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

**TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2022**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **RULING BY THE SPEAKER:**

With reference to what have transpired on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022, the Speaker addressed the matter as follows;

The Speaker said the Opposition Parties are of the view that they were insulted by Honourable Nekundi's contribution to the *Appropriation Amendment Bill* on Thursday, 9 November 2022. Notably, the Honourable Nekundi's contribution included words that made some Honourable Members to feel offended. The Speaker said he considered Honourable Nekundi's statement, and took note of the following words and phrases used "*in comparison to this budget, the PDM was a criminal budget, it was a genocidal budget, finish and klaar*". In his statement, Hon. Nekundi also referred to the opposition as "*hypocrites*" and "*opportunists*". Nonetheless, repetitive Points of Order caused noisy disruption in the House and therefore, the Speaker had to stop further Points of Order.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2022, after the Routine of Business of the House and before commencing with Question Time, Honourable Kauandenge placed on record, on behalf of the Opposition, that they took offence by the Speaker's action on the previous day. They are of the view that Speaker acted with bias towards the Opposition Parties and as a result, they opted to walk out of the House and vowed only to return after the Speaker had proven that he is impartial.

The Speaker stated that it is inappropriate for the Honourable Kauandenge and others who felt the same to suggest that his action was biased towards any party in the House.

Based on the above sentiments, the Speaker made the following Ruling:

Rule 116 of our Standing Rules and Orders speaks on the “*General Restrictions*” during parliamentary proceedings. Hence, every Member is acquainted with what is expected of him/her as well as their conduct required when addressing this House.

The Speaker reported that he has observed that in the past, Members have used words like “*murderers*”, “*thieves*”, “*puppets*” “*liars*”, “*sell-outs*” ect, which likely sounds insensitive. Our Rules in particular Rule 116(e), prohibit Members from using offensive and unbecoming words. The Speaker said he has on numerous occasions reminded Members to refrain from using words that might not be prohibited but sound insensitive to others.

The Speaker therefore requested that Members extend mutual respect to one another and to do their best to dispose of all business remaining on the Order Paper. Once again, the Speaker appealed to all of the Members to be sensitive to each other, cautious of each other’s beliefs, respectful to one another in all engagements and to be conscious of their status as Honourable Members.

The Speaker concluded that he has now ruled on this matter and he will not allow any debate on this.

3. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Appropriation Amendment Bill* [B. 9 – 2022].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 8 November 2022, as moved by the Minister of Finance (page 222).

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

Agreed to.

*Appropriation Amendment Bill* [B. 9 – 2022] read a Second Time.

4. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Committee Stage – *Administration of Estates Amendment Bill* [B. 7 – 2022].

The Minister of Justice moved, seconded by Mr. Ithete: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1, 2 and the Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported without amendment.

The Minister of Justice moved, seconded by Mr. Ithete, that the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

*Administration of Estates Amendment Bill* [B. 7 – 2022] read a Third Time.

5. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Repeal of Obsolete Law Bill* [B. 8 – 2022].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 2 November 2022, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 208).

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

Agreed to.

*Repeal of Obsolete Law Bill* [B. 8 – 2022] read a Second Time.

6. **FOURTH ORDER** deferred by the Deputy Minister of Finance to Wednesday, 16 November 2022.

7. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the Georgetown Agreement as amended by the 110<sup>th</sup> Session of the ACP Council of Ministers and endorsed by the 9<sup>th</sup> Summit of the ACP Heads of State and Government.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 25 October 2022, as moved by the Minister of Industrialisation and Trade (page 222).

Question put: That the Agreement be adopted.

Agreed to.

8. **SIXTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Stamp Duties Amendment Bill* [B. 11 – 2022].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 1 November 2022, as moved by the Deputy Minister of Finance (page 232).

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

Agreed to.

*Stamp Duties Amendment Bill* [B. 11 – 2022] read a Second Time.

9. **SEVENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Income Tax Amendment Bill* [B. 12 – 2022].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 1 November 2022, as moved by the Deputy Minister of Finance (page 232).

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

Agreed to.

*Income Tax Amendment Bill* [B. 12 – 2022] read a Second Time.

10. **EIGHTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Value-Added Tax Amendment Bill* [B. 13 – 2022].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 1 November 2022, as moved by the Deputy Minister of Finance (page 232).

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

Agreed to.

*Value-Added Tax Amendment Bill* [B. 13 – 2022] read a Second Time.

11. **NINTHT ORDER VREAD:**

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

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 1 November 2022, as moved by Mr. Katoma (page 163).

Question put: That the Motion be adopted.

Agreed to.

12. **TENTH ORDER** deferred to Wednesday, 16 November 2022, for Mr. Katjimune's reply.

13. **ELEVENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the implementation of the budget to start from now in April each year to avoid delays in service delivery and project implementation.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 1 November 2022, as moved by Mr. Amutse (page 163).

Question put: That the Motion be adopted.

Agreed to.

14. **TWELFTH ORDER** deferred to Wednesday, 16 November 2022, for Dr. Iijambo's reply.

15. **THIRTEENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the provision of 40% subsidies towards communal crop farmers residing in Omusati and parts of Oshana Region.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 2 November 2022, as moved by Mr. Muharukua (page 196): That the Motion be referred to an appropriate Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

Debate deferred for Mr. Muharukua's reply.

16. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION** lapsed in terms of Rule 28 of the Standing Rules and Orders.
17. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security to Wednesday, 16 November 2022.
18. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by the Deputy Speaker, the Assembly adjourned at 16:24 until Wednesday, 16 November 2022.

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