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NINTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

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

TUESDAY, 9 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 acknowledged and welcomed a parliamentary delegation of a Parliamentary Standing Committee on National Security and Foreign Affairs from the Parliament of the Republic of Zambia. They are in Namibia on a benchmark mission on infrastructures at borders and points of entry.

The delegation is headed by Brigadier General Morgan Sitwala, the Chairperson of the Committee together with nine (9) Members and one (1) support staff. During the visit they will meet with different stakeholders and also visit the Namport and Trans-Kalahari Border Post.
 - (ii) Equally, the Speaker welcomed a delegation of students from the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) Public Management Society in the public gallery.
3. **The Speaker laid upon the Table, in terms of Rule 96(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

A Petition by the Association of Dependents Veterans Namibia (AODVN), received on Friday 5 April 2024.

In the Petition, the Association is requesting the National Assembly to help them amend the Veterans Act No. 2 of 2008, Part 1, Section 1(a); definition of a child of

a veteran in order to put an end to hardships experienced by dependents of war veterans especially those who lost a parent or both parents in the war for Namibia's independence.

The Speaker reported that this Petition is going to be submitted to the Standing Committee dealing with Petitions, to draw up rules governing the treatment of requests and complaints and shall use them as the basis for its decisions in each case.

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

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

- (i) Ministry of Information and Communication Technology for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (ii) Department of Agriculture and Land Reform for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (iii) Electoral Commission of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (iv) Meat Board of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (v) Town Council of Ondangwa for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 and 2022;
- (vi) Town Council of Usakos for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 and 2022;
- (vii) Town Council of Arandis for the financial year ended 30 June 2021;
- (viii) Karakul Board of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2023; and
- (ix) Film and Video Development Fund of the Namibia Film Commission for the financial years ended 31 March 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

5. URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:

- (i) The Deputy Minister of Works and Transport (SWAPO) asked the Hon. Speaker (No. 13) – *Replied to.*
- (ii) Hon. Ekandjo (SWAPO) asked the Hon. Speaker (No. 14) – *Replied to.*
- (iii) Hon. Swartbooi (LPM) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 15) – *Replied to.*

6. NOTICE OF A QUESTION:

Hon. Shekupakela (RDP) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism and (No. 33).

7. Hon. Kafula moved without Notice:

That the proceedings on Votes 15, 16, 21, 29, 36, 37 and 38 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.

8. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

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

The Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by Hon. Hambyuka: 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, 5 April 2024, Votes 15, 16, 21, 29, 36, 37 and 38 had been introduced, while Votes 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32 and 39 had been agreed to.

Vote 29 – Information and Communication Technology: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 36 – Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 37 – Agriculture and Land Reform: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 38 – Water: Unanimously agreed to.

Vote 16 – Justice: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 21 – Judiciary: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 15 – Mines and Energy: Discussed and agreed to.

In the Bill:

Clause 1 put and agreed to.

Clause 2 put and agreed to.

Schedule put and agreed to.

Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported without amendments.

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by the Minister of Mines and Energy, that the debate be adjourned to Wednesday, 10 April 2024 for his reply.

Agreed to.

9. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 22:08 until Wednesday, 10 April 2024.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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