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

THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2023

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcement by the Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Speaker reminded the Members that the Eighth Session of the Seventh Parliament will come to an end on the 30th November 2023, and that all items undisposed of on that day will lapse.

Since there are now only six sitting days left before the end of this month, the Speaker reported that in the consultative meeting with Chief Whips yesterday, it has been agreed that the sitting days be extended to enable the House to consider as much items on the Order Paper before the it adjourns. It was therefore resolved that as from next week, the House will be sitting from Monday through to Friday. Mondays to Thursdays the sitting will be from 14:30 to 17:45 while on Fridays it will be from 09:00 to 12:30.

Due to this arrangement, the Committee Stage of the *Appropriation Amendment Bill* followed by the Reply by the Minister and Third Reading, will now be moved back from Tuesday to Monday.

Further, it was also proposed in the consultative meeting that the speaking time be limited to 5 minutes per Member, and it is hoped this arrangement is in order as it may enable the House to finish all items, or at least most of the items on the Order Paper, by the time the House stands adjourned.

The Speaker hereafter requested the Members to ensure that the House has the necessary quorum to enable it to adopt the items on the Order Paper.

Lastly, the Speaker shared with Members the in-house produced newsletter on the recently concluded 147th IPU Assembly and Related Meetings held from the 23 – 27 October 2023 in Luanda, Republic of Angola, for information.

3. Hon. Tweya laid upon the Table for discussions:

- (i) Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Natural Resources on the 27th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 27) held in Sharm El Sheikh from 6 – 12 November 2022; and
- (ii) Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Natural Resources on the Oversight Visit to Aqua-Culture Projects of the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources in Kavango East, Kavango West, Omusati, Oshana, Omaheke and //Kharas Regions.

4. The Minister of Finance laid upon the Table:

Reports of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the –

- (i) Performance Audit Report of the Auditor-General on the Management of Environmental Impact Assessments, Environmental Management Plans and Environmental Clearance Certificates within the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism for the financial years 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022;
- (ii) Town Council of Otavi for the financial years ended 30 June 2020 and 2021;
- (iii) Town Council of Nkurenkuru for the financial year ended 30 June 2022;
- (iv) Town Council of Oranjemund for the financial year ended 30 June 2022;
- (v) National Disaster Fund for the financial years ended 31 March 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017; and
- (vi) Marine Resources Fund for the financial years ended 31 March 2019, 2020 and 2021.

5. NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:

- (i) Hon. McHenry Venaani (PDM) to ask the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources – (No. 232).
- (ii) Hon. McHenry Venaani (PDM) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform – (No. 233).

6. FIRST ORDER READ:

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

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 15 November 2023, as moved by the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (page 232).

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises replied, but due to a lack of 49 Members entitled to vote, Question for the *Bill* to be read a Second Time to be put next week Monday, provided that there would be a quorum.

7. **SECOND ORDER** deferred by the Minister of Urban and Rural Development for further consultation.

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

9. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

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

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 14 November 2023, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 205).

The Minister of Justice replied, but due to a lack of 49 Members entitled to vote, Question for the *Bill* to be read a Second Time to be put next week Monday, provided that there would be a quorum.

10. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Mass Vehicle Bill* [B. 19 – 2023].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 15 November 2023, as moved by the Minister of Works and Transport (page 239).

The Minister of Works and Transport replied, but due to a lack of 49 Members entitled to vote, Question for the *Bill* to be read a Second Time to be put next week Thursday, 23 November 2023 provided that there would be a quorum.

11. **SIXTH 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 Wednesday, 15 November 2023, as moved by Hon. Seibeb (page 171).

Question put: That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

Agreed to.

12. **SEVENTH ORDER** adjourned by Hon. Dienda to Monday, 20 November 2023.

13. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by the Minister of Works and Transport, the Assembly adjourned at 17:43 until Monday, 20 November 2023.

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