

FIFTH SESSION, SIXTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2017

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

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

Reports of the Auditor-General on the –

- (i) Town Council of Helao Nafidi for the financial year ended 30 June 2015;
- (ii) Town Council of Katima Mulilo for the financial year ended 30 June 2015; and
- (iii) Town Council of Katima Mulilo for the financial year ended 30 June 2014.

3. **Ms. Kandumbu laid upon the Table for note-taking:**

Report by the Namibian Parliamentary Delegation on the 134th Assembly and Related Meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) held in Lusaka, Zambia from 19 – 23 March 2016.

4. **NOTICE OF A QUESTION:**

Ms. Van den Heever (DTA) to ask the Minister Home Affairs and Immigration (No. 27).

5. **QUESTIONS DEALT WITH:**

- (i) Mr. Smit (DTA) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 1) – *(Stands over)*.
- (ii) Mr. Smit (DTA) asked the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources (No. 2) – *(Replied to)*.
- (iii) Mr. Auchab (UDF) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 3) – *(Stands over)*.

- (iv) Mr. Auchab (UDF) asked the Minister of Environment and Tourism (No. 4) – *(Stands over)*.
- (v) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 5) – *(Stands over)*.
- (vi) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) asked the Minister of Home Affairs and Immigration (No. 6) – *(Stands over)*.
- (vii) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) asked the Minister of Environment and Tourism (No. 7) – *(Stands over)*.
- (viii) Mr. Mbai (NUDO) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 8) – *(Replied to)*.
- (ix) Mr. Mbai (NUDO) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry (No. 9) – *(Stands over)*.
- (x) Mr. Auchab (UDF) asked the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 10) – *(Stands over)*.
- (xi) Mr. Auchab (UDF) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry (No. 11) – *(Stands over)*.

6. FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:

The Minister of Information and Communication Technology moved without notice, that the Motion be withdrawn in terms of Rule 30(b) and (d) of the Standing Rules and Orders until further notice.

Agreed to.

7. SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION:

The Deputy Minister of Environment and Tourism moved, seconded by the Minister of Home Affairs and Immigration:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to regulate access to biological or genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, and innovation, practices and technologies associated with biological and genetic resources and traditional knowledge; to protect the rights of the local communities over biological and genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge; to provide for a fair and equitable mechanism for benefit sharing; to establish the necessary administrative structures and processes for the implementation and enforcement of such principles; and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

Access to Biological and Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge Bill [B. 4 – 2017] read a First Time.

The Deputy Minister of Environment and Tourism moved, subject to Rule 32(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by Mr. Fleermuys: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Mr. Muharukua on behalf of Ms. Van den Heever, seconded by Mr. Van Wyk, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 1 March 2017.

8. **ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Witness Protection Bill* [B. 2 – 2017].

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 16 February 2017, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 5): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Mr. Smit, seconded by Mr. Muharukua, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 1 March 2017.

9. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by Mr. Nekundi, the Assembly adjourned at 16:47 until Tuesday, 28 February 2017.

F. HARKER

Deputy Secretary of the National Assembly

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