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# REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 4 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) Now that we are operating under the relax COVID – 19 regulations, the Speaker announced that the galleries in the Chamber are now accessible for the members of the public.

The Speaker said members of the public are now welcome to come and observe the proceedings of the Assembly, and the same applies to the tours of the National Assembly by school children, interested groups and people.

- (ii) The Speaker reminded all Members of the National Assembly and 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 Speaker considers the matter urgent in accordance with Rule 52*”.

Rule 52 provides partly that; “*A Minister may declare in the House that the Bill is an urgent Bill, and on such a declaration, the question “That the Bill is an urgent Bill”, shall be put forthwith: Provided that the Presiding Member is satisfied that such a motion is not a misuse of the Standing Orders, or infringes on the rights of the minority*”.

The Speaker advised the Members that there are now approximately 4 weeks before the deadline and urged the Members to submit *Bills* before the deadline taking into consideration that the National Council also must review the *Bills* passed by the National Assembly.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Mr. Seibeb (LMP) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 114).
- (ii) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 115).
- (iii) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 116).
- (iv) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 117).
- (v) Mr. Iipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 118).

4. **URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Mr. Van Wyk (PDM) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 64) – *Replied to.*
- (ii) Ms. Hengari (PDM) asked the Minister of Industrialisation and Trade (No. 65) – *Replied to.*

5. **Ms. Kafula moved without notice:**

That leave of absence due to official duties, be granted to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Ms. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, until further notice.

Agreed to.

6. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources briefed the Assembly following a mass resignation of fishermen employed under Governmental Employment Redressing Program.

7. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Reconsideration – *Access to Information Bill* [B. 4 – 2020].

The Minister of Information and Communication Technology moved, seconded by Dr. Aupindi: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

**ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:**

In the ARRANGEMENT OF ACT –

Heading to Part 2, heading to Clause 5, 7, 8, 12, 14, heading to Part 8, Clause 50 and 80 as amended, put and agreed to.

In the *BILL* –

Heading to Clause 5, 7, 8, 12 and 14 as amended, put and agreed to.

Clause 1 as amended by the National Council, put and agreed to.

Clause 6 as amended by the National Council, put and agreed to.

Clause 25 as amended by the National Council, put and agreed to.

Clause 50 as amended by the National Council, put and rejected.  
Clause 72 as amended by the National Council, put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill as Reconsidered, reported with amendments.

Bill to be referred to H. E. the President for his assent in terms of Article 56 and 64 of the Constitution.

8. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Reconsideration – *Metrology Bill* {B. 9 – 2021}.

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

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 10 as amended by the National Council, put and agreed to.  
Clause 19 as amended by the National Council, put and agreed to.  
Clause 37 as amended by the National Council, put and agreed to.  
Clause 53 as amended by the National Council, put and agreed to.

Ms. Hengari informed the Chairperson of the Whole House Committee that in terms of Rule 78 of the Standing Rules and Orders, that she wishes the PDM's opposition to the Bill be formally recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill as Reconsidered, reported with amendments.

Bill to be referred to H. E. the President for his assent in terms of Article 56 and 64 of the Constitution.

9. **THIRD ORDER** deferred to Wednesday, 5 October 2022.

10. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Property Valuers Profession Amendment Bill* [B. 6 – 2022].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 20 September 2022, as moved by the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (page 162).

Question put: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

Agreed to.

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

11. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the formalization of the informal sector.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 20 September 2022, as moved by Ms. Kafula (page 169).

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

Agreed to.

12. **SIXTH ORDER** deferred to Tuesday, 11 October 2022.

13. **SEVENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the Ratification of the Montreal and Beijing Protocols.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 28 September 2022, as moved by the Minister of Works and Transport (page 185): That the Protocols be agreed to.

The Minister of Works and Transport to reply on Wednesday, 5 October 2022.

14. **EIGHTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on how NSFAP can assist students from underprivileged families who have no income to pay for registration fees.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 28 September 2022, as moved by Mr. Amutse (page 166): That the Motion be referred to a Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

Mr. Amutse to reply on Wednesday, 5 October 2022.

15. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:48 until Wednesday, 5 October 2022.

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

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