

THIRD SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE**  
**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**TUESDAY, 20 APRIL 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:**

- (i) The Speaker reported that Parliament has started to embark on the development of a comprehensive e-parliament strategy. This strategy will lead Parliament towards a completely paperless Parliament equipped with the requisite tools to effectively legislate and do oversight work.

In light of the above, the Speaker invited all Members to participate in the first phase of the project which entails an assessment of needs of e-parliament. The I.T Department staff will be stationed in the Training Room, and will assist all Members in completing the e-parliament survey electronically. Members who would like to complete a hardcopy of the survey, will be provided with one upon request.

The Speaker said that the Training Room will be open from Tuesday, 20 April 2021 to Thursday, 22 April 2021, between 09:00 and 12:00 and Members are encouraged to visit the Training Room during these time slots, and participate in the survey.

- (ii) The Speaker also announced that as part of the Public Service Employees Medical Aid Scheme (PSEMAS) reforms, the Ministry of Finance, Medical Aid Division is going to conduct a re-registration of all Members and their Dependents. The Objective of this project is to verify current PSEMAS membership data, to capture the correct membership information and to eliminate ghost membership.

Thus, all backbench Members, who are Members of PSEMAS are therefore hereby requested to visit the National Assembly's Human Resource Office to collect and complete the re-registration forms as soon as possible. The due date for this exercise is Tuesday, 27 April 2021.

Members are alerted that failure to submit the re-registration forms within the given time will lead to the termination of Medical Aid membership.

**3. ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Ms. Dienda (PDM) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 34) – *Replied to.*
- (ii) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) asked the Speaker (No. 35) – *Replied to.*

**4. Mr. Hambyuka moved without notice:**

That the proceedings on Votes 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 11, 26, 28 and 30 of the *Appropriation Bill* be, in terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, not interrupted if still under consideration at 17:45, but not later than 20:45.

Agreed to.

**5. FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Committee Stage – *Appropriation Bill* [B. 5 – 2021].

The Minister of Finance moved, seconded by Mr. Ithete: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

**ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:**

The Chairperson of the Whole House Committee stated that when progress was reported yesterday, 19 April 2021, Votes 1, 2, 4 and 26 had been introduced.

Vote 3 – National Assembly: Introduced by the Speaker.

Vote 7 – International Relations and Cooperation: Introduced by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation.

Vote 11 – National Council: Introduced by the Speaker.

Vote 28 – Electoral Commission of Namibian: Introduced by the Speaker.

Vote 30 – Anti-Corruption Commission: Introduced by the Speaker.

Vote 1 – President: Discussed.

Ms. Dienda, instead of demanding a division, requested that her opposition to Vote 1 be formally recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings in terms of Rule 78 of the Standing Rules and Orders.

Vote 1 agreed to.

Vote 2 – Prime Minister: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 4 – Auditor-General: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 26 – National Planning Commission: Discussed and agreed to.

**ASSEMBLY RESUMED:**

Progress reported and leave granted to sit again.

6. In terms of Rule 90(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 20:32 until Wednesday, 21 April 2021.

**MS. L. KANDETU**  
*Secretary of the National Assembly*

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