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**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2021

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

The Speaker addressed the Members of this august House on unbecoming expressions and behaviours that regularly happen in this Assembly. Such conduct by Members depict a wrong picture at large that this House has lost its values in the eyes of the public. He expressed his hope that such incidences will not happen in the future.

Such a lack of decorum either in speech or behaviour does take us anywhere. A Member is not to interrupt or obstruct any Member who is speaking by disorderly expression, mocking, making running commentaries or other interruptions or noises or in any other disorderly manner. Members should maintain silence when not speaking in the House.

The Speaker thus appealed to all Members to adhere to the decorum and to respect the authority of the Chair. While it is normal and acceptable for difference of views to arise from time to time, it is inappropriate to allow emotions to get the better of public representatives in such fashion.

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

That the *Access to Information Bill* [B. 4 – 2020] was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information, Communication, Technology and Innovation on 19 October 2021 for scrutiny and report back to this Assembly in terms of Rule 37(1) and (2) of the Standing Rules and Orders.

The Committee was supposed to report back within 30 days as per Rule 35 of the Standing Rules and Orders. Now that the 30 days to scrutinize the Bill have lapsed as per Rule, the

Committee is now requesting a further extension until 28 February 2022, for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

Agreed to.

4. **NOTICE OF A QUESTION:**

Dr. Iijambo (SWANU) to ask the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 188).

5. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

(i) Mr. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 115) – *Replied to.*

(ii) Mr. Seibed (LPM) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 183) – *Replied to.*

(iii) Mr. Smit (PDM) asked the Minister of Justice (No. 150) – *Replied to.*

(iv) Mr. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Minister of Information and Communication (No. 151) – *Replied to.*

(v) Ms. Dienda (PDM) asked the Minister of Information and Communication (No. 161) – *Replied to.*

(vi) Mr. Muharukua (PDM) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 170) – *Replied to.*

(vii) Dr. Iijambo (SWANU) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 172) – *Replied to.*

(viii) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 175) – *Stands over.*

(ix) Mr. Murorua (UDF) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 177) – *Replied to.*

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading - *Appropriation Amendment Bill* [B. 10 – 2021].

Question before Assembly on Wednesday, 17 November 2021, as moved by the Minister of Finance (page 171).

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

Agreed to.

Appropriation Amendment Bill [B. 10 – 2021] read a Second Time.

7. **SECOND ORDER READ:** Deferred by Mr. Muharukua to Tuesday, 23 November 2021.

8. **THIRD ORDER READ:** Deferred by Mr. Muharukua on behalf of Mr. Shihumbu to Tuesday, 23 November 2021.

9. **FOURTH ORDER READ:** Progress reported and leave given to sit again due to a lack of a voting-quorum.
10. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa.

Question before Assembly on Wednesday, 3 November 2021, as moved by the Deputy Minister of Disability Affairs (page 168): That the Protocol be approved.
11. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:46 until Tuesday, 23 November 2021.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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