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FIFTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

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

THURSDAY, 21 APRIL 2022

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

The Speaker reported that the Secretary of the National Assembly, under his signature, on the 1st March 2022 availed to all Members of the National Assembly the “*Draft Rules on Virtual and Hybrid Meetings*”.

The Speaker said the Members were requested to lodge any objection in terms of Rule 67 (3) to the Draft Rules but with the lapse of the required period of fourteen (14) days, no objection was lodged by any of the Members. In terms of Rule 67 (5) which read “*If no objection is received from a Member within the prescribed period the report or recommendation shall be deemed to have been approved by the Assembly*”,

The Speaker indicated that he already reported to the meeting of the Committee on Standing Rules and Order and Internal Arrangements and thus now to the House that the “*Rules on Virtual and Hybrid Meetings*” are deemed to have been passed by the Assembly and will now become part of our Standing Rules and Orders.

Question put: That the Draft Rules be adopted.

Agreed to.

3. **The Deputy Minister of Works and Transport laid upon the Table:**

Integrated Annual Report of the Namibia Civil Aviation Authority for the financial year 2020/2021.

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

That the proceedings on Votes 3, 9, 11, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 27, 31, 34, 36, 37 and 38 of the *Appropriation Bill* be, in terms of Rule 103(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, not interrupted if still under consideration at 17:45.

Agreed to.

5. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

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

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

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

The Chairperson of the Whole House Committee stated that when progress was reported yesterday, 20 April 2022, Votes 17, 22, 23 and 24 had been introduced, while Votes 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 26, 28, 29, 30, 32 and 39 had been discussed and agreed to. Votes 18, 19 and 31 had been discussed but stood over for adoption as there was no voting quorum, while Vote 27 was deferred due to a lack of a working quorum, for the Minister's response and adoption.

For adoption:

Vote 18 – Environment, Forestry and Tourism: Put and agreed to.

Vote 19 – Industrialisation and Trade: Put and agreed to.

Vote 31 – Veterans Affairs: Put and agreed to.

Vote 3 – National Assembly: Replied to. Due to a lack of 49 voting Members, Question to be put for adoption deferred.

Vote 9 – Finance: Question to be put for adoption deferred due to a lack of 49 voting Members.

Vote 27 – Sport, Youth and National Service: Replied to. Due to a lack of 49 voting Members, Question to be put for adoption deferred.

For introduction:

Vote 34 – Public Enterprises: Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

Vote 36 – Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare: Introduced by the Deputy Minister.

Vote 37 – Agriculture and Land Reform: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 38 – Water: Introduced by the Minister.

For discussion:

Vote 11 – National Council: Discussed and replied to. Due to a lack of 49 voting Members, Question to be put for adoption deferred.

Vote 17 – Urban and Rural Development: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 22 – Fisheries and Marine Resources: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 23 – Works: Agreed to unanimously.

Vote 24 – Transport: Discussed and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Progress reported and leave given to sit again.

6. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 23:19 until Friday, 22 April 2022.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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