ya gagwe ke gore bana ba gagwe kwa morago ba tsehele jaaka ba batla. Ga a na sepe le gore kamoso a nne le maemo, mme o itse gore ke gaufi le go hapaana le marothodi, ke ka kgona go dira gore lefatshe le, le nne le tshiamelo.

Rre yo mongwe *Mr Speaker*, o bidiwa gotwe Rita Mae Brown, o ne a bua gore *good judgement comes from experience and experience comes from bad judgement*. Ke na le tumelo ya gore motho yo gotweng *Attorney General*, o ne a nna le tshono ya gore a bone tsotlhe tse di diragalang mo lefatsheng le diphoso tsa gagwe, mme di ne tsa fokotsega. Mongwe le mongwe yo o tlaa tlang a mo ruta kgotsa a nna le ene, o tlaa mo ruta sentle.

Go busa go botlhokwa thata mo babusing. Ke dumela gore fa Goromente a na le tebelopele, o tshwanetse gore a nne le batho ba ba tlaa kgweetsang tebelopele ya bone, *people who will drive their vision*. Go tshwanetse gape re itse gore *even though qualifications* di ntse di le teng di le dintsi, re nne le *alignment to say* a rre kgotsa mme yo, motho yo re mo tlhophang gore a nne *Attorney*

General a o tla kgona gore a nne mokgweetsi wa babusi ba nako eo. Ke dilo tse re tshwanetseng go di ela tlhoko.

Ga ke batle go bua thata ke golola tlou le maroo. Batho betsho, fa re lebeleitse Molao-kakanyetso o, re tshwanetse go leba bo mankge, bo mmantswitswidi le dikakapa bo o ntshotlha o nkgoba ba ba kileng ba tshotlhiwa ba bo ba kgwiwa, ba bo ba itse gore re tshwanetse ra ya kae. Go le kalo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke re dumelang kwa Khudumelapye le kwa Sorilatholo. Ke ema Molao-kakanyetso o nokeng. Ke a leboga.

MR BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST):

Mma ke go dumedise Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ga ke ye go nna moleele. Ke ya go leka go nna mokhutshwane. Ke go lebogele gore o bo o mphile sebaka le fa tota gone go le *clear* gore rotlhe re a dumalana mo Molao-kakanyetsong o o ketsang *security of tenure of someone* yo ba le bantsi ba ipelaetsang ka one. Wa re o okeletsa motho *security of tenure* ka fa o a se belaela gape.

O tlaa gakologelwa gore kana molao o, o tsenya dingwaga di le lesome mo go ope yo o ka tswang a theogetse kana a tlaa theogela kamoso. Golo moo go mosola fela thata e bile ga go felele fela mo go reng go okelediwe semangmang, ga go ye go okelediwa semangmang. Go mo go reng o lebelele le ene motho yoo tota gore kante wa re o dira eng? Tiro ya gagwe ke eng *either* mo Pusong kana gope kwa a tlabong a le teng. Kana motho yo ke ene mogakolodimogolo wa Puso. Puso e e bakiwang ke *two principles or arms being the governance, administration and the political administration. This political administration is transitional, it is not permanent, it keeps changing. The governance administrator* o tshwanelwa ke gore a bo a le teng. Jaanong fa o okeletsa motho yo e leng gore ke mogakolodimogolo wa Puso, yo o tshwanelwang ke gore a gakolole Puso epe e e tlaa tlang le e e leng teng, le ba ba nang le dikeletso, fa o mo okeletsa ka 10 *more years*, golo moo go mosola fela thata. Go ya go netefatsa *safeguard expertise and ensures that the legal guidance* ka nako epe fela, ka nako ya Puso, phetogo ya Puso le ya diemo dingwe tse ke utlwileng nnake ka kwa Segokgo a bua ka tsone fa di nna teng. Golo mo o go dira jaana *across the political cycle*. Gompieno fa re dumalana jaana re bo re oketsa dingwaga tseo, ga se sepe se se ka diragalang se ke itseng gore ga se ye go

diragala e bile ke na le tshepo e e tletseng gore ga se ye go diragala. Le fa go ka fetolwa *Vice Presidents*, go ya go netefatsa gore sepe *skill* se ope yo o mo maamong gompieno o na le sone, *they are going to apply it to the next administrators*. Go netefatsa gore go na le *continuity*. Ke tlhalose go le kalo.

