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OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2023

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

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

The Minister of Information and Communication Technology made a Ministerial Statement in which he shared with the House and the Namibian people at large about Namibia's Award as the African Champion of the Press by Nibert Zongo National Press Centre at the 10th International Festival of Freedom of Expression and the Press in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

3. **Hon. Dienda moved without Notice in terms of Rule 27(h) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

That leave of absence be granted to the Hon. Raymond R. Diergaardt until further notice.

Agreed to.

4. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

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

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 24 October 2023, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 208).

On the motion of Hon. Dienda, seconded by Hon. Vries, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 1 November 2023.

5. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

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

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 24 October 2023, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 208).

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport on behalf of Hon. Katamelo, seconded by Hon. Mukapuli, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 31 October 2023.

6. **THIRD 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, 24 October 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.

Motion deferred on behalf of Hon. Hamata, until Tuesday, 31 October 2023, for his reply.

7. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Report on the Outreach Programme to the Ohangwena Region during August 2023.

Hon. Kooper moved on behalf of the Hon. Deputy Speaker, seconded by Hon. Kandjimi: That the Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Deferred by Hon. Kooper on behalf of the Hon. Deputy Speaker, until Tuesday, 31 October 2023, for her reply.

8. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on 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.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 20 September 2023, as moved by Hon. Moongo (page 185): That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further inquiry and report back to this Assembly.

On the motion of Hon. Van den Heever on behalf of Hon. Hamata, seconded by Hon. Muharukua, debate adjourned until Thursday, 2 November 2023.

9. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:52 until Thursday, 26 October 2023.

MS. L. KANDETU

Secretary of the National Assembly

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