

FIFTH SESSION, SIXTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 6 APRIL 2017

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

In preparation for the upcoming Easter weekend, the Deputy Speaker informed the Assembly that a consensus has been reached that on the 13th March 2017, the National Assembly will sit in the morning to enable those Members who want to travel to their respective destinations to do so while early.

3. **The Deputy Minister of Finance laid upon the Table:**

Reports of the Auditor-General –

- (i) Regional Council for the Hardap Region for the Financial Year ended March 2015,
- (ii) Town Council of Opuwo for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2015 and;
- (iii) Game Products Trust Fund for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2013.

4. **Ministerial Statements in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

- (i) The Prime Minister updated the Assembly on how the current flood situation is affecting people in northern Namibia especially in the Omusati, Oshana, Ohangwena and Zambezi Regions, which have been hit hard by the devastating flood following this year's rainy season; and also how her Office is planning and coordinating the assistance Government should render to the affected people and communities.

- (ii) The Minister of Finance informed the House about the potential impacts of the recent credit ratings opinion on South Africa. The Minister made this statement due to close linkages between the economies of South Africa and Namibia, particularly through monetary policy, trade and financial markets.

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

That the proceedings on Votes 7, 8, 10, 18, 24 and 25 of the *Appropriation Bill* be, in terms of Rule 99(c) of the Standing Rules and Orders, not interrupted if still under consideration at 17:45.

Agreed to.

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Committee Stage – *Appropriation Bill* [B. 7 – 2017].

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

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

The Assistant Deputy Chairperson of the Whole House Committee stated that when progress was reported yesterday, 5 April 2017, Votes 8, 10 and 25 had been introduced and Votes 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 17, 23, 26, 27, 29 and 30 had been agreed to.

Vote 7 - “*International Relations and Cooperations*”. Introduced by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperations.

Vote 18 - “*Environment and Tourism*”. Introduced by the Minister of Environment and Tourism.

Vote 24 - “*Transport*”. Introduced by the Minister of Works and Transport.

Vote 8 - “*Defence*”. Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 10 - “*Education, Arts and Culture*”. Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 25 - “*Land Reform*”. Discussed and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Progress reported and leave given to sit again.

7. In terms of Rule 99 of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 21:15 until Friday, 7 April 2017.

F. HARKER

Deputy Secretary of the National Assembly

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