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

**TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2022**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

2. **The Minister of Information and Communication Technology laid upon the Table:**

Integrated Annual Report of the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) for the year 2021.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

(i) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Justice (No. 135).

(ii) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Justice (N. 136).

(iii) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Justice (N. 137).

4. **The Deputy Minister of Works and Transport moved without notice:**

That his Motion to discuss the overcharges, unethical and unwarranted multiple charges by Namibia Commercial Banks, as well as to discuss the perpetual colonial legacy of class and race discrimination of clients by Namibian Commercial Banks, be withdrawn in terms of Rule 30 Sub-rule (b), but that he will again move it after notice in terms of Rule 30(c), when the Assembly is going to resume next year.

Agreed to.

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

That leave of absence, due to official duties, be granted to Hon. Lucia Witbooi and to Hon. Evelyn !Nawases until further notice.

Agreed to.

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – *Abolition of Payment by Cheque Bill* [B. 5 – 2022].

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

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

In the Bill –  
Clauses 1 – 8 put and agreed to.

In the Schedule –  
Clauses 1 – 22 put and agreed to.

PART III put and agreed to.

Clauses 23 – 36 in the Schedule put and agreed to.

Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported without amendment.

The Minister of Finance moved, seconded by Mr. Katamelo: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

*Abolition of Payment by Cheque Bill* [B. 5 – 2022] read a Third Time.

7. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – *Property Valuers Profession Amendment Bill* [B. 6 – 2022].

The Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform moved, seconded by Mr. Kasuto: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clauses 1 – 14 put and agreed to.

Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported without amendment.

The Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform moved, seconded by Dr. Ndjoze-Ojo: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

*Property Valuers Profession Amendment Bill* [B. 6 – 2022] read a Third Time.

8. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the deplorable and inhospitable state of our mental health institutions and facilities.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 13 October 2022, as moved by Ms. Moongo (page 196): That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

On the motion of Mr. Smit on behalf of Ms. Becker. seconded by Mr. Diergaardt, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 19 October 2022.

9. **FOURTH ORDER** deferred by Mr. Smit on behalf of Ms. Hengari to Thursday, 20 October 2022.

10. **FIFTH ORDER** adjourned by the Deputy Minister of Finance to Wednesday, 19 October 2022.

11. **SIXTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate to initiate an investigation into a number of projects initiated by the government over the years.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 12 October 2022, as moved by Mr. Kavekatora (page 178): That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

On the motion of the Minister of Works and Transport, seconded by Mr. Hambyuka, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 19 October 2022.

12. **SEVENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate to write-off electricity debt accumulated over the years by local authorities to NAMPOWER

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 12 October 2022, as moved by Mr. Seibeb (page 168).

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

Agreed to.

13. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:45 until Wednesday, 19 October 2022.

**MS. L. KANDETU**  
*Secretary of the National Assembly*

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