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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2024
(14:30 – 17:45)

ORDER OF THE DAY

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Regional and Constituency Development Fund Bill* [B. 22 - 2023] – [Hon. Hengari].

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. Hon. Van den Heever:

That this Assembly –

Debates the accessibility and affordability of alcohol and drug rehabilitation centres in Namibia and consider the establishment of more State-owned alcohol and rehabilitation centres that offer affordable services to all Namibians.

That this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee to propose recommendations to this august House after conducting diligent work on the subject matter.

II. Hon. Katjimune:

That this Assembly –

Investigate the bottlenecks around Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) financing in Namibia in efforts to unleash greater access and economic potential for this crucial sector of our economy.

That this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this House.

III. **Hon. Hamata:**

That this Assembly –

Discusses the disparity between private and public schools continues to widen, with the latter's performance deteriorating year in, year out. This unsettling trend has been majorly attributed to the fact that government opts for a ceiling policy and does not, amongst other things, avail adequate resources appropriate for public schools to also excel.

Factors such as lack of literature materials, teachers' poor motivation, lack of text books, and lack of interest, coupled with working in an uncondusive environment, are some of the major factors to which poor performance could be partly attributed.

That this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this House.

IV. **Hon. Hamata:**

That this Assembly –

Discusses the regulation of private schools and the role of non-government players in education, particularly private education providers at primary, secondary and vocational education-level continue to attract immense interest of legislators and educationalists from across the country.

In Namibia where private schools are playing a pivotal role in universalizing access to education, the debate on role and regulation of private sector has, as it should, intensified over the last few years. Leveraging upon the private sector to achieve specific educational goals cannot be underestimated.

Conversely, the experience so far has been that the regulations create entry and exit barriers in the provision of education by entrepreneurs, thereby reducing competition and keeping the cost of education high.

That this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this House.

V. **Hon. Longinus Iipumbu:**

That this Assembly –

Discusses the prevailing labour hire system in Namibia.

That the Assembly revisits and re-interrogate the 14th December 2009 Supreme Court of Namibia decision to strike down a two-year-old government law that banned labour hire agencies and consider amending the labour Act.

That this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this House.

VI. **Hon. Hamata:**

That this Assembly *discusses* the following –

Engaging the services of a professional collection agency is not always the best option when it comes to debt collection because in most cases the agency will take a portion of the amount collected or levy a fee for their services. One of the effective debt collection measures is therefore, to offer easy payment options.

The Motion proposes the abolition of RedForce Debt Management in local authorities and urges an investigation into the true owners of the company. It advocates for councils/municipalities to manage their own collections, amid concerns that RedForce benefits certain individuals at the expense of the less privileged residents.

VII. Hon. Hamata:

That this Assembly *discusses* the following –

Labour conditions and collective bargaining rights have worsened in Namibia in the last few years. Many workers have no choice but to take poor quality work, lacking security, decent pay and social protection.

Premised on the foregoing, this Motion seeks to implement a comprehensive monitoring system to track compliance with laws and regulations by companies operating in Namibia, ensuring swift consequences for those found violating these standards.

That this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this House.

VIII. Hon. Hamata:

That this Assembly *discusses* the following –

That this esteemed assembly recognizes the urgency of amending the *Namibia Sports Act, 2003* (Act No. 12 of 2003) and introduce the *Sports Integrity Bill* to explicitly include provisions that unequivocally condemn and penalize sexual abuse.

That this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this House.

IX. Hon. Hamata:

That this Assembly *discusses* the following –

Creation of a market that prioritises our local farmers over those who import meat from beyond the redline.

That this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this House.

WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2024

NOTICE OF A MOTION

Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to appropriate amounts of money to meet the financial requirements of the State during the financial year ending 31 March 2025.

WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH 2024

NOTICE OF A MOTION

Hon. McHenry Venaani:

That this Assembly –

Discusses the underutilisation of our perennial rivers namely the Zambezi, Kavango, Kunene and Orange Rivers compared to our neighbouring countries. Further, to find workable solutions to increase agricultural output through irrigation and drip irrigation to promote mechanized agriculture and improve our agricultural value chains. Lastly, for the Government of the republic of Namibia to initiate funding to purchase community pumps drawing water from these rivers, and matters incidental thereto.