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SEVENTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2023

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 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**
 - (i) The Speaker announced that he had been informed by the Chairperson of the National Council, that the Council in terms of Article 75(2) of the Constitution, had considered and confirmed the following *Bills* without amendments.
 - (a) *Appropriation Amendment Bill* [B.9 – 2022];
 - (b) *Abolition of Payment by Cheque Bill* [B.5 – 2022];
 - (c) *Property Valuers Profession Amendment Bill* [B.6 – 2022];
 - (d) *Administration of Estates Amendment Bill* [B.7 – 2022];
 - (e) *Repeal of Obsolete Laws Bill* [B.8 – 2022];
 - (f) *Road Fund Administration Bill* [B.10 – 2022];
 - (g) *Stamp Duties Amendment Bill* [B.11 – 2022];
 - (h) *Income Tax Amendment Bill* [B.12 – 2022]; and
 - (i) *Value Added Tax Amendment Bill* [B.13 – 2022].

In terms of Article 75(3) of the Namibian Constitution, these *Bills* were referred to His Excellency the President to deal with them under Articles 56 and 64 of our Constitution.

- (ii) The Speaker further announced that Members will find the copy of the e-Parliament Strategy 2023 – 2027, launched last year in December, on their desks. With this Strategy, Parliament has now embarked on an e-Parliament reform to digitize the operations of Parliament and to improve service delivery and efficiency.

- (iii) Lastly, the Speaker reported that Members of the Junior National Council representing all 14 regions are in the gallery to observe the session. The Junior Council members are gathered in Windhoek to discussed among others, mechanisms to promote inclusive and participatory democracy through regional representation and various issues contributing to the high failure rate of Grade 11 and 12 learners.

3. **Hon. Hambyuka laid upon the Table for note-taking:**

Report of the First Ordinary Session of the Sixth Parliament of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) held in Midrand, South Africa from 24 October to 12 November 2022.

The Report contains the Amendments of the Rules and Procedures, Rotation of the Presidency, Re-alignment of the Permanent Committees, the Development of Model Laws, Motions, discussions and debates on various reports from the different Permanent Committees.

4. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Kauandenge (NUDO) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 16).
- (ii) Hon. Swartbooi (LPM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 17).
- (iii) Hon. Isaaks (LPM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 18).
- (iv) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 19).
- (v) Hon. Mukwiilongo (NEFF) to ask the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources (No. 20).
- (vi) Hon. Muharukua (PDM) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 21).
- (vii) Hon. Muharukua (PDM) to ask the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 22).

5. **Hon. Seibeb moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Mootu until further notice.

Agreed to.

6. **Hon. Hambyuka moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Masua until further notice.

Agreed to.

7. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Hon. McHenry Venaani moved, seconded by Hon. Van Wyk:

That water flowing from bordering areas of southern Angola caused flooding in the northern Ohangwena Region from mid-January 2023. As of 17 January 2023, local media reported dozens of homes were flooded in nine villages, namely: Engela and Ouhongo, Onanghulo, Omatunda, Omandobe, Oshandubala, Onamilunga, Oikalahanya, Omhedi and Oshitambi.

Village roads are full and blocked by water and people cannot cross these streams as the water is deep. Over 800 learners remain grounded at home, barely a week after school started for the new academic year.

He therefore moved, that this House *discuss* and *debate* the need to put flood control and management measures that are sufficient, and provide financial aid to the affected communities.

On the motion of the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, seconded by Hon. Katjingisua, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 28 February 2023.

8. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Hon. Swartbooi moved, seconded by Hon. Seibeb:

That this Assembly –

Discuss and *debate* the current deep crisis in our education sector, with a view to find immediate and long-term interventions to overcome the post-COVID 19 impact with the education system.

On the motion of Hon. Tjirare, seconded by Hon. Katjimune, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 1 March 2023.

9. On the motion of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy, the Assembly adjourned at 16:45 until Wednesday, 22 February 2023.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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