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ORDER PAPER  
OF THE  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**I. 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.

**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.

## **ORDER OF THE DAY**

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

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**TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2023**

## **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

### **I. Hon. Mootu:**

That this Assembly –

*Discusses* the suitable housing options in Namibia to address housing shortage and funding gaps.

Further, that this Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee.

### **II. Hon. Seibeb:**

That this Assembly –

*Discusses* the plight of the small-scale miners in the Erongo Region.

Further, that this Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee.

### **III. Hon. Moongo:**

Pregnancy and maternity are potentially vulnerable time for working women and their families. Expectant mothers and fathers, and nursing mothers require special protection to prevent any potential adverse effects for them and their infants.

That this House therefore –

*Discusses* the possibility of increasing the amount payable in respect of maternity leave, extending maternity leave duration up to five months will full pay, and including paternity leave in the legislative framework.

That this Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further inquiry and report back to this Assembly.

#### IV. **Hon. McHenry Venaani:**

That this Assembly –

*Debates* the renaming of the Buitepos Border Post to Mr. Ludwig Kanduketu Stanley Border Post to honour Mr. Ludwig Kanduketu Stanley. This serves as a profound testament to the struggle for independence and the people who made it possible.

Mr. Stanley’s stoic record as the facilitator for the Founding Father to go into exile is pivotal in the liberation narrative of Namibia. His audacious- act of aiding Founding President Dr, Sam Nujoma in escaping into exile in 1960 was a catalyst that set the wheels of revolution in motion, ultimately leading to the birth of a sovereign Namibia.

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

### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

- I. 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 – [Minister of Justice].
- II. Resumption of Debate on the establishment of an institution known as the “Namibian Creative Hall of Fame” that will encompass a wide spectrum of creative domains – [Hon. Kauandenge].

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**WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2023**

### **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

#### I. **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.

**II. Hon. Dr. Iijambo:**

Namibia is among the top 5 driest countries in the world. Considering the *status-quo*, SWANU of Namibia deem it necessary for the National Assembly to discuss and debate the current Drought Relief Programme(s) running.

How climate change contributes to the latter and possible mitigation measures that can be taken, to alleviate the plight of our people.

Unless we forge sustainable measures to mitigate harsh climatic change conditions, our people will be exposed to harsh environmental phenomenon.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

- I. Resumption of Debate on the recognition of the Namibian sign language as one of the national languages in Namibia and the appointment of a sign language interpreter on live parliamentary debate – [Deputy Minister of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare].
- II. Resumption of Debate on the current lack of support for Namibian musicians and to look into the establishment and development of infrastructure and resources for the music industry in Namibia – [Hon. Kauandenge].
- III. Resumption of Debate on democracy's success and relevance for Namibia aimed to critically assess whether it has effectively served Namibia's interests – [Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources].

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**THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**I. Hon. McHenry Venaani:**

That leave be given to introduce a Private Member's Bill to regulate the provision of free sanitary materials to school girls in need in the Republic of Namibia; to establish a framework for identification, distribution and monitoring; and to provide for incidental matters thereto.

**II. Hon. McHenry Venaani:**

That leave be given to introduce a Private Member's Bill to regulate the formal recognition of the Baster Traditional Authority within the Republic of Namibia. Additionally, the Bill intends to facilitate the establishment of Traditional Authorities in urban areas, provided that these areas represent the historical origins of the respective communities.

The objective is to accommodate the evolving landscape of urbanization, a dynamic that continually reshapes our society, without displacing people from their ancestral grounds. Accordingly, it is imperative that Traditional Authorities receive due recognition and jurisdiction within urban settings, especially when such localities serve as the historical epicenters for the communities in question.

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**TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**NOTICE OF A MOTION**

**Hon. McHenry Venaani:**

That this Assembly –

*Debates* the erection of an ever lighting shrine in Vaalgras, the hallowed ground where Kaptein Hendrik Witbooi made his ultimate sacrifice, which would serve as a perpetual beacon for Namibians, signifying both remembrance and inspiration.

The proposition to erect an ever-lit shrine in Vaalgras where Kaptein Hendril Witbooi fell ill in battle is more than a symbolic tribute; it serves as a tangible marker for a hero whose final resting place remains veiled in secrecy. Understanding that Witbooi, with indomitable foresight, instructed his fighters to bury him in an unmarked grave to prevent colonial exploiters from desecrating his remains, this shrine would offer a sacred- space that approximates his undisclosed burial ground. It's an act of reclaiming historical narrative, connecting present-day Namibia to a leader who valiantly defended its territorial integrity. This shrine would not merely serve as a monument but as a perpetual flame of resilience and freedom, illuminating our national memory and invigorating our collective identity.

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

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