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Thursday, 14 April 2022

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FIFTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 14 APRIL 2022

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.

2. **Mr. Ithete moved without notice:**

That the proceedings on Votes 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 29, 30, 32 and 39 of the *Appropriation Bill* be, in terms of Rule 103(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, not interrupted if still under consideration at 12:30.

Agreed to.

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

The Minister of Finance and in his capacity as Acting Minister of Public Enterprises, made a statement on the allegations portrayed in the media that TransNamib is to be liquidated.

The Minister emphasized that there is no truth in the allegations as portrayed in the media. He indicated that the State maintains the view that TransNamib is a strategic entity in the country's logistics hub aspirations and will do everything in its powers to strengthen TransNamib to ensure that it delivers on its mandate in a cost effective manner.

4. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Committee Stage – Appropriation Bill [B. 3 – 2022].

The Minister of Finance moved, seconded by Mr. Kasuto: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

The Assistant Deputy Chairperson of the Whole House Committee stated that when progress was reported yesterday, 13 April 2022, Votes 10, 13, 32 and 39 had been introduced, while Votes 1, 2, 4, 7, 26 and 28 had been discussed and agreed to. Votes 9 stood over for adoption and Vote 30 for the Speaker's reply, while Votes 3 and 11 have been deferred to Tuesday, 19 April 2022.

For adoption:

Vote 9 - Finance put.

The Minister of Finance moved that Vote 9 be deferred to Tuesday, 19 April 2022 for adoption.

Agreed to.

For reply and adoption:

Vote 30 – Anti-Corruption Commission. put

Replied to but due to the absence of 49 entitled voting Members, Vote 30 deferred to Tuesday, 19 April 2022 for adoption.

For introduction:

Vote 14 – Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 29 – Information and Communication Technology: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 15 – Mines and Energy: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 16 – Justice: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 21 – Judiciary: Introduced by the Minister.

The following Votes were discussed but due to a lack of a voting quorum, they were deferred to Tuesday, 19 April 2022 for adoption.

Vote 10 – Education, Arts and Culture.

Vote 13 – Health and Social Services.

Vote 32 – Higher Education, Training and Innovation.

Vote 39 – Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security deferred by the Minister to Wednesday, 20 April 2022 for discussion and adoption.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Progress reported and leave given to sit again.

5. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 19:25 until Tuesday, 19 April 2022.

MS. L. KANDETU Secretary of the National Assembly

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