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FIFTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

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

THURSDAY, 14 JULY 2022

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

- (i) The Deputy Speaker announced that she has been informed by the Chief Whip of NUDO Hon. Joseph Kauandenge that due to workload as Secretary-General of his Party, his legal studies and parliamentary work, that he has decided to recuse or withdraw himself from all Parliamentary Committees except the following Committees.

- Standing Committee on Standing Rules and Orders;
- Budget Committee;
- Standing Committee on Economics and Public Administration; and
- Standing Committee on Natural Resources.

Honourable Kauandenge indicated that he might re-join more Committees next year should his workload decrease.

- (ii) The Deputy Speaker also announced that all Parliamentarians are being invited to the commemoration of the Pan African Women's Day event scheduled to take place on the 31st July 2022 at Safari Hotel starting at 10:00 to 15:00.

The activities will start with the marching from the Ministry of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare at 10:00.

The year celebration is under the theme *“Towards the African Women's Decade: Realising women's human capital through accelerated social and economic development, addressing the scourge of Violence, food insecurity and good nutrition on the African continent”*.

3. **Mr. Venaani reported progress and laid upon the Table:**

Report on the Fourth Ordinary Session of the 5th Parliament of the Pan African Parliament held in Midrand, Johannesburg from 27 June to 2 July 2022.

4. **The Minister of Finance laid upon the Table:**

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

- (i) Municipality of Omaruru for the financial year ended 30 June 2020;
- (ii) Town Council of Ruacana for the financial year ended 30 June 2020;
- (iii) Municipality of Omaruru for the financial year ended 30 June 2019;
- (iv) Compliance Audit Report of the Auditor-General on the evaluation of Infrastructure maintenance at Government Schools: Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture for the financial years ended 31 March 2017/2018 to 2020/2021;
- (v) Namibia Students Financial Assistance Fund for the financial year ended 31 March 2021; and
- (vi) Town Council of Ruacana for the financial years ended 30 June 2018 and 2019.

5. **URGENT QUESTION:**

Mr. Isaaks (LPM) asked the Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 57) – *Replied to.*

6. **The Deputy Minister of Finance moved without Notice:**

That her Motion to “*Discuss and recommend to the National Honors Advisory Committee to consider the granting of a National Hero’s Status to the Legendary and Iconic Abraham Morris from the Bondelswarts Community, who fought alongside Jacob Marenga in order to tell the mis-link of our history*”, be withdrawn forthwith in terms of Rule 30(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders.

That the Motion will again be moved during the Sixth Session of this Parliament.

Agreed to.

7. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

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

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 6 July 2022, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 41).

Question put: That the Ratification of Cooperation be adopted.

Agreed to.

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

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

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 6 July 2022, as moved by Mr. Tweya (page 145).

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

9. THIRD NOTICE OF A MOTION:

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 Wednesday, 13 July 2022, as moved by Ms. Hengari (page 25).

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

Agreed to.

10. FOURTH NOTICE OF A MOTION:

Resumption of Debate on the importance of having a universal health coverage which is affordable to implement.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 5 July 2022, as moved by Mr. McHenry Venaani (page 34).

Question put: That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

Objection by the Minister of Health and Social Services.

House divided.

Due to a lack of the required 49 voting Members, the Motion lapsed.

11. QUESTION DEALT WITH:

(i) Mr. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service (No. 29) – *Lapsed in terms of Rule 24(b)*.

(ii) Mr. Shuumbwa (APP) asked the Minister of Education, Arts and culture (No. 30) – *Lapsed in terms of Rule 24(b)*.

(iii) Mr. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Prime Minister (No. 36) – *Lapsed in terms of Rule 24(b)*.

(iv) Mr. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 37) – *Lapsed in terms of Rule 24(b)*.

- (v) Mr. Van Wyk (PDM) asked the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 41) – *Replied to*.
 - (vi) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 48) – *Lapsed in terms of Rule 24(b)*.
 - (vii) Mr. Ipumbu (NEFF) asked the Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 53) – *Lapsed in terms of Rule 24(b)*.
 - (viii) Ms. Dienda (PDM) asked the Prime Minister (No. 55) – *Lapsed in terms of Rule 24(b)*.
 - (ix) Mr. McHenry Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister in the Presidency (No. 57) – *Lapsed in terms of Rule 24(b)*.
 - (x) Mr. McHenry Venaani (PDM) asked the Prime Minister (No. 59) – *Lapsed in terms of Rule 24(b)*.
 - (xi) Mr. Auchab (UDF) asked the Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 53) – *Replied to*.
12. In terms of Rule 99(a) and of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:45 until the next Session which is going to start on Tuesday, 6 September 2022. The rest of the business undisposed of at this last sitting day of the Fifth Session lapsed but can again be introduced at the next Session.

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