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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 24 MARCH 2016

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.

2. Mr. Hambyuka moved without notice:

That the proceedings on Votes 7, 8, 9, 10, 18, 24 and 25 of the *Appropriation Bill* be, in terms of Rule 102(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, not interrupted if still under consideration at 12h30.

Agreed to.

3. Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 97 of the Standing Rules and Orders:

The Prime Minister provided clarification to a query that was raised at the commencement of the Committee Stage of the Budget debate by Mr. Shixwameni with regard to the order in which the Votes are to be discussed during this year's Budget debate.

Mr. Shixwameni had queried why the Votes are not been discussed in the order of the number of Votes with the Vote of the President, Vote 1, not coming first before the rest of the Votes.

4. **ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Committee Stage – *Appropriation Bill* [B. 1 – 2016].

The Minister of Finance moved, seconded by the Minister of Environment and Tourism: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

The Deputy Chairperson of the Whole House Committee stated that when progress was reported yesterday, 23 March 2016, Votes 8, 9, 10 and 25 had been introduced and Votes 3, 5, 6, 11, 17, 26, 27, 28, 30, 34 and 35 had been agreed to.

- Vote 7 "International Relations and Cooperations": Introduced by the Minister.
- Vote 18 "Environment and Tourism": Introduced by the Minister.
- Vote 24 "Transport": Introduced by the Minister.
- Vote 8 "Defence": Discussed and agreed to.
- Vote 10 "Education, Arts and Culture": Discussed and agreed to.
- Vote 25 "Land Reform": Discussed and agreed to.
- Vote 9 "Finance": Agreed to unanimously.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Progress reported and leave given to sit again.

5. In terms of Rule 98(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 15:20 until Tuesday, 29 March 2016.

F. HARKER

Acting Secretary of the National Assembly

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