

SECOND SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2020

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcements by the Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**
 - (i) The Speaker reported that today, 29 October 2020, 115 years ago the legendary freedom fighter Kaptein Hendrik Witbooi (Oupa !Nanseb) was wounded by the German troops near Vaalgrans in the //Karas Region and died thereafter. Thus today, Namibians bow their heads and pay homage to his revolutionary deeds for Namibia, his Motherland.
 - (ii) Secondly, the Speaker announced to the House that the Assembly shall rise today, 29 October 2020, and the Third Session is going to commence next year February.

On the Order Paper, there are still important items to be dealt with, therefore, the Speaker urged the Members to consider the time that is left, in order to finalise those items today.

The items that may be undisposed of shall lapse in terms of Rule 24(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders, but can again be introduced at the next Session in February 2021 by means of a substantive Motion.

3. **In compliance with Section 15(2) of the Electoral Act No. 5 of 2014; the Speaker laid upon the Table:**
 - (i) Annual Report of the Electoral Commission of Namibia for the year 2018/2019;
 - (ii) Performance Assessment and Post-Election Report of the 15 June 2019 Ondangwa Urban Constituency By-Election; and
 - (iii) Performance Assessment and Post-Election Report of the 15 June 2019 Oshakati East Constituency By-Election.
4. **The Minister of Finance laid upon the Table:**

Reports of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the –

- (i) Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation for the financial year ended 31 March 2019;
- (ii) Town Council of Otavi for the financial year ended 30 June 2018;
- (iii) Regional Council of the Ohangwena Region for the financial year ended 31 March 2019;
- (iv) Regional Council of the //Kharas Region for the financial year ended 31 March 2019; and
- (v) Village Council of Tsandi for the financial year ended 30 June 2019.

5. **ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Mr. Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 86) – *Misdirected*.
- (ii) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development, through the Prime Minister (No. 87) – *Replied to*.
- (iii) Ms. Becker (PDM) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 88) – *Both Minister and his Deputy not in attendance*.

6. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Minister of Justice informed the Assembly on the progress made in respect of amending the Combating of Rape Act, the Combating of Domestic Violence Act, the Criminal Procedure Act, the Magistrate's Court Act and the High Court Act.

The Minister also made use of the opportunity to appraise the Assembly and the nation at large on the developments in respect of the Child Justice Bill, the Small Claims Court Bill, the Ombudsman Bill, the Divorce Bill and the Maintenance Bill.

7. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – *Appropriation Amendment Bill* [B. 7 – 2020].

The Minister of Finance moved, seconded by the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1 and 2 put and agreed to.

Schedule put and agreed to.

Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported without amendments.

The Minister of Finance moved, seconded by the Minister of Higher Education, Training and Innovation, that the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

Appropriation Amendment Bill [B. 7 – 2020] read a Third Time.

8. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on how our democratic systems are impacting development in this country

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 28 October 2020, as moved by Mr. Kavekatora (page 102): That the Motion be adopted.

9. The above Motion and the rest of the Items on the Order Paper lapsed in terms of Rule 24(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders, but can again be introduced at the next Session in February 2021 by means of substantive Motions.
10. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:50 until Tuesday, 9 February 2021.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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