

Tuesday, 20 June 2023

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SEVENTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 20 JUNE 2023

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

- 1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
- 2. The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises laid upon the Table:

Reports of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the –

- (i) Ministry of Finance for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (ii) Ministry of Public Enterprises for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (iii) Office of the Auditor-General for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (iv) Ministry of Health and Social Services for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (v) Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (vi) Department of Agriculture and Land Reform for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (vii) Municipality of Swakopmund for the financial year ended 30 June 2021;
- (viii) Municipality of Otjiwarongo for the financial year ended 30 June 2022;

- (ix) Karakul Board of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (x) Town Council of Omuthiya for the financial year ended 30 June 2021;
- (xi) Town Council of Okakarara for the financial year ended 30 June 2021;
- (xii) Regional Council of the Zambezi Region for the financial year ended 31 March 2020; and
- (xiii) Kunene Regional Council 2020 for the financial year ended 31 March 2020.

3. Announcement by the Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:

The Speaker announced that the Brave Warriors are scheduled to play against Burundi today, 20 June 2023 @ 16:00. The House wished them all the success with their match.

4. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Katjimune (PDM) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 90).
- (ii) Hon. Mootu (LPM) to ask the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 91).
- (iii) Hon. Mootu (LPM) to ask the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 92).
- (iv) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 93).
- (v) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 94).
- (vi) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 95).
- (vii) Hon. Swartbooi (LPM) to ask the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister (No. 96).
- (viii) Hon. Van den Heever (PDM) to ask the Minister of Justice (No. 97).
- (ix) Hon. Van den Heever (PDM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 98).
- (x) Hon. Shekupakela (RDP) to ask the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 99).
- (xi) Hon. Shekupakela (RDP) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 100).

5. FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:

Hon. McHenry Venaani moved, seconded by Hon. Kandume:

That this Assembly –

Discusses initiate an investigation into what appears to be a bitterly unscrupulous power struggle unfolding at the National Petroleum Corporation of Namibia (NAMCOR), warranting concern and suspicion surrounding the management and possible looting of Namibia's natural resources, promoting public distrust.

Further, that this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee, allowing that this House fully invoke the powers of said Committee to subpoena witnesses to appear before it, as provided for by the Powers, Privileges and Immunities of Parliament Act 17 of 1996.

On the motion of Hon. Tjirare, seconded by Hon. Mike Venaani, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 27 June 2023.

6. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by Hon. Tjirare to Tuesday, 4 July 2023 on behalf of Hon. McHenry Venaani.

7. FIRST ORDER READ:

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Financial Intelligence Amendment Bill* [B. 3 – 2023].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 14 June 2022, as moved by the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (page 103).

8. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – Civil Registration and Identification Bill [B. 2 – 2023].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 14 June 2022, as moved by the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (page 104).

Debate deferred to Wednesday, 21 June 2022 for the reply of the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security.

9. THIRD ORDER READ:

Resumption of Consideration of Report of the SADC-PF Election Observation Mission on the General Elections held in Angola during August 2022.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 8 June 2023, as moved by Hon. Kooper (page 80).

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

10. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the Double Taxation Regime (DTR) and its implications for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the country.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 7 June 2023, as moved by Hon. Swartbooi (page 92): That the Motion be adopted.

Deferred to Wednesday, 21 June 2023 for the Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises to continue with her contribution.

11. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:46 until Wednesday, 21 June 2023.

MS. L. KANDETU

Secretary of the National Assembly

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