

THIRD SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 9 MARCH 2021

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **ORAL QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) asked the Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 6) – *To be put in writing.*
 - (ii) Mr. Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 7) – *Stands over.*
 - (iii) Mr. Venaani (PDM) asked the Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 8) – *To be put in writing.*
 - (iv) Mr. Van Wyk (PDM) asked the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 9) – *Replied to.*
 - (v) Mr. Mukwilongo (NEFF) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 10) – *Replied to.*
 - (vi) Mr. Martin (PDM) asked the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 11) – *Replied to.*
3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Mr. Murorua (UDF) to ask the Prime Minister (No. 49).
 - (ii) Mr. Murorua (UDF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 50).
 - (iii) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 51).
 - (iv) Mr. Muharukua (PDM) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 52).
4. **Mr. Kauandenge moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence due to official business, be granted to Dr. Ester Muinjangué until Tuesday, 16 March 2021.

Agreed to.

5. **Ruling by the Speaker in terms of Rule 124(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders on the Motion of Ms. Dienda:**

The Speaker Ruled that the Motion of Ms. Dienda as per her Notice was clear for this august House to discuss Article 47 and make recommendations as to whether or not the Constitution should be amended. There is no matter before any court in terms of this Article.

The Speaker reported that Ms. Dienda did not Table a Bill in this House that did not comply with the provision of Article 132. He said he would be inclined to agree that the Motion is in violation if she Tabled a Bill that did not comply with the constitutional provision. Thus, there is no violation of the Rules of this House.

The Speaker concluded that he cannot find anything that prohibits the discussion of the Motion. That the motion of Ms. Dienda will continue as Tabled.

6. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION** by Ms. Dienda:

That despite the fact that equal treatment is one of the fundamental principles of our democracy, it seems that our Constitution is directly and indirectly discriminating against certain members of society. In particular, the Namibian Constitution impedes the rights of Members of the National Council, Region and Local Authority Councilors as well as civil servants from freely participating as candidates in the National Assembly elections.

That this House debates Article 47(1)(e)(f) and (2)(b) of the Namibian Constitution in as far as it violates the rights of the above-mentioned members of the Namibian society from freely participating in the National Assembly elections.

That this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back.

On the motion of Ms. Mootu, seconded by Mr. Seibeb, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 10 March 2021.

7. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:46 until Wednesday, 10 March 2021.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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