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

**TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2023**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

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

The Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development moved, seconded by Hon. Dr. Ndjoze-Ojo: 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 yesterday, 27 November 2023, the Whole House Committee was to consider the Amendment to the *Electoral Amendment Bill*.

In the Bill:

1. Section 25 of the Electoral Act, 2014 (Act No. 5 of 2014) is amended by only retaining the following subsection after subsection (1) and deleting the rest in subsection (1):

“(1A) 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*”.

Question put: That the Amendment be adopted.

Agreed to.

**ASSEMBLY RESUMED:**

Bill reported with amendment.

The Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

*Electoral Amendment Bill [B. 20 – 2023 read a Third Time.*

**3. SECOND 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 Monday, 27 November 2023, as moved by Hon. Muharukua (page 221).

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

Agreed to.

**4. THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the National Reconciliation Policy.

Question before the Assembly on Monday, 27 November 2023, as moved by Hon. Dr. Iijambo (page 212).

Question put: That the Motion be adopted.

Agreed to.

**5. FOURTH 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 Monday, 27 November 2023, as moved by Hon. Muharukua (page 221).

Question put: That the Motion be adopted.

Agreed to.

**6. 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, 21 November 2023, as moved by the Deputy Minister of Disability Affairs (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.

7. **SIXTH 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 Thursday, 23 November 2023, as moved by the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport (page 178).

Question put: That the Motion be adopted.

Agreed to.

8. **SEVENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the establishment of specialized schools for the Kavango East and West region.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 17 October 2023, as moved by the Hon. Mbundu (page 218): That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Disability Affairs, seconded by Hon. Kooper, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 29 November 2023.

9. **EIGHTH 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 Thursday, 23 November 2023, as moved by Hon. McHenry Venaani (page 189).

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

Agreed to.

10. **NINTH 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 Thursday, 23 November 2023, as moved by Hon. McHenry Venaani (page 201).

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. **TENTH ORDER** deferred by Hon. Mukapuli on behalf of Hon. Murorua to Wednesday, 29 November 2023.
12. **ELEVENTH ORDER** deferred by Hon. Karondo on behalf of Hon. Katoma to Thursday, 30 November 2023.
13. **TWELFTH ORDER** deferred by Hon. Karondo on behalf of Hon. Katoma to Thursday, 30 November 2023.
14. **THIRTEENTH ORDER** deferred by Hon. Mukapuli on behalf of Hon. Tweya to Wednesday, 29 November 2023.
15. **FOURTEENTH ORDER** deferred by Hon. Mukapuli on behalf of Hon. Tweya to Wednesday, 29 November 2023.
16. The Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:32 until Wednesday, 29 November 2023.

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

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