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

TUESDAY, 21 JUNE 2022

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Minister of Health and Social Services made a Ministerial Statement regarding media circulations on the 75th Session of the World Health Assembly, held from 22 – 28 May 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland which lead to the handing over of a petition, addressed to the Head of State, the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Parliamentarians, and Minister of Health and Social Services on 1 June 2022 by a Concerned Citizens Group of Namibia in which it is alleged amongst other as follow: *“We categorically set the record clear that Mr Kalumbi Shangula and any other person or delegate who attended the World Health Assembly in Geneva from 22nd May 2022 to 28th May 2022, does not represent the democratic consent of Namibia and or its citizenry to ratify such treaty”*.

The Minister updated the House on the key outcomes of the 75th Session of the World Health Assembly by responding authoritatively to the above allegation, stating that the so-called “Pandemic Treaty” does not exist and that any of the delegations who attended the World Health Assembly in Geneva from 22 – 28 May 2022 did not sign any treaty and that the whole demonstration against the signing of the non-existing treaty and the accompanying petition are founded on a pack of downright falsehood and are dismissed in a scornful way that shows disdain.

3. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – *Access to Information Bill* [B. 4 – 2020].

The Minister of Information and Communication Technology moved, seconded by the Minister of Urban and Rural Development: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1 put.

Clause 1 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Clause 2 – 7 put and agreed to.

Clause 7 put.

Clause 7, Ms. Becker raised objection without diving the House.

Clause 8 – 16 put and agreed to.

Clause 17 put.

Clause 17, Ms. Becker raised objection without diving the House.

Clause 18 - 21 put and agreed to.

Clause 22 - 29 put and agreed to.

Clause 30 - 46 put and agreed to.

Clause 47 - 51 put and agreed to.

Clause 52 - 55 put and agreed to.

Clause 56 - 62 put and agreed to.

Clause 63 - 79 put and agreed to.

Clause 80 - 84 put and agreed to.

Clause 85 put.

Clause 85, Ms. Dienda raised objection without diving the House.

Clause 86 put and agreed to.

Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported with amendment.

The Minister of Information and Communication Technology moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

Access to Information Bill [B. 4 – 2020] read a Third Time.

4. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Combating of Domestic Violence Amendment Bill* [B. 1 – 2022].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 15 April 2022, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 18).

Question put: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

Agreed to.

Combating of Domestic Violence Amendment Bill [B. 1 – 2022] read a Second Time.

5. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the appointment of Dr. Sindano as a member of the Electoral Commission of Namibia.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 16 June 2022, as moved by Mr. Karondo (page 94).

Question put: That the Motion be adopted.

Objections raised by Ms. Dienda and Ms. Hengari

Agreed to unanimously.

6. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on youth unemployment crisis in Namibia, its ramifications, both in the short and medium to long term.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 16 June 2022, as moved by Ms. Hengari (page 25): That the Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 28 June 2022.

7. In terms of Rule 99(a) and of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:41 until Wednesday, 22 June 2022.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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