MR FRENZEL: Clarification. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke go utlwe sentle mokaulengwe, ke utlwa o re bangwe ba ipelaetsa gore gongwe go direlwa mongwe, mme ga ke ise ke utlwe ope a bua ka mongwe. O fete fa gore, molao ga o direlwe semangmang, ke tsaya gore re direla molao mongwe le mongwe yo o ka nna teng. Jaaka o ne o ntse o utlwa re bua ka bo *Honourable* Kapinga le bo mangmang gore gongwe le bone ba ka tsena. Ke raya gore o e tlhaloganye sentle gore, ga re direle semangmang re direla molao o o akaretsang setšhaba sotlhe. O se ka wa tloga wa sokama, wa tswa mo tseleng. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

MR BARONGWANG: Bothata gongwe ke gore, nako e neng dikgang di bewa pele o ne o santse o le kwa teeng. Ga ke dumele gore o ne o na le sepe se o neng o batla go se bua...

MR FRENZEL: Point of order. Nna e bile le tee eo ga ke sa tlhole ke nwa tee, ga ke motho le tee. Ke ne ke le fa, wena ke gone o gorogang gompieno jaana. Jaanong ke leka go go gakolola gore molao o direlwa setšhaba sotlhe. *Thank you, Honourable Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, a go nne le kagiso batlotlegi, le se ka la lwa.

MR BARONGWANG: Tota kana ke rile mo Ntlong e go tletse mapolotiki ba ba dirang molao, ba bangwe ga ba dire molao, ke go supa fa go tlhaelang teng tlhaloganyo ya dikgang fa di begwa.

Mma ke tsene mo dikgannyeng tsa me, ke batla go ganelela mo *the practicality and the reality* ya se re se buisanang (*debate*) gompieno. Ke buile gore re bua ka go okeletsa mongwe kana *position 10 more years*, kana golo moo ga se gore go felela fela mo go reng go dirilwe molao go bo go felela gone foo. Motho yo le ene fa e le gore o mo maamong ka nako eo, o bo o mo okeletsa ka 10 *years*, kana go raya gore go na le ba ba mo lebileng kwa tlase, go raya gore o ya *to mentor* le bone bao. *It is an advantage that we should not ignore.*

MR KWAPA: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke *clarify* fela mo go Motlotlegi Barongwang gore, a tlhologanye gore golo fa go buiwa ka *office* ga go buiwe ka mongwe gore gongwe o okelediwa dingwaga. A baakanye kgang e. Ke a leboga.

MR BARONGWANG: *Nnyaa, that is your line of debate and I am on my line of debate. I have been consistent with my ways that I am trying to be very practical.* Ke bua ka motho a le mo ofising, ga ke bue ka gore ke batla go iphitlha ka dikgang. Gore o tlhologanye dikgang tse ke di buang, kana wa re o okeletsa motho 10 years mo ofising, ga ke re o fetola molao. *So, I am trying to be practical to you.*

Jaaka o oketsa lebaka la tiro ka 10 years, *it builds capacity and sustainability*, mo seemong se re leng mo go sone mo nakong ya gompiano. Ke yone nako e e mosola thata, fa e le gore gompiano le akanya gore go okelediwa mongwe tiro kana go okeletswa mongwe sebaka sa pereko. Go netefatsa gore gompiano jaaka go na le phetogo ya Puso jaana, go nne le *consistency*. Fa e le gore motho yo o tlaabong a tlogela foo *after 10 years*, a netefatse gore ba ba tlaabong ba tsaya ba kgone go tsweledisa.

Jaaka mokaulengwe a ne a bua, *e preserve le institutional memory*. Fa o tsenya 10 years mo nakong ya gompiano, fa sepe se ka diragala kana ope fela yo o tla tlang a tsaya ka ngwaga wa bo 11, go ya go nna le *consistency* ka gore go ntse le lebaka le le leele semangmang a le mo *position* eo. Fa sepe se tlhokafala, le ba bangwe ba ba neng ba na le ene ba tla gakologelwa. *I have been saying that I want to be as practical as possible*, ope yo o reng gongwe go okeletswa *office* ga go a tse semangmang, nna ke bua ka *reality* e re leng mo go yone gompiano.

