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

TUESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2021

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

That all Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons of the various Standing Committees of the National Assembly should meet in the Blue Room during tea-break.

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

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

- (i) Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture for the financial year ended 31 March 2020;
- (ii) Ministry of Land Reform for the financial year ended 31 March 2020;
- (iii) Ministry of Defence for the financial year ended 31 March 2020;
- (iv) Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources for the financial year ended 31 March 2020; and
- (v) National Heritage Council for the financial year ended 31 March 2020.

Follow-up Performance Audit Reports of the Auditor-General on the –

- (vi) Lack of Transport (Police Vehicles) within the Ministry of Safety and Security for the financial years 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19; and
- (vii) Overcrowding of Correctional Facilities within the Ministry of Safety and Security for the financial years 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19.

4. **Mr. Van Wyk moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence due to official business, be granted to Mr. Venaani until further notice.

Agreed to.

5. **Mr. Ithete moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence, due to official business be granted to Ms. Theofelus until 21 October 2021, and to Mr. Ndemula due to illness until 5 November 2021.

Agreed to.

6. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security briefed the Assembly on the outcome of the Amnesty Month of September 2021, that had required all persons in Namibia who might be in possession of illegal weapons and ammunition, to surrender them to the authorities without fear of being prosecuted.

7. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Consideration of Report of the Privileges Committee on the investigation into the conduct of Hon. Swartbooi and Hon. Seibeb on 15 April 2021 during the State of the Nation Address.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 12 October 2021, as moved Mr. Katamelo (page 100):

Question put: That the Recommendations of the Committee that ask that Hon. Swartbooi and Hon. Seibeb be reprimanded be adopted.

Mr. Kavekatora rose in terms of Rule 78 of the Standing Rules and Orders, that his opposition to the adoption of the Committee Report be formally recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Assembly

Agreed to.

Committee Report adopted.

The Speaker reported that Hon. Swartbooi and Hon. Seibeb being guilty of breach of Clause 3.1(b) of the Code of Conduct read with bullet point 1 of the Preamble to the Code and Conduct and Article 60(1)(a) of the Namibian Constitution, that both failed to maintain the dignity and image of the National Assembly which is a matter of high concern.

On instruction of the House, the Speaker reprimanded them for their conduct on 15 April and that it be entered into the Minutes of Proceedings of the Assembly.

8. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Report of Natural Resources Committee on National Determined Contributions (NDCS) Awareness Workshop held at Otjiwarongo.

Ms. Elago moved, seconded by Mr. Hambyuka: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: that the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

9. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Access to Information Bill* [B. 4 – 2020].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 15 September 2021, as moved by the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (page 109): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

Bill deferred for the reply by the Minister of Information and Communication Technology.

10. **FOURTH ORDER** deferred.

11. **FIFTH ORDER** deferred.

12. **SIXTH ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Reports of the Electoral Commission of Namibia.

The Speaker moved, seconded by the Minister in the Presidency: That the Reports be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Reports be adopted.

Agreed to.

13. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred.

14. **SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH NOTICES OF MOTIONS** lapsed in terms of Rule 28 of the Standing Rules and Orders.

15. **SEVENTH NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Mr. Kavekatora moved, seconded by Dr. Iijambo:

That this Assembly –

Deliberates on the preferential treatment awarded to the former Executive Director of the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperations and the financial implication of such treatment.

That this Motion subsequently be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Committee for further investigation.

On the motion of the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 26 October 2021.

16. **EIGHTH NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by the Mover to Tuesday, 26 October 2021.

17. **NINTHT NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Mr. Kavekatora moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services:

That this Assembly –

Discusses and debates events that led to the suspension of senior managers at NHE.

That this Motion eventually be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Committee for further scrutiny.

On the motion of the Minister of Urban and Rural Development, seconded by the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 27 October 2021.

18. **TENTH NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by the Mover.

19. **ELEVENTH NOTICE OF A MOTIONS** lapsed in terms of Rule 28 of the Standing Rules and Orders.

20. **TWELFTH NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation moved, seconded by the Deputy Speaker:

That this Assembly –

Appoints the following nominees as members of the Employment Equity Commission for the period of five years, in terms of Section 6(1) of the Affirmative Action (Employment Act) Act, 1998 (Act No. 29 of 1998).

Representing the State:

- (i) Ms. Rauha Haufiku
- (ii) Ms. Julia Hamhata
- (iii) Mr. Daniel Iitenge – Alternate member
- (iv) Mr. Deon Scot
- (v) Mr. Patrick Ntupi – Alternate member

Representing Women:

- (i) Ms. Rosalia Gabriel
- (ii) Ms. Salome Kambala – Alternate member

Representing the Persons with Disabilities:

- (i) Mr. Kapuka Njembo
- (ii) Mr. Evans Samwele – Alternate member
- (iii) Ms. Nicolette Pieters
- (iv) Mr. Joseph Ndinomupya – Alternate member

Representing the Employers:

- (i) Ms. Sabrina Jacobs
- (ii) Ms. Ramona Wittack – Alternate member
- (iii) Mr. Libonina Nawa
- (iv) Ms. Ilze La Cock – Alternate member

Representing Trade Unions:

- (i) Mr. Pauli Sisentu
- (ii) Ms. Carol Otto – Alternate member
- (iii) Mr. Severin Tame
- (iv) Ms. Justina Jonas – Alternate member

Representing Previously Racially Disadvantaged:

- (i) Ms. Wilhelmina Sheehama
- (ii) Mr. Hofni Iithete – Alternate member
- (iii) Mr. PaulusWimmerth
- (iv) Ms. Christina Isaacks – Alternate member

Question put: That the Motion be adopted.

Agreed to.

- 21. **THIRTEENTH, FOURTEENTH AND FIFTEEN NOTICES OF MOTIONS** deferred by the Movers.
- 22. **SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH NOTICES OF MOTIONS** lapsed in terms of Rule 28 of the Standing Rules and Orders.
- 23. **EIGHTEENTH NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by the mover.
- 24. **NINETEENTH NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred.
- 25. **TWENTEETH NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services moved, seconded by Mr. Kavekatora:

Discusses and Reconsiders the Demarcation of Nossobville Suburb from Kalahari Constituency to Gobabis Constituency – Omaheke Region (05 Sept 2021).

On the motion of the Minister of Urban and Rural Development, seconded by Ms. Elago, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 26 October 2021.

- 26. **TWENTY-FIRST, TWENTY-SECOND AND TWENTY-THIRD NOTICES OF MOTIONS** lapsed in terms of Rule 28 of the Standing Rules and Orders.
- 27. **TWENTY-FOURTH NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by the Mover to Tuesday, 26 October 2021.
- 28. **TWENTY-FIFTH NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Deputy Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs moved, seconded by Mr. Ekandjo:

That this Assembly –

Discusses and agrees to the Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and their Destruction (Biological Weapons Convention).

On the motion of Mr. Seibeb, seconded by Ms. Mootu, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 26 October 2021.

29. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:47 until Wednesday, 20 October 2021.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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