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ORDER PAPER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 27 APRIL 2023 (14:30 – 17:45)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- I. Consideration of Report of the Select Committee on the mass resignation of fishermen employed under the Government Employment Redressing Program in Walvis Bay [Hon. Tweya].
- II. Resumption of Debate on the establishment of a Genocide Memorial Museum for the 1904 genocide perpetuated against the OvaHerero and Nama community [Hon. Hengari].
- III. Resumption of Consideration of Report of the Standing Committee on the oversight visits to Namibia Revenue Agency, Domestic Tax Offices and Customs entry points in Oshana, Ohangwena and Erongo Regions [Hon. Ithete].
- IV. Resumption of Consideration of the Committee Reports on the 60th Meeting of the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the 41st Session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly held in Strasborg, France; and Report on the 61st Session of the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly and the 42nd Session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly held in Maputo, Mozambique [Hon. Ithete].

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. Deputy Minister of Works and Transport:

That this Assembly –

Discuss the possibility to investigate the overcharges, and unethical multiple charges resulting into over profiteering by Commercial Banks in Namibia's perpetual colonial legacy of class and race discrimination against their clients.

II. Hon. Mootu:

That this Assembly -

Discusses the current state-of-affairs at Namibian Institute of Public Administration (NIPAM), as far as it pertains to its administration and governance architecture, financial operations, procurement processes and internal politics.

Further, that this Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for proper consultations and report back to this Assembly.

III. Hon. Seibeb:

That this Assembly –

Discusses the initiation and development of the Green Hydrogen industrial sector in the Republic of Namibia with a view to becoming a global hub in the Green Hydrogen space. Further, that this House discusses the legislative framework, as well as the community involvement in the sector.

IV. Hon. Swartbooi:

That this Assembly -

Discusses the Double Taxation Regime (DTR) and its implications for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the country, with the purpose of finding an appropriate national taxing regime that would enhance our standing as an investment destination of choice.

V. Hon. McHenry Venaani:

That this Assembly –

Discusses initiate an investigation into what appears to be a bitterly unscrupulous power struggle unfolding at the National Petroleum Corporation of Namibia (NAMCOR), warranting concern and suspicion surrounding the management and possible looting of Namibia's natural resources, promoting public distrust.

Further, that this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee, allowing that this House fully invoke the powers of said Committee to subpoena witnesses to appear before it, as provided for by the Powers, Privileges and Immunities of Parliament Act 17 of 1996.

VI. Hon. McHenry Venaani:

That this Assembly -

Discusses the most recent census which indicates that we have 464 839 households, of which 6% are headed by single persons. Typically, we understand a great proportion of these households to be headed by women, with same census report citing that 43.8% of Namibian households are

female headed. This supported by trends which indicate that women are generally more likely than their male counterparts to parent and raise their children.

According to a report of the Office of the Judiciary, by 2018 we had 31 104 active maintenance of which 15 097 were default cases. We are also aware that a great proportion of single parents opt not to pursue child maintenance order. This indicates a skewed socio-economic burden placed on women in caring for children and families. Single parent households generally have lower incomes and are more vulnerable to food insecurity.

I thus further move, that this House explore possible remedies such as subsidized utilities and public transport in order to create better safety nets for single mothers, and alleviate some of the disproportionate socio-economic burden placed on them.

Further, that this motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee.

THURSDAY, 8 JUNE 2023

NOTICE OF A MOTION

Hon. Hengari:

Despite Namibia's comprehensive legal and policy framework, issues pertaining to the safety and protection of children remain prevalent and persistent. The latest reports of a female minor who was chained and allegedly abused is part of an even bigger national outcry;

That this Assembly –

Debate the safety and protection of children, and where necessary, make recommendations to line Ministries and Agencies to introduce and or strengthen mechanisms for the protection of children countrywide.

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

ORDER OF THE DAY

Resumption of Consideration of Report of the SADC-PF Election Observation Mission on the General Elections held in Angola during August 2022 – [Hon. Hengari].

THURSDAY, 22 JUNE 2023

Hon. Hengari:

The state of prison cells and holding facilities countrywide calls for an urgent revamp and even a total reconstruction of most of these facilities, as it constitutes a serious violation of human rights. The ongoing problem of overcrowding at over 980 percent of the police cells worsens the prevailing appalling conditions under which trial-awaiting prisoners and accused persons are held.

That this Assembly -

Debate the deplorable conditions in which holding facilities and prison cells are in with the objective of protecting the rights of all human beings to dignity.