Ke sone se ke buang gore *Bill* e, e tlile ka nako e e siameng. Le fa lona le ntse le re ga go okelediwe mongwe tiro kana go okelediwa semangmang nako, nna ka re ee, e tlile ka nako e e siameng. Ke nako ya *change of governance*. Go fetotswe Puso, go tshwanetse ga nna le *consistency*. Go nne le *permanent Government administration*, go supagale gore fa e le gore go ka diragala sengwe, Goromente yo o busang ene kana ba ba tsamaisang Goromente *administratively* go tswelele go nne le ledula. Ke sone se kwa bofelelong ke reng, *it ensures continuity, stability and legal certainty*. Ke a leboga.

MR MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente yo o tlotlegang. Ke ne ke re le nna ke ntshe la me lentswe. Ke ratile thata ka fa *Honourable* Kapinga a neng a ala mafoko a gagwe ka botswerere ka teng, o ne wa mpula matlho.

Mr Speaker, o na le puo e ntle e o a tleng o e bue o re, tiro ya rona ya Palamente ke go dira melao, mme e seng go dira melao fela, le go dira melao e e siameng, e siametse setšhaba sa rona. Lefoko leo ke lefoko le le tona. Ke dumela ka botlalo gore gompiano Tona Mohwasa ga a re baya pele Molao-kakanyetso o o sa siamang, fa e le gore o re beile pele Molao-kakanyetso o o sa siamang, re tlile go o gana. Ke dumela gore o re beile pele Molao-kakanyetso o o siameng, mo Ntlong e e siameng e. Ke tla o dumela fela ka jalo.

Ke kope gore kana batho ba rona bagaetsho, ba mo tlaleng. Ka fa setšhaba sa rona se leng mo tlaleng ka teng, fa re bua dikgang tse dingwe tse di tshwanang le tse, ba a ipotsa dipotso gore tota ra reng. E se gore ga re a tshwanela go bua dikgang tse, e le ka ntlha ya gore tota ga gona pitsa epe e e yang mo isong mo malwapeng a bone. Batho ba mo tlaleng e e gakgamatsang, dikgang tse di tshwanang le tse ba utlwa re bua dikgang fela tse di sa ba iseng gope. Ke re *they should bear with us*, ka gore ga re ka ke ra tlhoka go bua dikgang tse dingwe gape tse di tshwanelang gore di tsamaisa lefatshe. *Minister* Mohwasa, gongwe re ka bo re kile ra go kopa gore, re se ka ra nama re itlhaganetse pele ka Molao-kakanyetso o. Re tle re o fetisetse golo gongwe e le paakanyo Molaomotho wa lefatshe la Botswana otlhe, o o feletseng. Fa re ne re sa o fa *priority* ka tsela e ke bonang re o file *priority* ka yone, Batswana ka bontsi gongwe ba ne ba ka re omanya botoka, bone ba ba mo tlaleng gompiano, e e seng ya ka bomo, e bile ba beile mo go rona gore re bue ka dikgang tse di ka ba ntshang mo tlaleng, go feta tse re tlang ka tsone *Minister*.

Fa re dira molao gape go utlwalega gore ke tsamaiso e ntle e e dirwang mo mafatsheng a mangwe, rona ka e bile re se bo mankge ba molao, jaaka bo *Honourable* Kapinga e le bo mankge ba molao. Fa go na le tsamaiso e ntle e e dirwang mo mafatsheng a mangwe, go siame gore lefatshe le kope tsamaiso eo le o diragatse jaaka le o diragatsa gompiano. Go siametse lefatshe tota gore le tle ka melao, e se fela *for the sake of* go tla ka melao, mme

e le melao e e siametseng lefatshe. Le ntse le sa lebale batho ba lone, ba ba mo tlaleng. Ba fa ke bua le wena jaana, ke utlwa botlhoko ka gore ke nna ke bona baagi ba kgaolo ya me, ba ya kgonnye mo gare ga Mochudi mo nokeng ya Notwane fa go senang dikgong, mo lentsweng fa Manamakgoteng fa go senang dikgonyana.

