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FIFTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2022

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

The Deputy Speaker reminded the Members who made financial pledges towards Christine Mboma, Beatrice Masilingi, Annanias Shikongo and Johannes Naumbala to honour these pledges, as the Assembly needs to finalize it.

3. **The Prime laid upon the Table:**

The National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan 2021 – 2025 (NACSAP).

4. **ORAL QUESTIONS:**

(i) Mr. Venaani (PDM) asked the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 3) – *Replied to.*

(ii) Mr. Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 4) – *To be put in writing.*

5. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

(i) Mr. Smit (PDM) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 18).

(ii) Mr. Smit (PDM) to ask the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 19).

(iii) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) to ask the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 20).

- (iv) Mr. Van Wyk (PDM) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 21).
- (v) Ms. Witbooi (SWAPO) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 22).
- (vi) Mr. Mwilima (PDM) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 23).
- (vii) Mr. Lipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 24).
- (viii) Mr. Shihumbu (PDM) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 25).

6. **Mr. Hambyuka moved without notice:**

That leave of absence due to illness, be granted to Mr. Jerry Ekandjo until 31 March 2022.

Agreed to.

7. **Ministerial Statements in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders;**

The Minister of Education, Arts and Culture shared information with the Assembly and the public at large about what Home Grown Feeding Project (HGSFP) is and how it benefits the learners and the communities, for the purpose of seeking support for the sustenance and growth of the project into a long term and expanded feeding programme.

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

Mr. Van Wyk moved, seconded by Mr. Martin:

That this Assembly –

Discuss and debate the challenges experienced by the Public Transport Industry during the periods of state of emergencies in the country.

It further seeks to address the unfair competition by pirate transport operators and to agree on measures to aid the Public Transport Industry during periods of Regional and National lockdown.

That this Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for consultation and report back to this House.

On the motion of Mr. Muharukua, seconded by Mr. Venaani, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 23 February 2022.

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

Ms. Dienda moved, seconded by Mr. Smit

That this House –

Debate the impact of the executive on separation of powers.

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

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology, seconded by the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 22 February 2022.

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

Ms. Dienda moved, seconded by Mr. Mwilima:

That this House –

Debate Article 47(1)(e)(f) and (2)(b) of the Namibian Constitution in as far as it violates the rights of Members of the National Council, Regional and Local Authorities as well as civil servants from participating freely in the National Assembly elections.

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

On the motion of Mr. Van Wyk, seconded by Mr. Vries, debate adjourned until Thursday, 17 February 2022.

11. **FOURTH NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by the Mover to Thursday, 17 February 2022.

12. **FIFTH NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Mr. Amutse moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Finance:

That this Assembly –

Discuss the urgency for the country to introduce free wi-fi at all school terrains, public places and towns, public transport and gradually connect the whole country to a free wi-fi network.

If successfully and timely implemented, free wi-fi will enable learners and graduates countrywide to access educational information indiscriminately, freely access information relating to employment and other opportunities, have access to other crucial information including following parliamentary debates, prepare the country to transform into the 4th industrial revolution as well as conforming to the Agenda 63 of the African Union with regard to digital transformation.

On the motion of Dr. Aupindi, seconded by Mr. Kasuto, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 22 February 2022.

13. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by the Minister in the Presidency, the Assembly adjourned at 17:45 until Thursday, 17 February 2022.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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