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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 13 JUNE 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 reported that in terms of Rule 15(c) of the Standing Rules and Orders, this Seventh Session of the National Assembly will come to an end on Thursday, 13th July 2023. As of today, there are now only 15 sitting days left before the termination of this Session.

On the Order Paper, there are still important items to be dealt with during the remaining sitting days. As such, the Speaker urged the Members to consider the time that is left, in order to finalise these items on time.

The Speaker reminded the Members to take into account that, in terms of Rule 24(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders; that “*All business undisposed of at the last sitting day of a Session shall lapse, but can again be introduced at the next Session ...*”; and requested the Members to ensure that all business on the Order Paper is disposed of by the 13th July 2022.

The next and Eighth Session is going to commence on Tuesday, 5 September 2023.

- (ii) Further, the Speaker acknowledged the presence of the visiting Kenyan Parliamentarians in the Gallery. The Parliamentary delegation is from the Departmental Committee on Blue Economy, Water and Irrigation, and they

are in Namibia to learn the best practices in the Namibia's fishing and marine resource sector.

The Members are –

Hon. Stanley Muiiruri Muthama – Leader of the delegation

Hon. Tandaza Kassim Sawa

Hon. Eng. Paul Nzengu

Hon. John Ariko

Hon. Julius Rutto

Hon. George Gachagua

Ms. Ivy Kageha; and

Ms. Jacinta Kananu

- (iii) Thirdly, the Speaker announced that in terms of the Public Service Management Circular No. 11 of 2018 and 26 of 2019, all Offices, Ministries and Agencies are required to conduct a payroll audit annually using the April payroll for the purpose of eliminating amongst others, the wastages and ghost employees.

Based on the above-mentioned, Private Members are requested to visit the verification point in the Courtyard in front of the Library as from tomorrow Wednesday, the 13th June 2023 from 10:00 for verification purposes. Members are expected to bring along their identification documents or passports.

- (iv) The Speaker also acknowledged the presence of the visiting Joint Committees on Rules and Programme of the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature, who are on a three day benchmarking visit to our National Council. The delegation is led by the Speaker of the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature Honourable Nontembeko Nothemba Boyce.

3. **In terms of Rule 96(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker presented a Petition on behalf of former Air Namibia Workers Committee:**

This is a follow up Petition on the first one that was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on 24 November 2022, which had to do with the severance packages owed to Air Namibia employees. The Petitioners are calling on the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee to finalise their first Petition.

The Speaker tabled the Petition and moved that it be referred to the Standing Committee dealing with Petitions, to draw up rules governing the treatment of requests and complaints and shall use them as the basis for its decisions in each case.

4. **The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises laid upon the Table:**

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

- (i) Office of the President for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (ii) National Council for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (iii) Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;

- (iv) Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs: Vote 8 Department of Defence for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (v) Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (vi) Ministry of Urban and Rural Development for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (vii) Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (viii) Department of Works of the Ministry of Works and Transport for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (ix) Department of Transport of the Ministry of Works and Transport for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (x) Criminal Assets Recovery Fund of the Ministry of Justice for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (xi) Namibia Central Intelligence Service for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (xii) Agricultural Bank of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (xiii) Meat Board of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (xiv) Municipality of Mariental for the financial year ended 30 June 2022;
- (xv) Namibia Competition Commission for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (xvi) Namibia Press Agency for the financial year ended 31 March 2021;
- (xvii) Performance Audit Report on the Management of the Drought Relief Programme in Namibia, within the Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform for the financial years 2015/2016 and 2019/2020 extended until March 2022;
- (xviii) Municipality of Otjiwarongo for the financial year ended 30 June 2022; and
- (xix) Regional Council of the Zambezi Region for the financial year ended 31 March 2019.

5. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Van Wyk (PDM) to ask the Minister of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare (No. 78).
- (ii) Hon. Shekupakela (RDP) to ask the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation (No. 79).

- (iii) Hon. Vries (PDM) to ask the Minister in the Presidency (No. 80).
- (iv) Hon. Isaaks (LPM) to ask the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 81).
- (v) Hon. Mike Venaani (PDM) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 82).
- (vi) Hon. Dr. Iijambo (SWANU) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 83).

6. **URGENT ORAL QUESTION:**

Hon. Tjiveze (RP) asked the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 18) –
Replied to.

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

The Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism made a Statement to the Assembly regarding the Ministry's plans to ban the usage of some single-use plastics in Namibia.

The Minister reported that smarter choices need to be made when it comes to buying and selling single-use plastic products. The Minister said the plastic waste stays on this planet for much longer than any of us may think, even when they are recycled, the waste remains on earth.

Therefore, the Minister submitted for the Members' information the Ministry's plan in implementing Parliament recommendations to ban the use of single-use plastics in Namibia, effective from 2026 or earlier. This ban will follow the draft road map and will apply to the plastics as listed in the recommendations that will be submitted to Cabinet for approval.

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

Hon. Hambyuka moved, seconded by Hon. Dr. Aupindi:

That this Assembly –

Discusses the brave deeds of the Late Hompa Kandjimi-Hauwanga of VaKwangali against the racist German and Portuguese imperialists. The Late Hompa Hauwanga is one of the brave Chiefs of the VaKwangali community who fought side-by-side and shoulder by shoulder with his fellow Kings such as the Late King Mandume Ya Ndemufayo of the VaKwanyama people.

During that time, VaKwangali Hompas such as Hompa Himarwa Ithete and Kandjimi-Hauwanga and other fellow Hompas and Fumu in former Kavango Land were strongly opposing the settlements of white people in the area.

The Late Hompa Kandjimi is highly respected by the VaKwangali people because of his bravery, he refused white people to violate the rights of his subjects and even the missionaries had a tough time establishing their stations in Ukwangali area. The late Hompa under discussion was killed by the Germans some 250 km

from his people in the area of Sivanda/Oshivanda/Otjivanda now Grootfontein in 1924. After his decapitation, his head was taken to Germany and the Ukwangali Traditional Authority was reliably informed by the Namibian delegation to Germany that went to repatriate skulls of other Namibians that this skull is amongst those that are in Germany.

Against this rationale, that this house deliberate this Motion and refer it to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further research and report back to this August House.

On the motion of Hon. Kauandenge, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 21 June 2023.

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

Hon. Dingara moved, seconded by the Deputy Speaker:

That despite the land of the brave (Namibia) having natural, mineral and marine resources in abundance, the majority of its people are living in abject poverty as if they are just representatives of a true owner who is yet to come, a situation we can only compare to farm workers in Namibia living on a farm owned by absentee landlords.

The difference is that on the farm of the absentee landlord, all the people living there are aware that they do not own the farm while on the other hand, we, the Namibian people are in fact the actual and rightful owners of the land we inhabit, along with all the resources it contains.

Why do we have to live and behave the same way as those farm workers?

He therefore asked, that this Assembly –

Debates the formula which he has developed, the formula of one million Namibian Dollars for every Namibian, to ensure that within a period of one year, after the discussion or debate on this Motion has been concluded, that each and every Namibian shall receive not less than the one million Namibian Dollars, in value from the existing valuable resources the country we own has and that this August House identify the implementing agency, from the existing government structure to immediately kick start the process of giving Namibians the dignified life they deserve without interrupting the current government programs.

10. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:45 until Wednesday, 14 June 2023.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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