Fa ke bua kgang e ke utlwa botlhoko gore a ba tlaa amogela gore ke dumalane le *Minister* wa me yo ke mo ratang, yo o tlileng ka molao o o siameng gore re oketse dingwaga tsa ofisi ya *Attorney General*. Mme fela ka ke molao o o siameng, e bile *there are best practices* tse di supang gore go dira jalo... Botswana le ene o ka kopa jalo, ke a amogela gore re dire jalo. Ke re ke kope gore go botlhokwa gore...

MR FRENZEL: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Gongwe ke tlhaloganye, ke ne ke utlwa o supa ka fa bana ba yang kwa kgonnye ka teng kwa molapong, kwa Mochudi, gore gongwe ke leke go tlhaloganya gore e tsamaelana jang le *Bill* e re sa tswang go e bewa pele? Ke tlhaloganye. Ke a leboga.

MR MOROLONG: *Thank you... (inaudible)...* a itse golo kwa Jamataka kwa ga ke itse gore a ba a go ... *(laughter!)*... *Mr Speaker*, go botlhokwa gore tota re dire tshekatsheko e e tletseng ya *public service*. Molao o o ntlisa mo go reng re akanye gore *public service* fela, *we should reform public service* mo go tseneletseng, re se ka ra felela re leba batho ba ba dirileng molao fela. Go na le matshwenyego mo lefatsheng la Botswana la gore Goromente wa rona wa UDC o kare o tseela batho ba ba dirileng molao kwa godimo go feta batho ba bangwe gape ba sele. Selo se re tshwanelwa ke gore re se ntshe mo bathong, re ipone re baakanya bodirelapuso jotlhe, mongwe le mongwe a ipone a akareditswe. Le yo o kwa Jamataka, le kwa Mochudi yo o ileng kgonnye go sena se a apayang ka sone maitseboa a ikutlwe a amogelesegile ka fa tlase ga Goromente wa me, re sa lebe gore gongwe batho ke ba ba dirileng molao fela. Mme bo mmantswitswidi ba go botlhokwa gore gape le bone ba tlhokomelesege bagaetsho. Fa re dumela gore Boatlhodi, fa re dumela gore ofisi ya *Attorney General* kana *Attorney General* e tshwanelwa ke gore e nne motho yo o nang le *experience* ya dingwaga tse di rileng, a go tsamaelane le mabaka a tiro le dikatso le go tsholega ga gagwe e le mmereki wa botlhokwa jo bo fa godimo.

Mme kwa bofelong fela ke dira ikuelo mo go bao ba ba tlaa amiwang ke thulaganyo e mo dingwageng tsa go tswa fa go ya kwa pele, gore mo go bone re a itse gore tiro ya bone fela ka bonosi jwa yone *is a profession* ya maemo a a didimosang mmele, mme re ba kope tlhe gore, serodumo seo a ba se re babalelele, ka gonne re dira molao o ka nako e lefatshe le leng mo tlaleng. Ga re kgone go bua ka dikgang tsa tlala tse setšhaba sa rona se leng mo go tsone, mme re dira molao o ka go dumela gore o botlhokwa, re o dira *in the midst of* batho ba rona ba le mo tlaleng. A ba se ka ba re swabisa, a ba tseye maemo a tiro eo ka seriti le bonontlhotlho jo bo bo tshwanetseng. *They should always be ethical and professional in discharging mandate* wa bone, ba se ka ba swabisa lefatshe. Le rona re le Goromente, jaaka bakaulengwe ba ntse ba akgela, re se ka ra iphitlhela, e seng wa rona fela, le yo o tlaa tlang *after 58 years*, re se ka ra iphitlhela re le Goromente o e le gore jaanong *captures* batho ba maemo kana diofisi tsa maemo a. Go botlhokwa thata gore kgang e re e kgale e ise e diragale. Ga ke dumele gore mo molaong wa ga *Honourable Mohwasa* yo a re o bayang pele o o re beela pele *to capture* gore Goromente wa rona *can capture* office epe. A diofisi di se ka tsa itetlelela mo go seo, ka gore Goromente wa rona le ene ga a na le fa e le maikaelelo ape a *to capture* ope kana ofisi epe ya Puso. Re tlotla gore diofisi tse ke tsa setšhaba.

