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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA ORDER PAPER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE 2023 (14:30 - 17:45)

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Financial Intelligence Act, 2012 so as to substitute and insert new definitions; to delete certain provisions requiring companies, close corporations and trusts to submit certain information to the Registrar of Companies and Close Corporations and the Master of the High Court, respectively, in order to avoid duplication with legislation governing companies, close corporations and trusts; to provide for the operational independence and autonomy of the Financial Intelligence Centre; to provide for the establishment of the Board for the Centre and for its powers and functions; to include certain persons as members of the Anti-Money Laundering and Combating of the Financing of Terrorism and Proliferation Council; to amend the functions of the Council; to require accountable institutions to identify and verify beneficiaries and beneficial owners of life insurance policies and other investment related policies and whether the beneficiaries of beneficial owners are prominent influential persons; to require accountable institutions to have in place appropriate risk management and monitoring systems and other measures to determine whether clients or beneficial owners are prominent influential persons; to require supervisory bodies to impose consolidated group supervision on businesses conducted by a group of institutions of which accountable or reporting institutions form part of; to identify non-profit organisations that are subject to the applicable provisions of this Act and to monitor the identified non-profit organisations to comply with measures to combat the financing of terrorism; to require accountable institutions with foreign branches and majority owned subsidiaries to implement a group-wide anti-money laundering and financing of terrorism or proliferation measures on the branches and subsidiaries; to provide for the nature and manner in which confidential information may be shared between accountable and reporting institutions to further the objects of this Act; to insert Schedule 5 in the Act providing for categories of natural persons who are regarded as beneficial owners and Schedule 6 providing for persons who are regarded as prominent influential persons; and to provide for incidental matters.

II. Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to provide for compilation and maintenance of a Civil Register; to provide for appointment of Registrar-General and Registrars; to determine age of certain persons recorded in the Civil Register in accordance with this Act; to provide for name changes and other alterations to the Civil Register; to provide for the issue of identity documents to certain persons listed in the Civil Register; to provide for an Appeals Tribunal and incidental matters.

III. 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

IV. 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 subpoen witnesses to appear before it, as provided for by the Powers, Privileges and Immunities of Parliament Act 17 of 1996.

V. 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.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- I. Resumption of Consideration of Report of the SADC-PF Election Observation Mission on the General Elections held in Angola during August 2022 [Hon. Kooper].
- II. Resumption of Debate on the Double Taxation Regime (DTR) and its implications for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the country [Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises].
- III. Resumption of Debate on the unconstitutional Supreme Court judgment on same sex marriage [Hon. Ithete].
- IV. Resumption of Debate on the establishment of a Genocide Memorial Museum for the 1904 genocide perpetuated against the OvaHerero and Nama community [Hon. Hengari].
- V. Resumption of Debate on the possibility to investigate the unethical multiple charges resulting in over profiteering by Commercial Banks in Namibia's perpetual colonial legacy of class and race discrimination against their clients [Hon. Masua].
- VI. Resumption of Debate on 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 [Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises].
- VII. Resumption of Debate to provide every Namibian one million Namibian Dollars from the existing valuable resources found in the country.

WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE 2023

ORDER OF THE DAY

Resumption of Debate on the brave deeds of the Late Hompa Kandjimi-Hauwanga of VaKwangali against the racist German and Portuguese imperialists and to have his skull and of others Namibians repatriated from Germany – [Hon. Kauandenge].

THURSDAY, 22 JUNE 2023

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. 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.

II. Hon. Hamata:

That this Assembly, discuss the following -

By 2014 the project titled Groundwater Investigations in the north of Namibia could identify and demarcate a vast multi-layered groundwater system, the Ohangwena Groundwater System (OGS), with its main aquifers of Kalahari-Ohangwena (KOH-1 and KOH-2). The OGS is a high yielding aquifer system with an enormous volume of stored potable water. The amount of stored groundwater in the KOH-2 aquifer on the Namibian side is conservatively calculated ro 20 billion cubic meters.

As climate change worsens, groundwater stores will become more and more critical to maintain our access not only to safe, drinkable water, but also for agricultural, industrial and other purposes. Consequently, a country (or region) with an abundance of water has the potential to attract investment, create massive jobs, and become self-sufficient in food.

I therefore move that it is of national interest to develop and protect this aquifer against any illegal activities such as drilling and potential pollution.

Further, that this Assembly discusses the potential, protection and sustainable utilization of this massive resource.