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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 27 JUNE 2017

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.

2. **The Minister of Finance laid upon the Table:**

Reports of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the –

- (i) Office of the Auditor-General for the financial year ended 31 March 2016;
- (ii) Namibia Press Agency for the financial year ended 31 March 2016;
- (iii) Trust Fund for Regional Development and Equity Provisions for the financial year ended 31 March 2014 and 2015; and
- (iv) Karakul Board of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2016.

3. **Welcoming Remarks:**

The Speaker welcomed back the Deputy Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation, who has been on sick leave since last year.

4. **ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Mr. Venaani (DTA) asked the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 17) – *Replied to.*
- (ii) Mr. Fleermuys (WRP) asked the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 18) – *Replied to.*
- (iii) Mr. Maamberua (SWANU) asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 19) – *Replied to.*

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

- (i) The Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry clarified and corrected some allegations made by some persons at and/or during the 31st Annual General Meeting of the Meat Corporation of Namibia (MEATCO), on Friday, 23 June 2017 in Windhoek.
- (ii) The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation briefed the House on the upcoming 29th Ordinary Session of the African Union Assembly, which will take place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 June to 4 July 2017.

6. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Minister of Land Reform moved, seconded by Mr. Katoma:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Property Valuers Profession Act, 2012, so as to improve certain definitions; to subject the determination of fees and charges payable to the Council to consultation with the Minister and publication in the Gazette; to empower the Council to determine the allowances payable to its members and committee members; to provide for the issuing of annual practicing licences; to criminalise certain conducts; and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

Property Valuers Profession Amendment Bill [B. 18 – 2016] read a First Time.

The Minister of Land Reform moved, subject to Rule 32(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by the Minister of Urban and Rural Development: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Mr. Muharukua, seconded by Mr. Venaani, debate adjourned until Thursday, 29 June 2017.

7. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Minister of Industrialization, Trade and SME Development moved, seconded by Mr. Hambyuka

That this Assembly –

Agrees to the Ratification of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA).

On the motion of Mr. Venaani, seconded by Mr. Muharukua, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 4 July 2017.

8. **THIRD NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Mr. Venaani moved, seconded by Ms. Van den Heever:

That this Assembly –

Debates the need to provide subsidized transportation for all students attending tertiary institutions as an incentive to create skills development in the country.

That this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further research and report back.

On the motion of the Minister of Finance, seconded by Ms. Nuyoma-Amupewa, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 5 July 2017.

9. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on National Marine Pollution Contingency Plan (NMPCP) which replaced the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP) of 2007.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 15 June 2017, as moved by the Minister of Works and Transport (page 95).

Contingency Plan discussed and noted.

10. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – *Usury Amendment Bill* [B. 10 – 2017].

The Minister of Finance moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Environment and Tourism: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1, 2 and 3 put and agreed to.

Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported without amendments.

The Minister of Finance moved, seconded by Mr. Nekundi: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

Usury Amendment Bill [B. 10 – 2017] read a Third Time.

11. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Reconsideration – *Liquor Amendment Bill* [B. 7 – 2016].

The Deputy Minister of Industrialization, Trade and SME Development moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1 put and discussed.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Progress reported and leave given to sit again.

12. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:47 until Wednesday, 28 June 2017.

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Deputy Secretary of the National Assembly

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