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PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

NEGOTIATING MANDATE ON HOUSING CONSUMERS PROTECTION MEASURES AMENDMENT BILL, 2007 [B 6 - 2007]

1. INTRODUCTION

The National Council of Provinces (NCOP) referred the Housing Consumers Protection Measures Amendment Bill to the Limpopo Legislature. Upon receipt by the Legislature, the Bill was referred to the Portfolio Committee on Local Government and Housing to make further inputs for consideration by the NCOP when negotiating the mandate.

2. PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The Bill seeks to amend the Housing Consumers Measures Act, 1998, so as to amend certain definitions and to define certain words or expressions; to clarify the scope of application of the said Act; to make provisions for late enrolment and non-declared late enrolment; to enable owner builders to apply for exemption; to extend claims to include roof leaks; to make further provision for the use of money in the funds contemplated in the said Act; to extend the offences created under the said Act; and to amend provisions pertaining to the granting of exemptions and to the lodging of appeals; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

3. BRIEFING BY THE NCOP DELEGATES

The Portfolio Committee on Local Government and Housing was briefed on the principles and provisions of the Bill by the NCOP Permanent Delegates during a Committee meeting held on 03 August 2007.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings were conducted on 22 August 2007 to solicit inputs from various stakeholders in all the five districts of the province. Stakeholders and the general public raised the following inputs and concerns on the Bill:

- 4.1 The Bill should also address existing poor quality RDP houses in the province.
- 4.2 There Bill must deal with disappeared contractors and measures in place to trace them.

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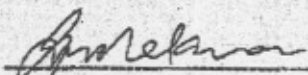
- 4.3 Municipalities, NHBRC and the Department of Local Government and Housing should jointly cooperate in monitoring the quality of the houses.
- 4.4 Punitive measures against inspectors, contractors, housing consumers or whoever violates the Bill should be included in the Bill.
- 4.5 Home-owners should not in anyway whatsoever, be made to pay any fees related to poor quality houses. Such expenses should be borne by contractors or the Department.
- 4.6 Registration of builders should also be extended to contractor employees so that they are also individually accountable for poor workmanship

5. FINDINGS

With the concerns raised above, the provisions of the Bill were well supported by the stakeholders and the general public.

6. NEGOTIATING MANDATE

The Committee, having supported the provisions of the Bill recommends to the NCOP Delegates to negotiate in favour of the Bill with the concerns and inputs raised during the hearings.



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NEGOTIATING MANDATE ON MANDATING PROCEDURES OF PROVINCES BILL, 2007 [B 8 - 2007]

1. INTRODUCTION

The National Council of Provinces (NCOP) referred the Mandating Procedures of Provinces Bill [Bill 8 - 2007] to the Limpopo Legislature and the latter has subsequently referred the Bill to the Portfolio Committee on Local Government and Housing to make further inputs for consideration by the NCOP.

2. PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The Bill seeks to provide for a uniform procedure in terms of which provincial legislatures confer authority on their delegations to cast votes on their behalf, as required by section 65(2) of the Constitution; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

3. BRIEFING BY THE NCOP DELEGATES

The Portfolio Committee on Local Government and Housing held a meeting on 03 August 2007 to be briefed by the NCOP Permanent Delegates on the principles and provisions of the Bill. The Committee welcomed briefing by NCOP Delegates and appreciated the introduction of this long over due Bill as it will bring uniformity in the mandating processes to the NCOP.

4. NEGOTIATING MANDATE

The Committee, having considered the principles and provisions of the Bill, mandates the NCOP Permanent Delegates to negotiate in favour of the Bill without amendments and further that the Bill should proceed to the next stage of legislation.

HON. G. MOLEKWA
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