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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2022

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

- 1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
- 2. Announcements by the Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:
 - (i) The Speaker announced that he has been informed by the Republican Party (RP) that Hon. Mathias Mbundu has been withdrawn from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Standing Rules and Orders and Internal Arrangements, and in his place the Party has nominated Hon. Herlinde Tjiveze to be a Member of the said Committee.
 - (ii) The Speaker reminded all Members of Parliament, in particular Members from the Executive Branch of Government, that in terms of Rule 34(e) "No Bills shall be tabled before the Assembly after 1 November each year, unless the Minister declares in the House that the Bill is an urgent Bill, in accordance with Rule 52".
 - (iii) Also, the Speaker reminded all Party Leaders and Chief Whips about the continuation of the Validation Workshop on *Draft Standing Rules and Orders and Committee Rules* tomorrow Thursday, 27 October and Friday, 28 October from 09:00 to 13:00 at the Windhoek Country Club and Resort.

3. FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:

The Deputy Minister of Finance moved, seconded by the Minister of Mines and Energy:

That leave be given to amend the Road Fund Administration Act, 1999 so as to provide for exemption from payment of entry fees, writing-off of annual licence fees or interest or penalties imposed on annual licence fees; waiving of interest or penalties imposed on annual licence fees and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

Road Fund Administration Bill [B. 10 – 2022] read a First Time.

The Deputy Minister of Finance moved, subject to Rule 32(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by Mr. Karondo: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

Debate deferred to Wednesday, 2 November 2022.

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

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security moved, seconded by Mr. Mareka:

That this Assembly -

Approve the Ratification of the Agreement on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons between the Republic of Namibia and the Republic of Botswana.

On the motion of Mr. Kavekotora, seconded by Ms. Tjirare, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 1 November 2022.

5. **FIRST 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 Tuesday, 25 October 2022, as moved by Mr. Kavekotora (page 178).

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

Agreed to.

6. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the effectiveness and adequacy of the legal framework dealing with drug offences in Namibia.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 25 October 2022, as moved by Mr. Katoma (page 163): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Finance, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 1 November 2022.

7. The Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:37 until Thursday, 27 October 2022.

Compiled by I. Nehoya