Ke re *Mr Speaker*, ke tshwaele ka gore ke ema mogopolo wa ga *Honourable Mohwasa* nokeng ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, I now call upon the Leader of the House, Honourable Minister to reply to the debate.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

Mma ke simolole ka ene yo o sa tswang go bua, Motlotlegi Rre Morolong, yo o neng a bua ka tlala e batho ba rona ba leng mo go yone, e a reng, o tsaya gore jaanong gongwe re ka bo re bua ka se se ka bong se ka tokafatsa matshelo a batho. Mme o tsaya gore... legale le fa a ema mogopolo o nokeng. Ke tsaya gore se se teng ke gore rotlhe re a dumalana Rre Morolong, Rre Barongwang, tota fela botlhe, Rre Mokgwathi, Rre Tshere, Rre Ntlhaile, Motlotlegi Frenzel, Motlotlegi Segokgo, Rre Mmolotsi le Rre Pule. Motlotlegi

Moalosi o a dumela ke gore fela o nna a ngongorega, mme o a dumela. Rre Kapinga e ne e le kgakololo le Rre Ramogapi. Motho yo o ka gakololwang ke Rre Moalosi yo o neng a re, Puso e ntshitse yo e neng e sa tswa e nna *Attorney General*, mme a e baya jaaka e kete o ne a ntshiwa ka mowa ope. Ke re, kana go tswa ga gagwe a ya *to the bench* ke tsaya gore ke selo se sentle se a ka bong a se akgola, ka e bile go tlaabo go nna go oketsa le palo ya bomme *at the bench*. Jaanong a se ka a e baya jaaka e kete o ntshitswe ka mowa ope.

Mr Speaker, ke tsaya gore bakaulengwe ba gakolotse le fa gone re ne ra e latswa bobbe. Mme ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke tsaya gore ga go thona gore ke sutise gore molao o re ka o fetisa *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: *Bala* the short title and move accordingly.

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

MR MOHWASA: MaShort, o tlaa bona se o iseng o se bone, wena wa re go tshamekelwa mo go nna jaaka o ne o tshamekela *team* Lucas.

MR MOALOSI: *Point of order Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I feel threatened by the Honourable Minister, kana a re ke tlaa bona se ke iseng ke se bone. Jaanong kana ke Minister who controls DIS, Police, BDF Intelligence... (inaudible)... Jaanong ke a tshoga Mr Speaker, ga ke itse gore a ke tlaa goroga kwa lelwapeng tota. Ke re gongwe ke bolelele mme kwa lelwapeng gore fa ke sa goroge o ka mpatla mo go Rre Mohwasa.*

MR SPEAKER: Ga ke itse gore ke eng o tsaya gore o raya wena *honourable*. Nnyaa o se ka wa mo tshosetsa, a re o tshogile, *assure him* gore...

MR MOHWASA: Nnyaa, o ka tshoga ene, ga o bone le go tshoga ga gagwe ke ga *to clown*. Fa a ne a tshoga o ka bo a sa rumolana maloba go iwa *to the congress*.

Mr Speaker, I move that the Attorney-General (Retiring Age) Bill, 2026 (No.4 of 2026) be read the second time.

Question put and **agreed to.**

Committee - **Later Today.**

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE

(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)

NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE BILL, 2026 (NO. 16 OF 2026)

MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! Honourable Members, please note that the National Library Service Bill, 2026 (No. 16 of 2026) has 17 Clauses. No amendments have been noticed. I shall therefore call the Clauses in groups.

Clauses 1-10 **agreed to.**

MR KAPINGA: Procedure. Mr Chairperson, on the date that I debated this Bill, I presented a draft amendment to the Clerks, but somehow it fell into the cracks, somewhere. So, I have an amendment at Clause 12, Paragraph 2, to move, I am told I must say without notice, but I had given abundant notice of my intention to move this amendment. If you allow, I will present the amendment Mr Chair.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Honourable Members, Honourable Kapinga seeks to move in accordance with Order 77. 2, to move an amendment without notice. So, I will go to Clause 11.

Clause 11 **agreed to.**

Clause 12

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, as I have indicated, Honourable Kapinga has an amendment at Clause 12.

MR KAPINGA: Mr Chair, Clause 12 addresses issues of confidentiality, especially 12.2, which provides original position that any person to whom confidential information is revealed through working with the board, shall not disclose that information to any other person unless he or she is required to do so in terms of any written law for the purposes of any judicial proceedings.

