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FIFTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 15 MARCH 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 announced that she has been informed by the Chief Whip of the SWAPO Party that they have designated Hon. Dr. Becky Ndjoze-Ojo to serve on the following Parliamentary Standing Committees:

- (i) Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Social Development and Family Affairs;
and
- (ii) Standing Committee on Human Resources and Community Development.

The Deputy Speaker declared Hon. Dr. Ndjoze-Ojo as duly nominated to the said Parliamentary Standing Committees.

3. **Ms. Elago laid upon the Table for consideration:**

Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information, Communication, Technology and Innovation, on the *Access to Information Bill* which was referred to the Committee by this Assembly for further scrutiny.

4. **NOTICE OF A QUESTION:**

Ms. Becker (PDM) to ask the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 46).

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

- (i) The Minister of Industrialisation and Trade made a Ministerial Statement to commemorate the "World Consumer Rights Day", by issuing an official statement to create awareness on 'Consumer Rights' which is one of the anchors of the National Consumer Protection Policy 2020 – 2025 launched on 22 September 2021, and also encouraged all consumers, sector regulatory bodies and business community to acquaint themselves with the National Consumer Protection Policy to ensure full protection of consumers in all business sectors.
- (ii) The Minister of Mines and Energy informed the Assembly about the announcements made by joint ventures, that they have discovered oil offshore, which is a great economic news that cannot be made light of.

The Minister said that while the discovery is good news to all of us, that we need to understand that we will not have a production of crude oil soon. He added that we need to be aware that more analytical work needs to be done before the construction of the platforms to extract the oil commences.

6. FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:

The Deputy Minister of Industrialisation and Trade moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Finance:

That this Assembly –

Agree to the Protocol on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (the "TRIPS Agreement").

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 16 March 2022.

7. SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION:

The Minister of Justice moved, seconded by Mr. Ithete:

That this Assembly –

Agree to the Ratification of Cooperation between the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Namibia and the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Assembly agree to the Ratification.

Agreed to unanimously

8. THIRD NOTICE OF A MOTION:

The Minister of Justice moved, seconded by Dr. Ndjoze-Ojo:

That this Assembly –

Agree to the Ratification of the Treaty between the Republic of Namibia and the Russian Federation on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.

On the motion of Ms. Dienda on behalf of Mr. Shihumbu, seconded by Mr. Martin, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 23 March 2022.

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

The Minister of Justice moved, moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy:

That this Assembly –

Agree to the Ratification of the Treaty between the Government of the Republic of Botswana and the Government of the Republic of Namibia on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister Finance, seconded by Mr. Hambyuka, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 16 March 2022.

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

The Minister of Justice moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport:

That this Assembly –

Agree to the Ratification of the Treaty between the Government of the Republic of Namibia and the Government of the Republic of Botswana on Extradition.

On the motion of Mr. Muharukua, seconded by Ms. Dienda, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 16 March 2022.

11. **SIXTH NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology moved, seconded by the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism:

That this Assembly –

Discuss and debate the introduction of a supplementary legal and regulatory framework that will guide parliamentary Committees in conducting public meetings and hearings.

Question put: That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for scrutiny and report back.

Agreed to.

12. **SEVENTH NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by the Mover to Tuesday, 12 April 2022.

13. **FIRST ORDER** deferred by the Deputy Speaker to Wednesday, 16 March 2022.

14. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Combating of Rape Amendment Bill* [B. 2 – 2022].

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 10 March 2022, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 15): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

15. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:47 until Wednesday, 16 March 2022.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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