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**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE**  
**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2023**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **The Speaker presented and laid upon the Table, in terms of Rule 96(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders –**

A Petition by the Power of Unity Movement Foundation, received on 11 July 2023.

In the Petition, the Foundation is raising its concern for the recognition of same sex-marriages without due consideration of domestic laws but purely on common law which was applied vertically as opposed to horizontally as all nations have their unique culture and values of what they accept.

Further, the Foundation also expressed its concern that they learned that the National Assembly, without public engagement and against the spirit of public accountability decided to rush multiple Bills including the Civil Registration and Identification Bill without public engagement and nor adequate time for MPs to study it thoroughly to avoid grey listing.

The Speaker said this Petition is going to be submitted 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.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS FOR 14 SEPTEMBER 2023:**
  - (i) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 131).

- (ii) Hon. Venaani (PDM) to ask the Hon. Prime Minister (No. 132).
- (iii) Hon. Van den Heever (PDM) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 133).

4. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the establishment of a Genocide Memorial Museum for the 1904 genocide perpetuated against the OvaHerero and Nama community.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 11 July 2023, as moved by Hon. Kauandenge. (page 16).

Question put: That the Motion be adopted.

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Agreed to.

5. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – *Civil Registration and Identification Bill* [B. 2 – 2023].

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security moved, seconded by Hon. Kafula: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Arrangement of Sections put and agreed to.  
Clause 1 put.

In Clause 1 on the definition of “marriage”, Members raised different opinions from the floor and since no consensus could be reached, the Deputy Chairperson of the Whole House Committee suspended the debate on the Committee Stage, and reported progress to the Speaker.

6. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on 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.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 11 July 2023, as moved by Hon. Hengari (page 105): That the Motion be referred to a Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare, seconded by Hon. Dingara, debate adjourned until Thursday, 13 July 2023.

7. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:47 until Thursday, 13 July 2023.

**MS. L. KANDETU**  
*Secretary of the National Assembly*

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