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STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS (SONA) BUSINESS SUMMARY

The National Assembly of Botswana is pleased to present a summary of the Business conducted during the **First Meeting of the Second Session of the 13th Parliament**, commonly known as the **State of the Nation Address (SONA)**, during which the House diligently discharged its constitutional mandate of law making, oversight and representation. The meeting was held from the 10th November to the 19th December 2025.

The summary below highlights key Parliamentary Business, including Legislative Business (Bills), Policy Matters, Address by a Dignitary, Resolutions, Questions and Accountability, Private Members' Motions as well as Ministerial and Parliamentary Statements.

Below is a summary of the Business conducted during the 2025 SONA Meeting;

1. Legislative Business (Bills)

Parliament considered eight (8) Bills during the session:

- **Six (6) Bills were passed**, covering labour law reforms, public health regulation, citizenship matters, radiation protection, medicines regulation, and international loan authorisation.
- The **Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2025** completed its Third Reading and awaits a **final two-thirds majority vote** within three months to be enacted.
- The **Cinematograph Bill, 2025** was introduced and read for the first time.



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- Environmental conservation
- Judicial security
- Education, healthcare, disability inclusion (sign language)
- Youth, agriculture, labour, and business regulation reforms

Outcomes included:

- One motion adopted (Forensic Land Audit)
- One motion negated
- Several motions adjourned or resumed for debate, reflecting active engagement on policy reform.

7. Ministerial and Parliamentary Statements

Parliament received **seven (7) key statements**, including on:

- Agricultural subsidies
- Gender-based violence and digital safety
- Education assessments and examination reforms
- Water debt amnesty
- Youth and gender affairs
- Mid-Year Budget Review

These statements provided transparency, policy direction, and updates on national priorities.

The 1st Meeting of the 2nd Session of the 13th Parliament was marked by robust legislative activity, enhanced oversight, active participation by Members, and meaningful engagement on national development issues, reinforcing Parliament’s constitutional mandate of law-making, representation, and accountability.

The release is also accompanied by an attachment containing graphical illustrations comparing the outcomes of the 2024 and 2025 SONA Meetings.

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