

Wednesday, 22 June 2022

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FIFTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 22 JUNE 2022

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

- 1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
- 2. The Deputy Minister of Finance laid upon the Table:

Reports of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the -

- (i) Office of the Judiciary for the financial year ended 31March 2021;
- (ii) Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation for the financial year ended 31 March 2021;
- (iii) Ministry of Urban and Rural Development for the financial year ended 31March 2021;
- (iv) Anti-Corruption Commission for the financial year ended 31 March 2021;
- (v) Village Council of Tsandi for the financial year ended 30 June 2020;
- (vi) Village Council of Gochas for the financial years ended 30 June 2019 and 2020;
- (vii) Ministry of Higher Education, Training and Innovation for the financial year ended 31 March 2021;
- (viii) Community Courts for the financial year ended 31 March 2021; and
- (ix) Auditor-General Report on the Social Security Commission and Associated Funds:

Social Security Commission, Maternity Leave, Sick Leave and Death Benefit Fund, Employees' Compensation Fund and Development Fund for the financial year ended 28 February 2021.

3. Mr. Tweya laid upon the Table for consideration:

Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Natural Resources on the Petitions by the Okavango's Unique Lifestyle (SOUL), Civil Society Organisation in Namibia and Friday's for Future of Windhoek to stop oil drilling in the Okavango.

4. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 61).
- (ii) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 62).
- (iii) Ms. Hengari (PDM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Developent (No. 63).

5. Ms. Kafula moved without notice:

That leave of absence, due to official duties, be granted to Hon. Patience Masua, until further notice.

Agreed to.

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – Combating of Rape Amendment Bill [B. 2 – 2022].

The Minister of Justice moved, seconded by the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1 - 3 put and agreed to.

Clause 4-5 put, due to the absence of 49 voting Members, the Question for the Clause to be agreed to, be put at next sitting day.

Clause 6 put.

Clause 6 as amended by the Minister, put but due to the absence of 49 voting Members, the Question for the Clause to be agreed to, be put at next sitting day.

Clause 7 put.

Clause 7 as amended by the Minister, put but due to the absence of 49 voting Members, the Ouestion for the Clause to be agreed to, be put at next sitting day.

Clause 8 - 10 put, due to the absence of 49 voting Members, the Question for the Clause to be agreed to, be put at next sitting day.

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7. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the Treaty between Botswana and Namibia on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 16 June 2022, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 42): That the Ratification of the Treaty be agreed to.

The Minister replied but due to the absence of 49 voting Members, the Question for the Ratification of the Treaty be agreed to, be put at next sitting day.

8. THIRD ORDER READ:

Resumption of Debate on the Treaty between Namibia and Botswana on Extradition.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 16 June 2022, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 42): That the Ratification of the Treaty be agreed to.

The Minister replied but due to the absence of 49 voting Members, the Question for the Ratification of the Treaty be agreed to, be put at next sitting day.

9. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the introduction of free wi-fi at all schools, towns, public places and public transport.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 16 June 2022, as moved by Mr. Amutse (page 8): That the Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further investigation and report back to this Assembly.

The Mover replied but due to the absence of 49 voting Members, the Question for the Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further investigation and report back to this Assembly, be put at next sitting day.

10. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the impact of the executive on separation of powers.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 8 June 2022, as moved by Ms. Dienda (page 7): That the Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

On the motion of Ms. Hengari, seconded by Ms. Kooper, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 28 June 2022.

11. SIXTH ORDER READ:

Resumption of Debate on the establishment of a state owned dialysis center to cater for state patients with chronic kidney failure.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 8 June 2022, as moved by Ms. Moongo (page 20): That the Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further investigation and report back to this Assembly.

On the motion of Ms. Hengari, seconded by Mr. Dingara, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 28 June 2022.

12. **SEVENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the boundary treaty signed between Namibia and Botswana whether it does not violate Article 32(9) of the Constitution and Section 38(a) of the Communal Land Reform Act.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 8 June 2022, as moved by Mr. Kauandenge (page 27): That the Motion be adopted.

13. In terms of Rule 99(a) and of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:45 until Thursday, 23 June 2022.

MS. L. KANDETU Secretary of the National Assembly

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