

THIRD SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
ORDER PAPER
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2021
(14:30 – 17:45)

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. Mr. Smit:

That in the light of what must be considered a national disaster, considering the fact that under the previous curriculum (NSSCO/H) between 25 000 and 28 000 learners had a chance to obtain a tertiary qualification, whereas now a mere 7 000 learners out of a total of some 21 000 have the chance to return to the classroom, this House should urgently discuss the way forward for our children and in particular what is to become of the 20 000 odd who may not wish to or cannot afford to pursue their training at a VTC.

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

II. Minister of Works and Transport:

That this Assembly –

Ratifies the Agreement between the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Republic of Namibia and the Republic of Zambia on the establishment of the Walvis Bay-Ndola-Lumbumbashi Development Corridor.

III. Minister of Justice

That leave be given to amend the Combating of Rape Act, 2000, so as to provide for additional coercive circumstances for rape; to amend certain minimum sentences for rape; to clarify that the minimum sentences for rape apply equally to rape under the common law, as well as attempt, conspiracy and incitement to commit rape; to provide that a court for a regional division may impose all penalties for rape; to require that a court shall not draw any inference only from the absence of semen or other bodily fluids on or within the complainant, or from the absence of evidence of the rupture of the hymen; to empower the court to impose conditions upon bail relating to contact necessary to protect the complainant; to amend the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 to provide for additional duties of the prosecutor towards complainants and vulnerable

witnesses before the commencement of trials; and to empower the minister responsible for justice to make regulations to provide for protection of complainants and to impose further duties in that regard; to amend the combating of immoral practices Act, 1980, in order to remove the defence of marriage from sexual offences with a child; to amend the Correctional Services Act, 2012 in order to clarify that all forms of rape are scheduled offences and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

IV. Mr. Tjeundo:

That this Assembly –

Discusses the plight of the people of Kombat. The people of Kombat have over the years sought audience and urgent intervention from Government on the issue surrounding the ownership of Kombat.

V. Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services:

That this Assembly –

Discusses representation and participation of women in politics in Namibia; whether women are equally represented as their menfolk and if not, for this House to come up and adopt a solution to it.

VI. Ms. Moongo:

That this Assembly –

Discusses the need for the creation of a Sex Offenders Register.

There has of late been a number of violent rape incidents perpetuated against women and children across the country. In most cases, these incidents take place within the homes and institutions deemed to be safe. It is thus imperative that we create a comprehensive Sex Offenders Register to identify potential would-be offenders and protect our women.

VII. Mr. Kauandenge:

That this House –

Discusses the conditions of Local Authorities in Namibia.

It is a given fact that Local Authorities are the backbone of our country when it comes to service delivery. This is the entry point where our people can tap on all basic services, hence there is need to discuss the following –

Current conditions of our Local Authorities and why many of the fail to execute their mandates. And whether sufficient resources are availed by Central Government to empower them.

VIII. Ms. Dienda:

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 (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.

WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2021

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- I. Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Combating of Domestic Violence Amendment Bill* [B. 1 – 2021] – [Ms. Dienda].
- II. Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Criminal Procedure Amendment Bill* [B. 6 – 2021] – [Mr. Muharukua].

TUESDAY, 9 MARCH 2021

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- I. Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Magistrates' Court Amendment Bill* [B. 3 – 2021] – [Mr. Shihumbu].
- II. Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *High Court Amendment Bill* [B. 2 – 2021] – [Mr. Shihumbu].

NOTICE OF A MOTION

Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services:

That this Assembly –

Reconsider the Demarcation of Nossobville Suburb from the Kalahari Constituency to the Gobabis Constituency, Omaheke Region.
