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SEVENTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 2 MARCH 2023

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcement by the Deputy Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

It was brought to the attention of the House, that when the Speaker made an announcement on the 23rd November 2022, with regard to the Members who lost their Membership to various Standing Committees in terms of Rules 55(3), one name was erroneously left out.

Thus, the Deputy Speaker announced that **Honourable Annakletha Sikerete** also lost her membership to the **Standing Committee on Public Accounts** in terms of the above mentioned rule.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. McHenry Venaani (PDM) to ask the Minister in the Presidency (No. 35).
- (ii) Hon. McHenry Venaani (PDM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 36).
- (iii) Hon. McHenry Venaani (PDM) to ask the Prime Minister (No. 37).
- (iv) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 38).

- (v) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 39).
- (vi) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 40).
- (vii) Hon. Van Den Heever (PDM) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 41).

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

The Minister of Mines and Energy made a Ministerial Statement with regards to important current developments in the mining and petroleum sectors of Namibia. He emphasized that these two sectors are among the most important sectors to the country's economy, and have the real potential to effectively address the triple social ills of unemployment, poverty, and inequality.

For example, in the petroleum sector, oil has been discovered in sufficient quantities that justify commercial production. In the mining sector, because of the energy transition brought about by the global undertaking to address the effects of climate change, currently there is now a global demand for critical raw materials and metals, such as lithium, as available in Namibia.

5. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Appropriation Bill* [B. 1 – 2023].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 22 February 2023, as moved by the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (page 10): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Hon. Dienda, seconded by the Hon. Moongo, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 7 March 2023.

6. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of debate on the devastating effect the increasing seal population has on the sustainable harvesting of our fish stock.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 1 March 2023, as moved by Hon. Kavekatora (page 19).

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

Agreed to unanimously.

7. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of debate on the establishment of a Genocide Memorial Museum for the 1904 genocide perpetrated against the OvaHerero and Nama community.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 28 February 2023, as moved by Hon. Kauandenge (page 16): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture on behalf of the Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 4 April 2023.

8. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:47 until Tuesday, 7 March 2023.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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