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**TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2023
(14:30 – 17:45)**

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. Hon. Kauandenge:

Namibia is about to go to the National elections next year with the same Constitutional provisions that discriminate against some members of our society to participate freely in our election process.

That he was a victim of that Constitutional provision in 2019 as well, that he believes that he is the right person to move this Motion in this House.

Therefore, that this Assembly –

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

II. Hon. Seibeb:

That this Assembly –

Engages in a deliberate discourse concerning the establishment institution known as the “Namibian Creative Hall of Fame”. This Hall of Fame encompasses a wide spectrum of creative domains, including but not limited to the following: Visual Arts and Crafts, Film and Television, Photography, Museums, Libraries and Galleries, Literature, Graphic Design, Fashion and Product

design, Architecture, Advertising and Marketing, Music, Performing Arts, as well as pertinent Offices, Ministries and Agencies.

That this Motion subsequently be referred to an appropriate Parliamentary Standing Committee for thorough consideration and report back to this Assembly.

III. Deputy Minister of Disability Affairs:

The recognition of Namibian Sign Language as one of the national languages in the country and the appointment of sign language interpreters on live parliamentary debate.

Article 3 in the Namibian Constitution recognises the right of Namibians to learn in their mother tongue, as well as the Language Policy for Schools in Namibia (2003).

Namibia has signed and ratified the UNCRPD and five articles in the CRPD have direct reference to deaf people and sign languages, and by recognising NSL, we will fulfil our pledge made in the UNCRPD. The UNCRPD emphasises that without respecting linguistic rights of deaf, their human rights cannot be fulfilled.

All deaf people have the right to the sign language of their country. Namibian Sign Language is the mother tongue of deaf people in Namibia. Currently, deaf people do not have access to live parliamentary debates due to the absence of a sign language interpreter and we need to create such positions on our structures and appoint sign language interpreters to ensure deaf people could participate fully in all spheres of the Namibian society.

It is therefore, against this background, that this Assembly –

Discusses and Recommends that Namibian Sign Language be recognised as one of the national languages in Namibia and the appointment of a sign language interpreter on live Parliamentary debate, and that this Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

IV. Deputy Minister of Works and Transport:

That this Assembly –

Discusses the possibility that Namibia Student Financial Assistance Fund (NSFAF) incentivize loan beneficiaries with the aim to stimulate entrepreneurship and job creation.

V. Hon. Van Wyk:

That this Assembly –

Discusses the current lack of support for Namibian musicians and look into the establishment and development of infrastructure and resources for the music industry in Namibia and also call for the deliberate support of Namibian music.

That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee to propose recommendations to this august House after conducting diligent work on the subject matter. Finally, that the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee, in conformity with the rule be encouraged to have associate Members of Parliament contribute to its work.

WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2023

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. Hon. Mukwiilongo:

That this Assembly –

Discusses democracy's success and relevance for Namibia aimed to critically assess whether democracy has effectively served Namibian interests, contributed to the cultivation of a robust and accountable political leadership landscape, and genuinely represented the collective will of the majority of our fellow Namibians

II. Hon. Vries:

That this Assembly –

Debates the food security situation in Namibia, its impact on the livelihoods of Namibians and seek urgent interventions to ensure food security situation in Namibia.

That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Stranding Committee to propose recommendations to this august House after conducting diligent work on the subject matter. Finally, that the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee, in conformity with the rule be encouraged to have associate Members of Parliament contribute to its work.

III. Hon. Hamata:

Long distance marriages can be pretty daunting. They can take a toll on the mental and physical health of spouses and their children.

All children have the right to grow up with both their parents, in the same environment. Children in family environments are generally safer and better cared for, yet things like long-distance marriages force hundreds of children from their biological parents each year and vice versa. These spouses and children suffer extreme stress when split from each other for months, sometimes years on end. Separation undermines children's development. What's more, it leaves them vulnerable to violence, exploitation and abuse.

Article 14(3) of our Constitution makes provision for the family being the natural and fundamental group unit of society, and is entitled to protection by society and the State.

That this Assembly therefore –

Discusses the issue of family separation due to long-distance marriages and the negative impacts this has on the psychological health and financial status of families as they now have to struggle to keep up with maintain two households in different towns, or regions.

Further, that this Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Stranding Committee for further investigation and informed counsel.

THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2023

ORDER OF THE DAY

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

WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2023

NOTICE OF A MOTION

Hon. Mike Venaani:

That this Assembly –

Debates the causes of the high crime rates in Namibia and seek urgent interventions to reduce the high crime rate.

That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee to propose recommendations to this august House after conducting diligent work on the subject matter.