So, as it is, in its original draft, it allows only two avenues for one to disclose confidential information, that is, if it is in terms of any written law or for the purposes of judicial proceedings. My proposed amendment seeks to introduce the third avenue for one to disclose confidential information, and that avenue is that, "that person should

be able to disclose confidential information if it is in the national interest to do so.” There is a proviso that says that “the onus of proving that the disclosure is in the national interest shall lie on the person who makes that disclosure.”

The intention is to not give sort of like a blanket check to people to disclose confidential information under the pretext of it being in the national interest when it is not so. That is why I am suggesting that the onus of proving that it is in the national interest should lie on the person who claims that it is in the national interest to do so.

So, my proposed amendments read as follows Mr Chair, after the word “proceedings”, I propose that we add the following text; “or if it is in the national interest to do so, provided that the onus of proving that the disclosure is in the national interest, shall be on the person who disclosed such confidential information.” The intention is to encourage openness, transparency and accountability in the light of the new approach as declared by the new Government, that it is a Government of human rights. Human rights also encompass freedom of information where it is necessary to disclose information in the national interest. That is the reason why...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Ke batla o e bala jaaka e ntse. Jaaka o e nneetse.

MR KAPINGA: I thought I read it Mr Chair.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Gore exactly what you have given me. Read that. The Bill is amended at Clause 12...

MR KAPINGA: Oh, okay. As you please Mr Chair.

“The Bill is amended at Clause 12, Paragraph 2, appearing on Page B141, by adding the words “or if it is in the national interest to do so, provided that the onus of proving that the disclosure is in the national interest, shall be on the person who disclosed such confidential information.” I propose Mr Chair.

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

MR KAPINGA: Immediately after the word “ending proceedings.” As the Chairperson pleases. I so move.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Order! Honourable Members, the question is that the amendment be agreed to.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): Thank you very much, Mr Chairperson. *Mma ke leboge Motlotlegi Kapinga gore a bo a buile ka kgang e, mme ke mo reye ke re kana jaaka re kwadile mo teng ra re*, “in terms of any written law.” *Re dumela gore issues tse di buang ka dilo tse di confidential*, are already addressed in Section 8 of the Whistleblowing Act of 2018, as it specifies bodies which should receive confidential information and the protection associated with the disclosure of such information.

These bodies include among others, Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC), DIS, Botswana Police Service (BPS) and Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA). So, that is why we do not keep that here because it is already covered under the Whistleblowing Act, Section 8. So, now I do not think we should overburden this piece of legislation with that. *Jaanong ke raya gore it has covered dilo tseo.*

MR KAPINGA: Elucidation.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, gongwe o batla go e *debate* gape, ema *Honourable* Kapinga. Ke raya gore go lebege ene a feditse.

Honourable Kapinga, gakere you are aware that you can stand and emphasise your point again?

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): Thank you very much Mr Chair. I hear what Honourable Mokgware is saying, I also hear what Honourable Kapinga is saying. Jaanong, I think kgwetlho ya me ke gone gore fa o bua ka *national interest*, kana *national interest*, gongwe e ka tlhalosiwa ka ditsela tse di farologaneng ke ba ba e tlhalosang. Kana jaanong go na le kgang ya *definition of terms*, gone go batla to check gore mme fa e le gore re setse re tsamaya fa, mme it is not defined at the definition of terms, go raya eng jaanong ka *amendments*. Ke raya gore that is where my problem is because then fa e le gore kwa *definition of terms* it is not defined, mme re setse re tsamaya fa, it would be very difficult for anyone gore a bo a ka kgona go nna mo seemong sa gore jaanong a bo a re this definition is correct, that one is not correct.

MR KAPINGA: Thank you Mr Chairperson. I have listened to Honourable General Mokgware, but I did not hear him coming out specifically *gore* in the legislation

that he has referred to, where does it specifically, in express terms, authorise a whistle-blower to disclose confidential information if it is in the national interest to do so. Where does it specifically provide on whom the onus lie to prove that this disclosure is in the national interest?

Mr Chairperson, it is important to appreciate that there are two points in proposal; that somebody should be allowed to disclose information if it is in the national interest to do so.

Point number two is that, the onus of proving that such disclosure is in the national interest, shall lie on the person disclosing such information. From the legislation that he has referred to, I have not heard him pointing specifically to those two issues that they are covered in such and such section or Clause, in such and such a legislation.

