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SEVENTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, 3 JULY 2023

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.

2. URGENT ORAL QUESTION:

Hon. Van Wyk (PDM) asked the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister (No. 28) - Replied to.

3. NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:

- (i) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 114).
- (ii) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 115).
- (iii) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Justice (No. 116).
- (iv) Hon. Swartbooi (LPM) to ask the Minister of Justice (No. 117).

4. Hon. Hambyuka moved without notice in terms of Rule 27(d) of the Standing Rules and Orders:

That the proceedings on the First Notice of a Motion, and the First, Second, Third and Fourth Order on the Order Paper be, in accordance with Rule 99 of the Standing Rules and Orders, not interrupted if still under consideration at 17:45.

Agreed to.

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

The Minister of Justice moved, seconded by the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to regulate the control and administration of trusts; regulate trustees and trust practitioners providing services relating to trusts; specify powers and functions of trustees in respect of trust, specify powers and functions of court in respect of trust; to require Master and trustees to keep beneficial ownership registers and other registers relating to the trust; and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

Trust Administration Bill [B.16 – 2023] read a First Time.

The Minister of Justice moved, subject to Rule 32(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 4 July 2023.

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Committee Stage - Banking Institutions Bill [B. 15-2023].

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by the Minister of Industrialisation and Trade: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

The Deputy Chairperson of the Whole House Committee reported that when progress was reported on Thursday, 29 June 2023, Clauses 1 to 63, and Clauses 65 to 106, and Clauses 109 and 110, and the Title were put and agreed to without amendments. Whereas Clauses 64, 107 and 108 stood over to accommodate possible amendments.

Clause 64 put and agreed to.

Clause 107 put. Clause 107 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Clause 108 put. Clause 108 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported with amendments.

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by the Minister of Mines and Energy: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

Banking Institutions Bill [B. 15 – 2023] read a Third Time.

7. FOURTH ORDER READ:

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

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by the Minister of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

On behalf of the PDM Party, Hon. Dienda raised an objection to the whole Bill in terms of Rule 78 of the Standing Rules and Orders, and requested that it be recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings.

Clause 1 - 18 put and agreed to. Clause 19 - 39 put and agreed to.

Clause 40 put, Clause 40 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Clause 41 - 50 put and agreed to. Title put and agreed to. Schedule put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported with amendments.

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

Payment System Management Bill [B. 14 – 2023] read a Third Time.

8. SECOND ORDER READ:

Committee Stage – Companies Act Amendment Bill [B. 9 – 2023].

The Deputy Minister of Industrialisation and Trade moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

On behalf of the PDM Party, Hon. Dienda raised an objection to the whole Bill in terms of Rule 78 of the Standing Rules and Orders, and requested that it be recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings.

Clause 1 - 3 put and agreed to.

Clause 4 put, Clause 4 as amended by the Deputy Minister, put and agreed to.

Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported with amendments.

The Deputy Minister of Industrialisation and Trade moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

Companies Act Amendment Bill [B. 9 - 2023] read a Third Time.

9. THIRD ORDER READ:

Committee Stage - Close Corporation Amendment Act Bill [B. 6 - 2023].

The Deputy Minister of Industrialisation and Trade moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

On behalf of the PDM Party, Hon. Dienda raised an objection to the whole Bill in terms of Rule 78 of the Standing Rules and Orders, and requested that it be recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings.

Clause 1 put and agreed to.

Clause 2 put, Clause 2 as amended by the Deputy Minister, put and agreed to.

Title put, Title as amended by the Deputy Minister, put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported with amendments.

The Deputy Minister of Industrialisation and Trade moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

Close Corporation Amendment Act Bill [B. 6 – 2023] read a Third Time.

10. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 18:02 until Tuesday, 4 July 2023.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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