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

**WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2023**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

2. **Hon. Katoma laid upon the Table for discussion:**

Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security on the Benchmark Visit to its Portfolio Counterpart Committee of the Parliament of Zimbabwe from 6 – 10 February 2023.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

(i) Hon. Shekupakela (RDP) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation – (No. 228).

(ii) Hon. Swartbooi (LPM) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy – (No. 229).

(iii) Hon. Swartbooi (LPM) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy / Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises – (No. 230).

(iv) Hon. Swartbooi (LPM) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy / Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises – (No. 231).

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

The Minister of Industrialisation and Trade informed the nation that the Government through its agency, the Business and Intellectual Property Authority (BIPA) on 31 October 2023 announced the launch of the Annual Duty Penalty

Waiver Programme, effective from 15 November 2023 until 31 March 2024. The waiver period covers the years 2012 up to 2022.

The Minister urged entrepreneurs in all 14 regions to make use of this relief accorded to them in order to avoid last minute applications.

5. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Appropriation Amendment Bill* [B. 21 – 2023].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 14 November 2023, as moved by the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (page 232): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Hon. Shekupakela, seconded by Hon. Dr. Iijambo, debate adjourned until Thursday, 16 November 2023.

6. **SECOND ORDER** deferred due to a lack of 49 voting Members.

7. **THIRD ORDER** deferred due to a lack of 49 voting Members.

8. **FOURTH ORDER** deferred due to a lack of 49 voting Members.

9. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

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.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 14 November 2023, as moved by Hon. Seibeb (page 171): That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

On the motion of Hon. Katjimune on behalf of Hon. Hengari, seconded by Hon. Moongo, debate adjourned until Thursday, 16 November 2023.

10. **SIXTH ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Report on Oversight Visits of Domestic Tax Offices and Customs entry points in Zambezi, Kavango East and West Regions held in August 2022.

Hon. Ithete moved, seconded by Hon. Katamelolo: That the Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

11. **SEVENTH ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Report on Interface Meetings and Site Visits of Central Business Districts and Malls in Windhoek, Oshakati and Ongwediva held in September 2022 to assess the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Hon. Ithete moved, seconded by Hon. Karondo: That the Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

12. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:54 until Thursday, 16 November 2023.

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

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