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

TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcement by the Deputy Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Deputy Speaker announced and welcomed the delegation from the Portfolio Committee on Defence, Home Affairs and Security from the Parliament of Zimbabwe in the Gallery. The delegation is on a week-long study visit on matters pertaining to Veteran Affairs and they are –

- (i) Hon. Brig. Gen. (Rtd) Levi Mayihlome – Chairperson;
- (ii) Hon. Joseph Chinotimba;
- (iii) Hon. Sichelesile Mahlangu;
- (iv) Hon. Sonny Mguni;
- (v) Hon. Lindani Moyo;
- (vi) Hon. Albert Nguluvhe;
- (vii) Hon. Anna Rungani;
- (viii) Hon. Jonah Sewera;
- (ix) Mr. Pensele Marunga; and
- (x) Ms. Angeline Gutu

3. **QUESTIONS WITH NOTICES:**

- (i) Mr. Katjimune (PDM) to ask the Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service (No. 101).
- (ii) Mr. Kauandenge (NUDO) to ask the Prime Minister (No. 102).
- (iii) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 103).

- (iv) Ms. Mootu (LPM) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 104) – *Ruled out of Order*.
- (v) Mr. Iipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Prime Minister (No. 105).
- (vi) Mr. Hamata (PDM) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 106).

4. **URGENT ORAL QUESTION:**

Mr. Ithete (SWAPO) asked the Minister of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare (No. 61) – *Replied to*.

5. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Minister of Justice addressed the Assembly on the alleged disappearance of a docket in the matter of a Chinese national Mr. Hou Xue Cheng and his co-accused Mr. Hamutenya Hamutenya, and that as a result the matter was struck from the court roll.

The Minister said a news article in a local newspaper of 16 September 2022 that reported about the disappearance of the docket, was devoid of any truth and the act of putting to print a story which mislead the public in such a manner was a blatant disregard of the trust placed on the media to keep the public informed.

In her letter dated 19 September 2022, the Prosecutor General wrote to the news editor to set the record straight that the docket was not lost, and it is against this background that the Minister of Justice made the Ministerial.

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Reconsideration – *Combating of Domestic Violence Amendment Bill* [B. 1 – 2022].

The Minister of Justice moved, subject to Rule 32(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 5(d) as amended by the National Council, put and rejected by the Minister.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill as reconsidered reported without amendments.

In terms of Article 75(3), the Deputy Speaker shall refer the *Bill* to H.E the President to deal with it under Articles 56 and 64 of the Constitution.

7. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Property Valuers Profession Amendment Bill* [B. 6 – 2022].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 13 September 2022, as moved by the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (page 162): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Ms. Dienda on behalf of Mr. Vries, seconded by Ms. Araes, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 27 September 2022.

8. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the effectiveness and adequacy of the legal framework dealing with drug offences in Namibia.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 13 September 2022, as moved by Mr. Katoma (page 163): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Katjimune on behalf of Mr. Muharukua, seconded by Mr. Hamata, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 28 September 2022.

9. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on how NSFAP can assist students from underprivileged families who have no income to pay for registration fees.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 13 September 2022, as moved by Mr. Amutse (page 163): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology, seconded by Mr. Mareka, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 21 September 2022.

10. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate to write-off water debt accumulated over the years by local authorities to NAMWATER.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 14 September 2022, as moved by Mr. Seibeb (page 168): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, seconded by Mr. Tweya, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 28 September 2022.

11. **SIXTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate to write-off electricity debt accumulated over the years by local authorities to NAMPOWER.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 14 September 2022, as moved by Mr. Seibeb (page 168): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Finance, seconded by the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs, debate deferred to Wednesday, 21 September 2022.

12. **SEVENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the formalization of the informal sector.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 14 September 2022, as moved by Ms. Kafula (page 169): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of Ms. Dienda on behalf of Ms. Hengari, seconded by Mr. Katjimune, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 27 September 2022.

13. The Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:13 until Wednesday, 21 September 2022.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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