

THIRD SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 21 APRIL 2021

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **The Speaker presented a Petition in terms of Rule 96(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

A petition lodged and signed electronically on 12th April 2021 by an organization called Cannabis and Hemp Association of Namibia, supporting Cannabis Legalisation in Namibia, call for the setting up of a Hemp Industry. The petitioners also call for the following -

- An end to arresting innocent people for using the plant;
- Government to acknowledge the wide range of benefits and potential of cannabis;
- A cannabis industry to create multi-sector industries and employment to uplift vulnerable and rural communities in a sustainable and environmentally beneficial way;
- To use, cultivate and trade with Cannabis and Hemp; and
- A halt on all cannabis arrests and repatriations for those previously harmed by cannabis prohibition

The Speaker reported that the Petition will now stands referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for consideration, investigation and report back to this Assembly.

3. **Mr. Muharukua moved without notice:**

That leave of absence be given to Mr. Nico Smit and Ms. Winnie Moongo until further notice.

Agreed to.

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

That the proceedings on Votes 3, 7, 9, 11, 14, 27, 28, 29 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 the Minister of Mines and Energy: 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, 20 April 2021, Votes 3, 7, 11, 28 and 30 had been introduced and Votes 1, 2, 4 and 26 had been agreed to.

Vote 9 – Finance: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 14 – Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 27 – Sport, Youth and National Service: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 29 – Information and Communication Technology: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 7 – International Relations and Cooperation: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 3 – National Assembly: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 11 – National Council: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 28 – Electoral Commission of Namibian: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 30 – Anti-Corruption 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 20:45 until Thursday, 22 April 2021.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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