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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2023

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Hon. Iipumbu (NEFF) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy – (No. 41) – *Replied to.*
 - (ii) Hon. Dienda (PDM) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy – (No. 42) – *To be put in writing.*
 - (iii) Hon. Muharukua (PDM) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy – (No. 43) – *Replied to.*

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

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation briefed the Assembly on the New Partnership Agreement between the European Union (EU) and the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) that will be signed on 15 November 2013. This will replace the Cotonou Agreement of Cooperation that was signed in 2000.

The New Partnership Agreement would be a 20 year long, political, and legally binding document once signed and ratified by interested parties.

4. **NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Minister of Urban and Rural Development moved, seconded by the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Act, 2014, so as to provide for general registration of voters from April 2024 to July 2024; and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

Electoral Amendment Bill [B. 20 – 2023] read a First Time.

The Minister of Urban and Rural Development moved, subject to Rule 32(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Hon. Swartbooi, seconded by Hon. Seibeb, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 7 November 2023.

5. **FIRST ORDER:**

Speaker's Ruling on the adjournment of the *Appropriation Amendment Bill* [B. 21 – 2023].

With reference to who initially adjourned the *Appropriation Amendment Bill* [B. 21 – 2023] between Hon. Katamelo and Hon. Smit yesterday, 31 October 2023, the Speaker Ruled by confirming that Hon. Smit, being the Shadow Minister of Finance of the Official Opposition Party, is the one who is entitled to adjourn the debate, and the *Bill* therefor stands adjourned to Thursday, 7 November 2023 as per Hon. Smit request.

6. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

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

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 10 October 2023, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 204): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Hon. Muharukua, seconded by Hon. Dienda, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 7 November 2023.

7. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

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

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 31 October 2023, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 205): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Hon. Swartbooi, seconded by Hon. Seibeb, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 7 November 2023.

8. **FOURTH ORDER** deferred by the Deputy Speaker to Tuesday, 7 November 2023, for her reply.

9. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, the Assembly adjourned at 17:41 until Thursday, 2 November 2023.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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