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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 6 JULY 2023

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcement by the Deputy Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Deputy Speaker announced that her office had been informed by the Chief Whip of the Landless People's Movement (LPM) that they have withdrawn Hon. Bernadus Swartbooi from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Natural Resources.

3. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by Hon. Dienda to Tuesday, 11 July 2023 on behalf of Hon. Hengari.
4. **THIRD NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by Hon. Hamata to Tuesday, 11 July 2023.
5. **QUESTIONS DEALT WITH:**
 - (i) Hon. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 1) – *Replied to.*
 - (ii) Hon. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 16) – *Replied to.*

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

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

The Minister of Justice moved, seconded by the Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1 – 8 put and agreed to.

Clause 9 put,
Clause 9 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to

Clause 10 put and agreed to.

Clause 11 put,
Clause 11 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Clause 12 put,
Clause 12 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Clause 13 – 19 put and agreed to.

Clause 20 put,
Clause 20 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Clause 21 – 26 put and agreed to.

Clause 27 put,
Clause 27 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Clause 28 – 50 put and agreed to.

Clause 51 put,
Clause 51 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Clause 52 – 55 put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported with amendments.

The Minister of Justice moved, seconded by the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

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

7. **FIFTH NOTICE OF A MOTION :**

Hon. Ekandjo moved, seconded by Hon. Tjiveze:

That leave be given to introduce a Private Members' bill in accordance with Rule 32 (e) (ii) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seeking to define the term Spouse; invoke Article 81 and 4 of the Namibian Constitution to contradict a decision of the Supreme Court of Namibia and assert the representative nature of the National Assembly and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

Definition of Spouse Private Members' Bill - read a First Time.

Hon. Ekandjo moved, subject to Rule 32(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

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

Hon. Ekandjo moved, seconded by Hon. Amutse:

That leave be given to introduce a Private Members' bill in accordance with Rule 32 (e) (ii) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seeking to amend the Marriage Act, 1961 so as to define the terms marriage, same sex marriage and spouse, to prohibit same sex marriage, solemnization of same sex marriage and the recognition of same sex marriage in Namibia and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

Marriage Amendment Private Members' Bill - read a First Time.

Hon. Ekandjo moved, subject to Rule 32(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by Hon. Shekupakela: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

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

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by the Minister of Mines and Energy:

That this Assembly –

Agrees to the Amendment of Government Notice No. 152, Part 2A of Schedule No. 1: Customs and Excise Act, 1998.

Question put: That the Amendment be adopted.

Agreed to.

10. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:50 until Tuesday, 11 July 2023.

MS. L. KANDETU

Secretary of the National Assembly

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