

FIFTH SESSION, SIXTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 6 JUNE 2017

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 welcomed all Members of the National Assembly from the recess break and those who visited different Regions to assess the level of implementation of different capital projects as well as to engage members of different communities on issues that affect them on daily basis.
- (ii) On behalf of the National Assembly, the Speaker joined all other Parliaments in the world in expressing deepest sympathy with the people of the United Kingdom for the tragic loss of life that was caused by recent terrorist attacks in both Manchester and London.
- (iii) The Speaker expressed solidarity with the people of Cuba at a time when the 5th Continental Africa Conference in Solidarity with Cuba is taking place in Windhoek from 5 – 7 June 2017.

The aim of this Solidarity Conference is to call for the lifting of the unjust economic sanctions that have been imposed on Cuba by the United States and which have lasted for more than five decades now as well as the removal of the US military bases in Guantanamo Bay.

- (iv) The Speaker announced that he had been informed by the Chairperson of the National Council that the Council, in terms of Article 75(2) of the Constitution, considered and confirmed the following *Bills* without Amendments:

- *Appropriation Bill* [B. 7 – 2017];
- *Nature Conservation Amendment Bill* [B. 22 – 2016]; and

- *Access to Biological and Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge Bill* [B.4 -2016]

The Speaker shall now, in terms of Article 75(3), refer these Bills to the President to deal with them under Articles 56 and 64 of our Constitution.

The Speaker further said that he had been informed by the Chairman of the National Council that the Council, in terms of Article 75(2) of the Constitution, considered and confirmed the following *Bill* with amendments.

- *Witness Protection Bill* [B. 2 – 2017]

This *Bill* will be placed on the Order Paper for reconsideration by this Assembly as soon as possible.

- (v) The Speaker also announced that the Ministry of Finance – Inland Revenue will conduct a National Taxpayer Education Day on Thursday, 15 June 2017, under the theme “*Strengthening tax compliance through education*”.

Officials of the Ministry will be in the Parliament Courtyard to interact and distribute educational tax materials to taxpayers.

- (vi) In conclusion, the Speaker informed and expressed sadness on the sudden passing on of the wife of Prof. Mburumba Kerina and indicated that further details will be made known in due course.

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

Annual Report of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry for the financial year 2015/2016.

4. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Mr. Venaani (DTA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry No. (47).
- (ii) Mr. Venaani (DTA) to ask the Minister of Presidential Affairs No. (48).
- (iii) Mr. Smit (DTA) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport No. (49).
- (iv) Mr. Smit (DTA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry No. (50).
- (v) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy No. (51).
- (vi) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) to ask the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture – No. (52).
- (vii) Ms. Van den Heever (DTA) to ask the Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare No. (53).
- (viii) Mr. Van Wyk (UPM) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy No. (54).
- (ix) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Prime Minister No. (55).
- (x) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry No. (56).

(xi) Mr. Muharukua (DTA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry No. (57).

(xii) Mr. Muharukua (DTA) to ask the Minister of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare No. (58).

5. **ORAL QUESTION:**

Mr. Van Wyk (UPM) asked the Minister of Safety and Security No. (11) – *Ministerial Statement to be made in this regard by the Minister.*

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – *Whistleblower Protection Bill* [B. 1 – 2017].

The Minister of Justice moved, seconded by the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1, 2, 6, 8, 20, 30 and 52 as amended, put and agreed to.

Clause 3 – 5, 7, 9 – 19, 21 – 29, 31 - 51 and 53 – 80 put and agreed to.

Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported with amendments.

The Minister of Justice moved, seconded by the Minister of Defence: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

Whistleblower Protection Bill [B. 1 – 2017] read a Third Time.

7. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Amendment Bill* [B. 6 – 2017].

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 30 March 2017, as moved by the Minister of Environment and Tourism (page 48): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Ms. Van den Heever on behalf of Ms. Dienda, seconded by Mr. Smit, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 7 June 2017.

8. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *One-Stop Border Posts Control Bill* [B. 8 – 2017].

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 30 March 2017, as moved by the Minister of Finance (page 48).

Question put: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

Agreed to.

One-Stop Border Posts Control Bill [B. 8 – 2017] read a Second Time.

9. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Local Authorities Amendment Bill* [B. 25 – 2016].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 25 April 2017, as moved by the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (page 30).

Question put: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

Agreed to.

Local Authorities Amendment Bill [B. 25 – 2016] read a Second Time.

10. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Committee Stage – *Regional Councils Amendment Bill* [B. 23 – 2017].

The Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development Ms. Makgone moved, seconded by Ms. Kafula: 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 on Wednesday, 26 April 2017, Clause 1 and 2 had been put and agreed to without amendments while Clause 3 as amended, was put and agreed to.

Clause 4, 5 and 6 put and agreed to.

Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported with amendments.

The Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development moved, seconded by Ms. Sibungo: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

Regional Councils Amendment Bill [B. 23 – 2017] read a Third Time.

11. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by Mr. Kasuto, the Assembly adjourned at 17:43 until Wednesday, 7 June 2017.

F. HARKER

Deputy Secretary of the National Assembly

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