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

MONDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2023

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

2. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy – (No. 234).
- (ii) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture – (No. 235).
- (iii) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy – (No. 236).

3. **Hon. Shekupakela moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence due to illness, be granted to Hon. Murorua until further notice.

Agreed to.

4. **FIRST, SECOND and THIRD ORDERS** skipped for a time being due to a lack of 49 Hon. Members entitled to vote.

5. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the causes of the high crime rates in Namibia and urgent interventions required to reduce it.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 16 November 2023, as moved by Hon. Mike Venaani (page 195).

Question put: That the Motion be referred to a Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny.

Agreed to.

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

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

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 16 November 2023, as moved by the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (page 232).

Question put: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

Agreed to.

Appropriation Amendment Bill [B. 21 – 2023] read a Second Time.

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

8. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the recognition of the Namibian sign language as one of the national languages in Namibia and the appointment of a sign language interpreter on live parliamentary debate.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 31 October 2023, as moved by the Deputy Minister of Disability Affairs (page 171): That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

Debate deferred for the Deputy Minister's reply.

9. **SIXTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate to have the Namibian former mine workers in South Africa included to the ongoing compensation targeting all former mine workers in Southern African mines.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 21 November 2023, as moved by the Hon. Karupu (page 190).

Hon. Karupu moved that the Motion be adopted instead of being referred to a Parliamentary Standing Committee for scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Motion be adopted.

Agreed to.

10. **SEVENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the current lack of support for Namibian musicians and to look into the establishment and development of infrastructure and resources for the music industry in Namibia.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 12 September 2023, as moved by Hon. Van Wyk (page 172).

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

Agreed to.

11. **EIGHTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on democracy's success and relevance for Namibia aimed to critically assess whether it has effectively served Namibia's interests.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 13 September 2023, as moved by Hon. Mukwiilongo (page 174): That the Motion be adopted.

Motion deferred for Hon. Mukwiilongo's reply.

12. **NINTH ORDER** deferred by Hon. Hengari to Tuesday, 21 November 2023.

13. **TENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on food security situation in Namibia, its impact on the livelihoods of Namibians and to seek urgent interventions.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 14 September 2023, as moved by Hon. Vries (page 178): That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

Debate deferred by the Deputy Minister of Marginalised People to Tuesday, 21 November 2023.

14. **ELEVENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the suitable housing options in Namibia to address housing shortage and funding gaps.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 19 September 2023, as moved by Hon. Mootu (page 182).

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

Agreed to.

15. **TWELFTH ORDER** deferred by the Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises to Tuesday, 21 November 2021.

16. **THIRTEENTH ORDER** deferred by the Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises on behalf of the Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation Tuesday, 21 November 2021
17. **FOURTEENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on how climate change can lead to food and water scarcity and mitigation measures that can be taken to alleviate the plight of our poor.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 3 October 2023, as moved by Hon. Dr. Iijambo (page 198): That the Motion be adopted.

Motion deferred for Hon. Dr. Iijambo's reply.
18. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:45 until Tuesday, 21 November 2023.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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