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**TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2023  
(14:30 – 17:45)**

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**I. 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.

II. **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 for further scrutiny and report back.

III. **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 for further scrutiny and report back.

IV. **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 with 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.

V. **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.

VI. **Hon. Karupu:**

That this Assembly –

*Discusses and agrees* to the inclusion of Namibian former mine workers in South Africa on the ongoing compensation targeting all former mine workers in Southern African mines.

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

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

- I. Reconsideration – *Marriage Amendment Bill* [B. 2023] – [Hon. Ekandjo].
- II. 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].
- III. 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].
- IV. Resumption of Debate on the possibility that Namibia Student Financial Assistance Fund incentivize loan beneficiaries with the aim to stimulate entrepreneurship and job creation – [Hon. Katjimune].
- V. Resumption of Debate on food security situation in Namibia, its impact on the livelihoods of Namibians and to seek urgent interventions – [Deputy Minister of Marginalised People].

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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**

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS

### I. **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 Hendrik 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.

### II. **Hon. McHenry Venaani:**

That this Assembly *debates* the following –

According to the World Health Organisation and UNICEF's Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) 2020 data, Namibia ranks sixth for highest rates of open defecation in the world at 47%. Less than half of the country's 2.5 million citizens use facilities that safety separate waste from human contact, while some 5% use inadequate facilities such as open pits, buckets and hanging latrines.

In sharp contrast to the rest of Southern Africa, where sanitation coverage is severe, Namibia has extremely low levels of sanitation. Its rates of open defecation are over five times greater than those of either neighbouring Botswana or Zambia and more than twice as high as those of Angola. These conditions put Namibians, especially children, at risk of deadly faecal-oral diseases and infections that cause diarrhea, the second-biggest killer of under-fives in the country, while sanitation-related deficiencies such as malnutrition and stunted growth are also prevalent.

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

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**TUESDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2023**

## NOTICE OF A MOTION

**Hon. McHenry Venaani:**

That leave be given to introduce a Private Member's Bill to regulate the recognition, promotion and protection of the rights and interests of marginalized communities in the Republic of Namibia; to foster their inclusion and participation in mainstream education and society; to establish frameworks for capacity building, socio-economic support and integration programs; to mandate regular reporting and review on progress made; and for matters incidental thereto.

The objective of this Bill is to fundamentally address and rectify the deeply entrenched social, educational, and economic disparities that marginalized communities in Namibia face. Rooted in a commitment to human dignity and equality, this legislation aims not merely to recognize the existence of these communities but to uplift them through actionable programs and reforms. It seeks to dismantle the systemic barriers that keep them on the periphery, away from mainstream opportunities and institutional benefits.

By facilitating their seamless integration into the societal fabric through targeted education access and socio-economic support, this Bill endeavours to rewrite the narrative of exclusion and disadvantage. This is not merely an act of social justice but a vital necessity for the holistic development of the nation. A society can never truly prosper when sections of its population are mired in abject poverty, cut off from education and opportunity. Therefore, the passage and rigorous implementation of this Bill are imperative for the Republic of Namibia to fulfill its constitutional promise of equal rights and social justice for all its citizens.

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**THURSDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2023**

## **NOTICE OF A MOTION**

**Hon. McHenry Venaani:**

That leave be given to introduce a Private Member's Bill to amend the Marine Resources Act 27 of 2000 to regulate the provisions related to the allocation of quotas by the Minister to the National Fishing Corporation and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

The aim of this Private Member's Bill is to limit the discretionary authority vested in the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources with respect to the allocation of quotas for non-commercial harvesting or reserve purposes. Specifically, the Bill seeks to ensure that such allocations are made in strict adherence to the criteria and considerations outlined in Sections 32 and 33 of the Marine Resources Act.

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