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SEVENTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

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

**THURSDAY, 30 MARCH 2023**

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 the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Hon. Derek Klazen and his team will showcase various fish species and present different fish dishes in the Parliament restaurant on 30 & 31 March 2023, as prepared by the Namibia Fish Consumption Promotion Trust (NFCPT), NovaNam and Seaflower.

Members and the staff of Parliament were officially invited to the restaurant by the Minister and encouraged to support the Fisheries team with what they had on offer.

- (ii) The Speaker informed the House that former senior Members of Parliament, Hon. Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana and Hon. Ellen Musialela are present in the House and seated in the Parliament gallery, to listen to the Budget debate and to observe the proceedings of the day.

3. **The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises laid upon the Table:**

- (a) Reports of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the –
  - (i) Ministry of Mines and Energy for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;

- (ii) Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform: Department of Water Affairs for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
  - (iii) Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs: Vote 31 Department of Veteran Affairs for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
  - (iv) Ministry of Higher Education, Training and Innovation for the financial year ended 31 March 2022; and
  - (v) Ministry of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare for the financial year ended 31 March 2022.
- (b) Performance Audit Report of the Auditor-General on the –
- (i) Implementation and Management of the Food Bank Programme within Ministry of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21.

4. **Hon. Hambyuka moved without Notice in terms of Rule 27(d) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

That the proceedings on Votes 08, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24 and 31 of the *Appropriation Bill* be, in terms of Rule 103(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, not interrupted if still under consideration at 17:45.

Agreed to.

5. **ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Committee Stage – *Appropriation Bill* [B. 1 – 2023].

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by the Minister in the Presidency: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

**ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:**

The Deputy Chairperson of the Whole House Committee stated that when progress was reported yesterday, 29 March 2023, Votes 08, 31, 18 and 19 had been introduced and Votes 15, 29, 32 and 39 were discussed and agreed to.

For introduction:

- Vote 17 – Urban and Rural Development: Introduced by the Minister.
- Vote 22 – Fisheries and Marine Resources: Introduced by the Minister.
- Vote 23 – Works: Introduced by the Minister of Works and Transport.
- Vote 24 – Transport: Introduced by the Minister of Works and Transport.

For discussion and adoption:

- Vote 08 – Defence: Discussed and agreed to.
- Vote 31 – Veterans Affairs: Discussed and agreed to.
- Vote 18 – Environment, Forestry and Tourism: Discussed and agreed to.
- Vote 19 – Industrialisation and Trade: Discussed. Deferred for adoption when there will be a voting quorum of 49 Members.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Progress reported and leave granted to sit again.

6. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 21:50 until Friday, 31 March 2023.

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

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