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

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2023

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

2. **The Minister of Finance laid upon the Table:**

Performance Audit Report of the Auditor-General on Gender Equality in Governance, Decision-making and Economic Empowerment within the Ministry of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare for the financial years 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/2022.

3. **NOTICE OF A QUESTION:**

Hon. Smit (PDM) to ask the Prime Minister – (No. 239).

4. **URGENT ORAL QUESTION:**

Hon. Seibeb (LPM) asked the Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service (No. 54) – *Replied to.*

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

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

Agreed to.

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

The Minister of Health and Social Services briefed the Assembly on the procurement processes for pharmaceutical and clinical supplies for the public health sector.

7. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – *High Court Amendment Bill* [B. 18 – 2023].

The Minister of Justice moved, seconded by the Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clauses 1 put and agreed to.

Clauses 2 put and agreed to.

Clauses 3 put and agreed to.

Clauses 4 put and agreed to.

Clauses 5 put and agreed to.

Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported without amendment.

The Minister of Justice moved, seconded by Hon. Karupu: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

High Court Amendment Bill [B. 18 – 2023] read a Third Time.

8. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – *Electoral Amendment Bill* [B. 20 – 2023].

The Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development moved, seconded by the Minister of Mines and Energy: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clauses 1 put and agreed to.

Clauses 2 put and agreed to.

Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Progress reported and leave granted to sit again.

9. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

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

The Minister already replied.

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

Agreed to.

Mass Vehicle Bill [B. 19 – 2023] read a Second Time.

10. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the possibility that Namibia Student Financial Assistance Fund incentivize loan beneficiaries with the aim to stimulate entrepreneurship and job creation.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 21 November 2023, as moved by the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport (page 178): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development on behalf of the Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation, seconded by Hon. Tweya, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 28 November 2023.

11. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the renaming of the Buitepos Border Post to Mr. Ludwig Kanduketu Stanley Border Post.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 21 November 2023, as moved by Hon. McHenry Venaani (page 189): 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. Dienda on behalf of Hon. McHenry Venaani, seconded by Hon. Katjimune, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 28 November 2023 for his reply.

12. **SIXTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the erection of an ever lighting shrine in Vaalgras where Kaptein Hendrik Witbooi made his ultimate sacrifice, which would serve as a perpetual beacon for Namibians.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 21 November 2023, as moved by Hon. McHenry Venaani (page 201): That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

Hon. McHenry Venaani to reply on Tuesday, 28 November 2023.

13. On the motion of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, seconded by Hon. Hambyuka, the Assembly adjourned at 17:42 until Monday, 27 November 2023.

MS. L. KANDETU

Secretary of the National Assembly

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