



*Thursday, 4 April 2024*

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NINTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

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

**THURSDAY, 4 APRIL 2024**

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 informed the Assembly that a new Member of SWANU, Hon. Rebekka Kambayi was sworn in this morning by Chief Justice Hon. Peter Shivute, to replace Hon. Dr. Tangeni Iijambo.

On behalf of the National Assembly, the Speaker welcomed Hon. Kambayi as a Member of the National Assembly.

- (ii) Secondly, the Speaker extend his heartfelt congratulations to Hon. Emma Kantema-Gaomas- for her remarkable academic accomplishment in fulfilling the requirements for her PhD Degree.
- (iii) Lastly, the Speaker reported that he has been reliably informed about the passing on of Mrs. Idda Jimmy-!H-Eiros on Wednesday, 3 April 2024. Mrs. !Ha-Eiros contributed immensely towards Namibia's freedom and independence inside the country, and she was a recognised veteran of the national liberation struggle.

On behalf of the National Assembly, the Speaker expressed heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the bereaved family during this time of the bereavement.

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

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

- (i) Criminal Assets Recovery Fund of the Ministry of Justice for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (ii) Town Council of Okahao for the financial years ended 30 June 2021 and 2022;
- (iii) Auditor-General Report on the Social Security Commission and Associated Funds; and Social Security Commission, Maternity Leave, Sick Leave and Death Benefit Fund, Employees' Compensation Fund and Development Fund for the financial year ended 28 February 2023.

4. **Hon. Kafula moved without Notice:**

That the proceedings on Votes 7, 8, 18, 19, 31, 32 and 39 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. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Committee Stage – *Appropriation Bill* [B. 1 – 2024].

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

Agreed to.

**ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:**

The Chairperson of the Whole House Committee reported that when progress was reported yesterday, 3 April 2024, Votes 7, 32 and 39 had been introduced, while Votes 1, 2, 4, 10, 13, 14, 17, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27 had been agreed to.

Vote 8 – Defence: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 31 – Veterans Affairs: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 18 – Environment, Forestry and Tourism: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 19 – Industrialisation and Trade: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 39 – Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 7 – International Relations and Cooperation: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 32 – Higher Education, Technology and Innovation: Discussed and agreed to.

**ASSEMBLY RESUMED.**

Progress reported and leave given to sit again.

6. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 22:28 until Friday, 5 April 2024.

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

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