

THIRD SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 30 MARCH 2021

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **The Speaker laid upon the Table, in terms of Rule 96(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders –**
 - (i) A petition resubmitted in July 2020 by the Ganja Users Namibia and Rastafari United Front, calling for the legalization of the use of marijuana in Namibia; and
 - (ii) A petition lodged in September 2020 by the Omaheke Coalition of Churches and Organisations, through the Office of the Governor of Omaheke, petitioning against the legalization of abortion in Namibia.

The announcements could unfortunately not be made earlier, as required by procedure, due to an administrative oversight. Hence, this announcement.

The Speaker referred the Petitions to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committees for consideration and report back to this Assembly.

3. **The Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform laid upon the Table:**

Integrated Annual Report of NamWater for the year 2019/2020.

4. **Ruling by the Speaker with regard to Urgent/Oral Questions:**

The Speaker reported that he is still pre-occupied with the issue of Urgent Questions. He said Rule 91(a) read together with (d) have a different interpretation, thus until those Rules are attended to. The Speaker said in the meantime he will allow for Urgent/Oral Questions taking into consideration Rule 87(a).

5. **ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Mr. Van Wyk (PDM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 24) – *(Could not be entertained as an Urgent Question)*.
- (ii) Mr. Venaani (PDM) asked the Prime Minister (No. 25) – *(Ruled out of Order)*.
- (iii) Dr. Iijambo (SWANU) asked the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 26) – *(Replied to)*.
- (iv) Ms. Dienda (PDM) asked the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 27) – *(Replied to)*.

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Appropriation Bill* [B. 5 – 2021].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 17 March 2021, as moved by the Minister of Finance (page 36): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Mr. Smit, seconded by Mr. Muharukua, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 9 March 2021.

- 7. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:45 until Wednesday, 31 March 2021.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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