

THIRD SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 24 MARCH 2021

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:**

The Speaker reported that he had an extensive discussion with Chief Whips of all political parties represented in this Assembly. It has been agreed to adopt the same *modus operandi* as last year in terms of the Second Reading and the Committee Stage of the *Appropriation Bill*. The meeting also agreed to the Budget Program and Speaker has requested that the program is availed to all Members.

The Speaker urged all Members to streamline their contributions and be short as possible during the Second Reading in order to ensure that they stay within the allocated time.

With regard to the motivation of individual Ministerial Votes, the Speaker urged Ministers to do a summary of their motivation within a very reasonable short time of 5/10 minutes as they will eventually also provide a copy of detail presentation to other Members.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources (No. 66).
 - (ii) Dr. Muinjange (NUDO) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 67).
 - (iii) Dr. Muinjangu (NUDO) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 68).
4. **ORAL QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Mr. Iipumbu (NEFF) asked the Prime Minister (No. 21) – *Replied to*.
 - (ii) Mr. Venaani (PDM) asked the Prime Minister (No. 22) – *Replied to*.

(iii) Mr. Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 23) – *Replied to.*

5. **Ms. Dienda moved without notice:**

That of leave of absence be granted to Ms. Jennifer van den Heever until further notice.

Agreed to.

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the Ratification of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Protocol on Industry.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 23 March 2021, as moved by the Minister of Industrialisation and Trade (page 15).

Question put: That the Assembly agree to the Ratification.

Agreed to.

7. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Magistrates' Court Amendment Bill* [B. 3 – 2021].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 23 March 2021, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 8): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of the Minister of Justice, seconded by the Minister of Finance, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 30 March 2021.

8. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *High Court Amendment Bill* [B. 2 – 2021].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 16 March 2021, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 9): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of the Minister of Justice, seconded by Ms. Elago, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 30 March 2021.

9. **FOURTH 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 Mr. Shuhumbu on behalf of Ms. Hengari, seconded by Mr. Venaani, debate adjourned until Thursday, 25 March 2021.

10. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:48 until Thursday, 25 March 2021.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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