



NINTH SESSION, SIXTH NATIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, July 13, 2023

(09:30 - 13:00)

No.23 – 2023

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

- 1.0 The Chairperson took the Chair.
- 2.0 The Chairperson asked Honourable Ndjago in terms of Rule 23(2), to pray and Honourable Ndjago read the Prayer.
- 3.0 The Chairperson read the Affirmation.
- 4.0 ANNOUNCEMENT(S) BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER
 - 4.1 The Chairperson announced that, Honourable Tom Alweendo, the Minister of Mines and Energy, on **Monday, the 17th of July 2023, 14:30, in G.4** will brief all the Honourable Members on the important issues of Oil, Gas and Green Hydrogen.
 - 4.2 Furthermore, on **Wednesday, 19th of July 2023, 14:30 in G4**, the Government Institutions Pension Funds (GIPF)'s Kuleni fund administrators will give a debriefing to the Honourables Members regarding their pensions and related matters.

5.0 VISITING DELEGATION(S)

A group of Grade 9 learners and teachers from DHPS Private School, Khomas Region toured the Parliament of the Republic of Namibia and thereafter observed the proceedings of the National Council.

6.0 NOTICES OF MOTION(S)

6.1 Honourable Shiimi moved that he wished to lay upon the Table, the *Report of the delegation of the Chairperson of the National Council to the Benchmarking Study visit and signing of the cooperation agreement between the National Council and the Federal Council of the Federation Assembly of the Russian Federation held in Moscow, Russia from 21 to 24 March 2023.*

6.2 Honourable Shiimi moved that he wished to lay upon the Table, the *Report of the Parliament of Namibia delegation to the Russia-Africa Parliamentary Conference held in Moscow, Russia from 19 to 20 March 2023.*

6.3 Honourable Shiimi moved that he wished to lay upon the Table, the *Report of the Chairperson of the National Council's Outreach Programme to Hardap and Omaheke Regions from 17 to 28 October 2022.*

6.4 Honourable Hanghuwo gave notice in terms of 54 of the National Council Standing Rules and Orders as amended: That on Monday, 17 July 2023, she shall move *the Report of the Namibian Parliamentary delegation on 46th Assembly and related meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) held in Bahrain, Manama from 11 to 15 March 2023.*

7.0 MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Chairperson announced to the National Council that the National Assembly has passed and referred the following Bills to the National Council for review in accordance with Article 75(1) of the Namibian Constitution:

- i) *Definition of Spouse Bill* [2023]
- ii) *Marriage Amendment Bill* [2023]

The Chairperson then called upon the Secretary to read the Bills a First time.

8.0 DEBATE ON COMMITTEE STAGE

8.1 FIRST ORDER READ

Debate on Committee Stage – *Payment System Management Bill* [B.14 – 2023].

The Chairperson put the question: That he leaves the Chair.

Agreed to.

The Chairperson of the National Council called upon Honourable Likando, the First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House to take the Chair.

Honourable Likando then took the Chair.

Council in Committee:

Clauses **1** to **50** were put and agreed to.

The **Schedule** was put and agreed to.

Clause **51, The Short Title** was put and agreed to.

Council resumed:

Honourable Likando, the First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House reported the Bill **without amendments**.

The Bill stood referred to a **Third Reading**.

8.2 SECOND ORDER READ

Debate on Committee Stage – *Trust Administration Bill* [B.16 – 2023].

The Chairperson put the question: That he leaves the Chair.

Agreed to.

The Chairperson of the National Council called upon Honourable Likando, the First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House to take the Chair.

Honourable Likando then took the Chair.

Council in Committee:

Clauses **1** to **54** were put and agreed to.

Clause **55**, **The Short Title** was put and agreed to.

Council resumed:

Honourable Likando, the First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House reported the Bill **without amendments**.

The Bill stood referred to a **Third Reading**.

9.0 INTRODUCTION AND MOTIVATION OF REPORT(S)

THIRD ORDER READ

Honourable Likando moved, seconded by Honourable Tjaveondja, *the Report of the National Council Standing Committee on Home Affairs, Security, Constitutional and Legal Affairs-Joint-in-Camera Ministerial Engagement Sessions, held in Windhoek from 08th, 09th, and 19th of June 2023 and also 06th July 2023.*

The Chairperson put the question: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

The Report was unanimously adopted **with corrections.**

10.0 Honourable Shiimi, adjourned the Council at 10:40 until Monday, July 17, 2023 at 09:30.

Mr Tousy J. Namiseb
Secretary to the National Council
