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EIGHTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2023

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **In compliance with Section 6(3) of the Ombudsman Act No. 7 of 1990; the Speaker laid upon the Table –**

Ombudsman's Annual Report for the year 2022.

3. **Announcements by the Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

- (i) The Speaker announced that while this august House was on recess, he was reliably informed about the passing on of Honourable Abner Erastus Nuule. The late Honourable Nuule was elected and served as a Member of the Constituent Assembly and later as a Member of the National Assembly, until his retirement in 1995.

The Speaker said he also learnt about the passing on of Honourable Hadino Hishongwa. The late Honourable Hishongwa also served as a Member of the Constituent Assembly and later as a Member of the National Assembly until his retirement from this august House in 2005.

A Minute of Silence was observed in memory of Honourable Nuule and Honourable Hishongwa.

- (ii) The Speaker reported that he has been informed by the Chairperson of the National Council, that the Council in terms of Article 75(2) of the Constitution, considered and confirmed the following *Bills* without amendments.

- (a) *Livestock and Livestock Products Amendment Bill* [B.4 – 2023]; and
- (b) *Definition of Spouse Bill* [B. 2023].

In terms of Article 75(3) of the Namibian Constitution, these *Bills* were referred to His Excellency the President to deal with them under Articles 56 and 64 of our Constitution.

The Speaker further reported that he has been informed by the Chairperson of the National Council, that the Council, in terms of Rule 75(2) of the Namibian Constitution, considered and confirmed the following *Bill* with amendments.

Marriage Amendment Bill [B. 2023].

This *Bill* will be placed on the Order Paper for reconsideration by this Assembly.,

- (iii) Lastly, the Speaker recognised and welcomed Hon. Frans Bertolini who was sworn in on 2 August 2023, to replace Hon. Elizabeth Celeste Becker who was recalled by her Party PDM.

4. NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:

- (i) Hon. Smit (PDM) to ask the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 134).
- (ii) Hon. Katjimune (PDM) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 135).
- (iii) Hon. Katjimune (PDM) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 136).
- (iv) Hon. Hamata (PDM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 137).
- (v) Hon. Van den Heever (PDM) to ask the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation (No. 138).
- (vi) Hon. Van den Heever (PDM) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 139).

5. Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:

The Prime Minister briefed the Assembly on the Outcome of the Namibia Livelihood Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis (VAA).

(Full Statement sent to the Telegram of the Members of the National Assembly).

- 6. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport, the Assembly adjourned at 17:38 until Tuesday, 12 September 2023.

MS. L. KANDETU

Secretary of the National Assembly

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