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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2023

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Hon. Dienda (PDM) to ask the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 165).
 - (ii) Hon. Katjimune (PDM) to ask the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 166).
 - (iii) Hon. Vries (PDM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 167).
 - (iv) Hon. Swartbooi (LPM) to ask the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources (No. 168).
 - (v) Hon. Iipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 169).
 - (vi) Hon. Mootu (LPM) to ask the Minister of Justice (No. 170).
 - (vii) Hon. Hengari (PDM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 171).

- (viii) Hon. Hengari (PDM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 172).
- (ix) Hon. Hamata (PDM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 173).
- (x) Hon. Hamata (PDM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 174).

3. **The Minister of Justice laid upon the Table for note-taking:**

The Law Reform and Development Commission Report on the Review of Article 46 of the Constitution and Section 77(4)(a) of the Electoral Act, 2014 (Act No. 5 of 2014).

4. **Hon. Kafula moved without Notice in terms of Rule 27(h) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

That leave of absence be granted to the Hon. Annakletha Sikerete until further notice.

Agreed to.

5. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Reconsideration – *Marriage Amendment Bill* [B. – 2023].

Hon. Ekandjo moved, seconded by Hon. Amutse: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

In Clause 1, as amended by the National Council, put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Private Member's Bill as Reconsidered, reported with the amendment.

Private Member's Bill to be referred to H.E. the President for his assent in terms of Article 56 and 64 of the Constitution.

6. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the Constitutional provision of Article 47(1), (e) and (f) as it discriminates against Regional Council, Local Authorities employees as well as civil servants to participate freely in parliamentary elections.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 12 September 2023, as moved by Hon. Kauaendenge (page 171): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security, seconded by the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 27 September 2023.

7. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:48 until Wednesday, 27 September 2023.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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