



Wednesday, 3 April 2024

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NINTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL 2024

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises laid upon the Table:**
Annual Report of Namibia Deposit Guarantee Authority for the year 2022.
3. **NOTICE OF A QUESTION:**
Hon. Dienda (PDM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 31).
4. **Hon. Kafula moved without Notice:**
That the proceedings on Votes 2, 7, 13, 14, 17, 22, 27, 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. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**
The Minister of Industrialisation and Trade announced that in consultation with her Office, the Business and Intellectual Property Authority (BIPA), has decided to extend its Annual Duty Penalty Waiver Programme for an additional three months until June 30, 2024.

The Minister urged all businesses to take full advantage of this extended opportunity

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

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

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

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

The Deputy Chairperson of the Whole House Committee reported that when progress was reported yesterday, 2 April 2024, Votes 2, 13, 14 and 27 had been introduced, while Votes 1, 4, 10, 23, 24 and 26 had been agreed to. Vote 17 and 22 stood over as there was no presence of 49 Members entitled to vote, to adopt them.

Vote 17 as discussed yesterday, 2 April 2024, put and agreed to.

Vote 22 as discussed yesterday, 2 April 2024, put and agreed to.

Vote 7 – International Relations and Cooperation: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 32 – Higher Education, Technology and Innovation: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 39 – Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security: Introduced by the Minister.

Vote 2 – Prime Minister: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 13 – Health and Social Services: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 14 – Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation: Discussed and agreed to.

Vote 27 – Sport, Youth and National Service: Discussed and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED.

Progress reported and leave given to sit again.

7. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 21:50 until Thursday, 4 April 2024.

MS. L. KANDETU

Secretary of the National Assembly

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