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FIFTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

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

TUESDAY, 8 MARCH 2022

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

- (i) The Speaker expressed deepest sympathy and condolences on the passing on of Hon. Immanuel Ngatjizeko. Honourable Ngatjizeko who passed away on Saturday, 5 March 2022, served as a Member of the National Assembly from 2000 and held various ministerial position until his retirement in 2018. During his tenure as Member of this august House, he served the Namibian people with humility and dedication.

The Speaker requested that a Minute of Silent Prayer and Meditation be observed in his honour.

Agreed to.

- (ii) Secondly, the Speaker reported that all Members of the National Assembly are being invited to a presentation on the preliminary findings by the Business Rescue Task Force that was appointed by the President as part of the Economic Advanced Pillar of the Harambee Prosperity Plan II. The presentation will take place tomorrow, 9 March 2022 at 11:00 in the C.1 Conference Room.
 - (iii) Today, 8 March 2022 being the International Women's Day, the Speaker extended best wishes and a Happy and Blessed International Women's Day to all Namibian women and his colleague women in the Assembly.
3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Mr. Smit (PDM) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 42).
- (ii) Mr. Smit (PDM) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 43).
- (iii) Mr. Shihumbu (PDM) to ask the Minister of Justice (No. 44).
- (iv) Mr. Shihumbu (PDM) to ask the Minister of Justice (No. 45).

4. **ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Ms. Dienda (PDM) asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 21). – *Replied to.*
- (ii) Mr. Venaani (PDM) asked the Deputy Minister of Finance (No. 22). – *To be put in writing.*

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

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation

6. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by the Mover to Tuesday, 15 March 2022.

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

Dr. Iijambo moved, seconded by Mr. Kauandenge:

That this Assembly –

Discusses and debates the retirement age(s) of academics and vocational trainers at our universities and institutions of higher learning.

That the Motion be referred to a parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

On the motion of Dr. Ndjoze-Ojo, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Finance, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 9 March 2022.

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

Mr. Venaani moved, seconded by Mr. Tjeundo:

That this Assembly –

Discuss alternative housing financing schemes, necessitated by the exuberant sums of money that banks charge home-owners, the bank mortgage credit processes that discriminate against self-employed and lower-income earning individuals and the slow production of housing that has inflated housing prices, making them unaffordable to the lower mass market segment.

The key affordable housing issues in Namibia are high urbanization rates, the lack of access to affordable housing and finance, the lack of serviced land, the poor production of housing stock, and the increasing number of informal settlements across the country.

Currently, there are 285 informal settlements in towns across Namibia, meaning 40% of its urban inhabitants or 216 000 urban households are informally settled, which is indicative of the high urbanization rates across the country.

That this Motion be referred to a Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

On the motion of Ms. Dienda, seconded by Mr. Smit, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 9 March 2022.

9. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:46 until Wednesday, 9 March 2022.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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