

THIRD SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 16 MARCH 2021

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcement by the Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

With reference to what have transpired last week, the Speaker brought the following to the attention of all the Members.

That Members must acquaint themselves with the Standing Rules and Orders of this House, in particular Rules 107, 108, 109, 110, and Rule 116(d) and (e) which is very clear how to address each other in this Chamber. The Speaker said calling one another names that are derogatory or unofficial must stop immediately, and that words and phrases that refers to matters outside this august House shall not be used or referred to.

The Speaker then made the following Ruling –

That he will instruct the System Controller to switch on the microphone of any Member who stands up and/or start talking without requesting the floor and so granted or acknowledged by the Presiding Member in terms of the Rules quoted and any other relevant Rule.

The Speaker concluded that the unbecoming behavior of some Members that have become a daily occurrence will no longer be tolerated.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 57).
 - (ii) Ms. Becker (PDM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 58).
4. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Prime Minister apprised the House on the status of negotiations on genocide, apology and reparations between Namibia and Germany, and on the milestones reached so far in the negotiations.

5. **FIRST ORDER** deferred by Mr. Shihumbu to Wednesday, 17 March 2021.

6. **SECOND ORDER** deferred by Mr. Shihumbu to Wednesday, 17 March 2021.

7. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Combating of Rape Amendment Bill* [B. 4 – 2021].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 23 February 2021, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 12): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Ms. Hengari on behalf of Ms. Van den Heever, seconded by Mr. Mostert, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 23 March 2021.

8. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Combating of Domestic Violence Amendment Bill* [B. 1 – 2021].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 3 March 2021, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 5): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Ms. Becker on behalf of Mr. Van Wyk, seconded by Mr. Vries, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 23 March 2021.

9. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of the Debate on the way forward on what is to become of learners who may not wish to or cannot afford to pursue their training at a VTC.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 23 February 2021, as moved by Mr. Smit (page 11): That the Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

10. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:54 until Wednesday, 17 March 2021.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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