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EIGHTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE**  
**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2023**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.

2. **URGENT ORAL QUESTION:**

Hon. Van Wyk (PDM) asked the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister (No. 39) – *Replied to.*

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

(i) Hon. Van Wyk (PDM) to ask the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 210).

(ii) Hon. Mukwilongo (NEFF) to ask the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 211).

(iii) Hon. Van den Heever (PDM) to ask the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 212).

4. **NOTICE OF A MOTION** lapsed in terms of Rule 28 of the Standing Rules and Orders.

5. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Magistrates' Court Amendment Bill* [B. 17 – 2023].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 10 October 2023, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 208): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 25 October 2023.

6. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *High Court Amendment Bill* [B. 18 – 2023].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 10 October 2023, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 208): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport, seconded by Hon. Ithete, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 25 October 2023.

7. **THIRD ORDER READ:** Hon. Kauandenge withdrew his Motion on the Constitutional Provision of Article 47(1), (e) and (f) in terms of Rule 30 of the Standing Rules and Orders, on condition that the Minister of Justice in due course re-introduces this Motion in the form of an amended Bill for consideration by the National Assembly.

8. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on 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.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 19 September 2023, as moved by Hon. Hamata (page 181): That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further investigation and informed counsel.

On the motion of Hon. Tjirare, seconded by Hon. Dienda, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 25 October 2023.

9. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:50 until Wednesday, 25 October 2023.

**MS. L. KANDETU**  
*Secretary of the National Assembly*

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