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

**MONDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2023**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

2. **URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**

(i) Hon. Mootu (LPM) asked the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources (No. 55) – *Replied to.*

(ii) The Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (SWAPO) asked the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport (No. 56) – *Replied to.*

3. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – *Mass Vehicle Bill* [B. 19 – 2023].

The Deputy Minister of Works and Transport moved, seconded by Hon. Mareka: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

**ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:**

Clauses 1 to 23 put and agreed to.

Schedule put and agreed to.

Title put and agreed to.

**ASSEMBLY RESUMED:**

Bill reported without amendment.

The Deputy Minister of Works and Transport moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

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

4. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

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

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

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

The Deputy Chairperson of the Whole House Committee stated that when progress was reported on Thursday, 23 November 2023, Clauses 1, 2 and the Title were put and agreed to.

The Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development moved an Amendment to withdraw the following from the *Electoral Amendment Bill* [B. 20 – 2023].

- (i) The Amendment to the *Electoral Amendment Bill*, concerning Section 25(3) that she tabled on Thursday, 23 November 2023; and
- (ii) Section 25(3) from the *Electoral Amendment Bill*, which was tabled on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

This would leave only the insertion of Section 25(1A), which reads as follows:

*“Despite subsection (1), the first general registration of voters after the commencement of this Act must take place during a period not later than 31 August 2024 as the President may determine by Proclamation in the gazette”.*

Members raised concern that the Amendment is not certified by the Attorney-General and therefore cannot be adopted.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Progress reported and leave granted to sit again.

5. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the provision of massive sanitation services to urban and rural areas.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 21 November 2023, as moved by Hon. McHenry Venaani (page 205): 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 Wednesday, 29 November 2023 for his reply.

6. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the level and impact of stock theft in our communities and the impact of our current legislative framework to combat stock theft.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 18 October 2023, as moved by Hon. Muharukua (page 221): 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. Muharukua, seconded by Hon. Tjirare, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 28 November 2023 for his reply.

7. **FIFTH ORDER** deferred by Hon. Dienda on behalf of Hon. Muharukua to Tuesday, 28 November 2023.

8. **SIXTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on whether or not our current regulatory framework sufficiently protects the individual's rights to privacy.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 18 October 2023, as moved by Hon. Muharukua (page 221): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of Hon. Dienda on behalf of Hon. Muharukua, seconded by Hon. Moongo, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 28 November 2023 for his reply.

9. In terms of Rule 90(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:50 until Tuesday, 28 November 2023.

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

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