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

**TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2017**

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 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**
  - (i) The Speaker welcomed and acknowledged the presence of the Ghanaian delegation in the Chamber, who are on a visit to the Parliament of Namibia and these are:
    - Hon. Kwasi Ameyaw – Chairman, Majority Chief Whip and leader of the delegation;
    - Hon. Ahmed Ibrahim – First Deputy Minority Whip;
    - Hon. Comfort Doyoe Cudjoe Ghansah – Second Minority Whip; and
    - Ms. Abigail Aba Anso – Head of the Majority Secretariat.
  - (ii) In accordance with a decision taken by the Committee on Standing Rules and Orders for the arrangement and organization of the annual sessions of this House, the Speaker reminded the Members of the procedure as follows:

That to meet all the Constitutional Arrangements in promulgating legislation and other important matters, as well as allowing the National Council to review Bills in time, the Speaker announced that *Bills* should be tabled not later than 1 November each year, provided that the House may upon a motion moved, resolve to extend this time limit in the event of matters of urgency.
  - (iii) The Speaker congratulated the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Accounts of the National Assembly, Mr. Mike Kavekatora, on his appointment as the Regional Chairman of the Southern Africa Development Community Organisation of Public Accounts Committees (SADCOPAC).

- (iv) Lastly, the Speaker informed all Members of the National Assembly that they are being invited to the launch of the HEforSHE campaign that will take place tomorrow Wednesday, 25 October 2017 during tea-break at 15h40 in the Courtyard.

The Speaker will make remarks on areas of impact that he pledges to champion in support of the campaign, and all Members will be required to show their support by signing in to this Global initiative.

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

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

- (i) Office of the Prime Minister for the financial year ended 31 March 2016;
- (ii) Ministry of Finance for the financial year ended 31 March 2016;
- (iii) Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry for the financial year ended 31 March 2016;
- (iv) Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources for the financial year ended 31 March 2016;
- (v) Ministry of Safety and Security: Department of Police for the financial year ended 31 March 2016;
- (vi) Ministry of Public Enterprises for the financial year ended 31 March 2016; and
- (vii) National Council for the financial year ended 31 March 2016.

4. **Ms. !Nawases-Taeyele moved without notice:**

That leave of absence due to official business, be granted to the Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology Mr. Stanley Simataa, until 9 November 2017.

Agreed to.

5. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Reconsideration – *Local Authorities Amendment Bill* [B. 25 – 2016].

The Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development (Mr. Klazen) moved, seconded by Ms. Mahoto: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 2 and 4 as amended by the National Council, put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

*Bill* as Reconsidered, reported with amendments.

*Bill* to be referred to His Excellency the President for his assent in terms of Article 56 and 64 of the Constitution.

6. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Reconsideration – *Namibia Revenue Agency Bill* [B. 11 – 2017].

The Minister of Finance moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1, 18 and 26 as amended by the National Council, put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

*Bill* as Reconsidered, reported with amendments.

*Bill* to be referred to His Excellency the President for his assent in terms of Article 56 and 64 of the Constitution.

7. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Reconsideration – *Lotteries Bill* [B. 5 – 2017].

The Minister of Environment and Tourism moved, seconded by Ms. Kandumbu: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1, 2, 4, 20, 22, 24, 30, 56, 57, 58, 64, 66 and 73 as amended by the National Council, put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

*Bill* as Reconsidered, reported with amendments.

*Bill* to be referred to His Excellency the President for his assent in terms of Article 56 and 64 of the Constitution.

8. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on poor sanitation facilities in most of our underprivileged communities.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 11 October 2017, as moved by Ms. !Nawases-Taeyele (page 157): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of Ms. Nghaamwa, seconded by Ms. Hoffmann, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 25 October 2017.

9. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on child marriages in Namibia and harmful practices that promote them.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 10 October 2017, as moved by Ms. Van den Heever (page 149): That the Motion be adopted.

Motion adjourned to Wednesday, 25 October 2017, for Ms. Van den Heever's reply.

10. **SIXTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Consideration of Report on the Pan-African Parliament's Fourth Ordinary Session.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 26 September 2017, as moved by Ms. McLeod-Katjirua (page 147).

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

11. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by the Minister of Presidential Affairs, the Assembly adjourned at 17:09 until Wednesday, 25 October 2017.

**F. HARKER**

*Deputy Secretary of the National Assembly*

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