Ya ga Honourable Mmolotsi *ya gore*, definition of national interest; I do not know *gore* does he want to give the impression that we do not know what national interest is? Does he not appreciate *gore* the proposal even says *wena yo o reng* it is in the national interest, *ke wena yo o tshwanetseng* to prove *gore fa o re*, it is in the national interest, *o raya jang*? What interests of the nation does it protect, the disclosure? What interest of the nation does it advance? I do not think the question of definition really arises Mr Chairperson. I want to move that this amendment be accepted by this House as is. Thank you.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS

(MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Ke ne ke tlhalosetsa motlotlegi ke re, fa re dira melao, ga re e dire* in isolation, we look at other books. Issues *tse a buang ka tsone tsa* confidentiality, I said it is covered under Section 8 of the Whistleblowing Act of 2016, where it even clarifies clearly in terms of what you are saying, how will that confidential information be treated and who is responsible for that. I think whistleblowers are saying anything which they are saying in the national interest because they want to stop something, they want to protect something else. So, that is well addressed, that is why we do not put it here.

We can go to Section 8 of the Whistleblowers Act of 2016. I do not have it here right now, but we looked at it

ourselves. That is why I am referring you to that. *Gakere* Legal Counsel is there, *o ka bona mo teng fa e le gore* you are having doubts with that.

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

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: No, you are the one suggesting this and I am telling you that...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Mokgware, *lebagana le* Chair, do not address side remarks. Conclude.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: I think the amendment is unnecessary because it has already been covered and we do not want to overburden this piece of legislation with extra information where there is another related information. So, I would like this House to disregard that amendment which has been suggested by the Honourable Member.

Amendment **negated**.

Clause 12 - **agreed to**.

Clauses 13 - 17 **agreed to**.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026 (NO. 3 OF 2026)

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, please note that the Industrial Development (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (No. 3 of 2026) has two Clauses. No amendments have been noticed. I shall therefore call all the Clauses at once.

Clauses 1 - 2 **agreed to**.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL (RETIRING AGE) BILL, 2026 (NO. 4 OF 2026)

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, please note that the Attorney-General (Retiring Age) Bill, 2026 (No. 4 of 2026) has two Clauses. No amendments have been noticed. I shall therefore call all the Clauses at once.

Clauses 1 - 2 **agreed to**.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Leader of the House, *re setse ka 15 minutes, re tlaa bona gore nako ya teng e ntse jang*. We only have three Bills and this stage should be



short. If we overshoot the runway, *e ka nna ka bo* five minutes. *Fa o ka bona gongwe go setse* five minutes, you may want to move that we complete our work. As I say Honourable Members, *e ka se ke e nne nako e telele*, I think *e ka nna bo* five to 10 minutes.

NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE BILL, 2026 (NO. 16 OF 2026)

Bill reported from Committee **without amendments**.

Third Reading - **Later Today**.

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Third Readings

NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE BILL, 2026 (NO. 16 OF 2026)

(Minister of Labour and Home Affairs)

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Honourable Members, I now call upon Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Major General Retired Pius Mokgware to move.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): Good afternoon Mr Speaker. I move that the National Library Service Bill, 2026 (No. 16 of 2026) be read a third time and do pass.

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

Question put and **Division Ordered**.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, in accordance with that said order, I will put the question again. I will now activate your voting machines. You will press 1 to indicate that you are present or to activate your own machine. You will press 2 if you are voting 'aye', 3 for 'no', 4 for 'abstain.' *Tlhophang*.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, here is the result of your voting; head count in the House *le* 30, those who participated are 28, 29 *yo le mmonang fa e a bo e tsentse nna*. *Fa ke tobetsa 1 fa e a mpala*. Do you understand? So, the 'ayes' 23, 'noes', 4, 'abstain', 1. The ayes have it.

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, I understand that the Leader of the House has a Business Motion.

BUSINESS MOTION

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Mr Speaker, I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 27.1 that the current sitting be extended beyond 1800 hours to allow for all the Bills in Third Reading to be transacted. I move accordingly Mr Speaker.

Question put and **agreed to**.

