



Tuesday, 26 March 2024

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NINTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

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

TUESDAY, 26 MARCH 2024

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

The Secretary reported to the Assembly that both the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker are unavoidably absent due to official business, and the Assembly forthwith proceeded to elect Hon. Kafula to act as Speaker, and Hon. Ithete to act as Chairperson of the Whole House in terms of Rule 13 of the Standing Rules and Orders.

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

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

Reports of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the –

- (i) Office of the President for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (ii) National Assembly for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (iii) National Council for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (iv) Ministry of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (v) Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (vi) Ministry of Defence for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (vii) Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform: Department of Water Affairs for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;

- (viii) Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (ix) Ministry of Justice for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (x) Anti-Corruption Commission for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (xi) Namibian Competition Commission for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (xii) Meat Board of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2023; and
- (xiii) Education Development Fund for the financial years ended 31 March 2022 and 2023.

3. **NOTICE OF A QUESTION:**

Hon. Hamata (PDM) to ask the Rt. Hon Prime Minister (No. 27).

4. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation moved, seconded by the Minister of Urban and Rural Development:

That this Assembly –

In accordance with Section 6(1) of the *Affirmative Action (Employment) Act 1998* (Act No. 29 of 1998).

Resolves to re-appoint, upon recommendation by the Minister, the current Employment Equity Commissioner, Adv. Otniel Podewiltz for a period of one year, commencing from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

On the motion of Hon. Dienda, seconded by Hon. Benz, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 27 March 2024.

5. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Appropriation Bill* [B. 1 – 2024].

Question before the Assembly on Monday, 18 March 2024, as moved by the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (page 15).

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

Agreed to.

Appropriation Bill [B. 1 – 2024] read a Second Time.

6. **SECOND ORDER** deferred in the absence of the Deputy Speaker.

7. **THIRD ORDER** deferred by Hon. Kandumbu to Thursday, 11 April 2024.

8. **FOURTH ORDER** deferred by Hon. Katamelo, on behalf of the Minister of Industrialisation and Trade to Wednesday, 3 April 2023.

9. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Consideration of Report on the National Resettlement Policy for the years 2023 – 2033.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 5 March 2024, as moved by the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (page 20): That the Policy be adopted.

On the motion of Hon. Katamelo, seconded by Hon. Mukapuli, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 3 April 2024.

10. **SIXTH ORDER READ:**

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

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 5 March 2024, as moved by the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (page 8): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs, seconded by Hon. Ithete, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 3 April 2024.

11. **SEVENTH ORDER** deferred in the absence of the Deputy Speaker.

12. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Hon. Hamata moved, seconded by Hon. Katjimune:

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.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation, seconded by the Minister of Mines and Energy, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 17 April 2024.

13. On the motion of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport, seconded by the Minister in the Presidency, the Assembly adjourned at 17:43 until Wednesday, 27 March 2024.

MS. L. KANDETU

Secretary of the National Assembly

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