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FIFTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 7 JULY 2022

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

2. NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:

- (i) Mr. Smit (PDM) to ask the Minister of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare (No. 78).
- (ii) Mr. Smit (PDM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 79).

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

The Minister of Education, Arts and Culture updated the Assembly and the public at large about the planned Conference on Education which will take place from 2 - 5 August 2022.

The Summit is going to address key education challenges which are contributing to government not being on track with attaining the SDGs, and will aim to reinvigorate education following the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on schooling globally.

4. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – *Metrology Bill* [B. 9 – 2021].

The Minister of Industrialisation and Trade moved, seconded by the Minister of Works and Transport: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1 - 55 put and agreed to.

Schedule put and agreed to.

Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported without amendment.

The Minister of Industrialisation and Trade moved, seconded by Ms. Kooper: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

Metrology Bill [B. 9 – 2021] read a Third Time.

5. SECOND ORDER READ:

Resumption of Debate on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (the "TRIPS Agreement").

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 15 March 2022, as moved by the Deputy Minister of Industrialisation and Trade (page 41).

Question put: That the Protocol be approved to.

Agreed to.

- 6. **THIRD ORDER** deferred by the Deputy Minister of Marginalised People on behalf of his Minister to Tuesday, 12 July 2022.
- 7. **FOURTH ORDER** deferred to Tuesday, 12 July 2022 for Mr. Kauandenge's reply.

8. **FIFTH 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 Tuesday, 21 June 2022, as moved by Ms. Hengari (page 25): That the Motion be referred to a Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

9. In terms of Rule 99(a) and of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:48 until Tuesday, 12 July 2022.

MS. L. KANDETU Secretary of the National Assembly

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