MR NKAWANA: Procedure. Thank you Mr Speaker. *Ke a itse gore re ntse re dira re sa botse mme ke batla go tlhaloganya gore* if I press 1, I indicate I am present? If I press 1 and do not do anything after that, *a ga ke supe gore* I have not participated? *Go na le 4 ya* abstain, *ke batla go itse gore fa e le gore* I am present, then *ke bo ke sa* press *sepe gape*, what does that mean? Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Nkawana, *fa e ntse jalo go raya gore e go record gore ga o a participate akere*. *It cannot give us a "no," "abstention" or "yes" vote*. E tlaabo e nna gore mo palong ya lona jaaka le ntse jaana, wena jaanong o tlaabo o nna *among those that did not participate at all*. *I do not know if you get it*.

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

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026 (NO. 3 OF 2026)

(Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship)

MR SPEAKER: Order Honourable Members! Honourable Members, the question is that the Industrial Development (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (No. 3 of 2026) be read a third time. I now call upon Honourable Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, in his place Honourable Dr Gorataone Edwin Dikoloti to move.

ACTING MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (DR DIKOLOTI): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I move that the Industrial Development (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (No. 3 of 2026) be read a third time and do pass.

MR SPEAKER: Order, Honourable Members. Honourable Members, the question is that the Industrial Development (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (No. 3 of 2026) be read a third time and do pass. Honourable Members, in accordance with Order 62.1(c), I shall now order a division and that division shall be held in a manner prescribed under Order 63.

Question put and **Division Ordered.**

MR SPEAKER: Clerk, you shall ring the bell for two minutes. At the expiry of two minutes, Sergeant-at-Arms you shall lock the doors. Please lock the doors. Order, Honourable Members! In accordance with the aforementioned Order, I shall now put the question again. Honourable Members, the question is that the Industrial Development (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (No. 3 of 2026) be read a third time and do pass. I am going to activate your voting machines. You will press one to indicate that you are present, you will then press two if you are voting “aye”, three if you are voting “no” and four if you are “abstaining.” *Tlhophang.*

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: *Le tlhophile lotlhe?* I will now deactivate.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Head count you are 29 in the House. Those who participated are 26. The “ayes” 24, “noes” 0,

abstain 0. It means, “no” vote 3. The ayes have it. The Bill is passed.

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

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, we go to the last Bill.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL (RETIRING AGE) BILL, 2026 (NO. 4 OF 2026)

(Minister for State President, Defence and Security)

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, the question is that the Attorney-General (Retiring Age) Bill, 2026 (No. 4 of 2026) be read a third time. I now call upon Honourable Minister for State President, Defence and Security Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa to move.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Mr Speaker, I move that the Attorney-General (Retiring Age) Bill, 2026 (No. 4 of 2026) be read a third time and do pass.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, the question is that the Attorney-General (Retiring Age) Bill, 2026 (No. 4 of 2026) be read a third time and do pass. Honourable Members, in accordance with Order 62.1(c), I shall now order a division and that division shall be held in a manner prescribed under Order 63.

Question put and **Division Ordered.**

MR SPEAKER: Clerk, ring the bell for two minutes. At the expiry of two minutes, Sergeant-at-Arms lock the doors. I shall put the question again. The question is that the Attorney-General (Retiring Age) Bill, 2026 (No. 4 of 2026) be read a third time and do pass. I shall now activate your voting machines. Press one to indicate that you are present, press two if you are voting “aye”, “no” press three, and “abstain” press four. *Tlhophang.*

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: *I am going to deactivate.* *Le tlhophile lotlhe?*

...Silence...



MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, here are the results; at the count you are 30 in the House. Those who participated 26, the “ayes” 25, the “noes” zero, abstain zero. It means the rest did not participate. So, the “ayes” have it, the “ayes” have it.

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, *mma ke le lebogele* the extra 13 minutes *wa gore le feleletse* Bills *tse*. The import of the Business Motion by the Leader of the House was so that you conclude not everything in the Order Paper, but the Bills.

Ka go rialo ke tlaabo ke biditse Moeteledipele wa Ntlo, ka gore tiro e re neng re e ipeetse batlotlegi re e dirile, dipuisanyo tsa rona di eme gone fa re bo re kopana kamoso. Leader of the House.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA):

Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I beg to move that this House do now adjourn.

Question put and **agreed to**.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:17 p.m. until Thursday 23rd July, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

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