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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE 2024

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

2. Hon. Mareka laid upon the Table for discussion:

Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Natural Resources on Oversight Visits to Green Schemes and Agriculture Projects in the //Kharas and Hardap Regions from 20 - 24 February 2023.

3. NOTICE OF A QUESTION:

Hon. Kauandenge (NUDO) to ask the Right Hon. Prime Minister (No. 65).

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

Hon. Mootu moved, seconded by Hon. Moongo:

That this Assembly -

Demands the urgent and transparent accountability from the government concerning its commitments and performance in financially supporting entrepreneurship and startup ecosystems. That it challenges the adequacy of current funding mechanisms and government's role in nurturing young entrepreneurs, who are pivotal to innovative growth and economic diversification.

This Motion calls for an immediate, detailed report from relevant government bodies detailing expenditures, outcome, and efficacy of all youth targeted entrepreneurial funding initiatives. Furthermore, it insists on a strategic restructuring if current measures are found lacking, mandating the creation of aggressive, well-funded programs tailored to empower youth business ventures.

This Motion is intended not merely to question but to provoke significant enhancement in government policy, ensuring that youth entrepreneurship is not just supported but prioritized as a cornerstone of national economic strategy. Through this, the Motion aims to catalyse substantial, actionable change, positioning young entrepreneurs at the forefront of our economic future.

The Minister of Industrialisation and Trade rose and reported that a similar Motion by Hon. Katjimune and Hon. Masua were tabled in this House and referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committees for further scrutiny and report back.

The Speaker ruled that since the subject matter of Hon. Mootu's Motion merge with that of Hon. Katjimune and Hon. Masua, and overlapping between HR Committee and Economics Committee, that it be referred to be merged with the relevant Parliamentary Committees to become part of the two Motions.

Agreed to.

- 5. SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION deferred for consultation and report back.
- 6. **FIRST ORDER** deferred by Hon. Dienda to Tuesday, 2 July 2024.

7. SECOND ORDER READ:

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – Property Practitioners Bill [B.2 – 2024].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 11 June 2024, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 94): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Hon. Katjimune, seconded by Hon. Tjirare, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 2 July 2024.

8. THIRD ORDER READ:

Resumption of Debate on the Regulations relating to the Terms and Conditions of the Selection Committee and the process for the appointment of the Information Commissioner and the Deputy Information Commissioner, following the enactment of the *Access to Information Act*.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 4 June 2024, as moved by the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (page 86): That the Regulations be adopted.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 2 July 2024, for the Minister's reply.

9. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Consideration of the Committee Report on the Oversight Visits of Community Courts and Magistrates Courts in Kunene, Ohangwena, Omusati, Oshana, Zambezi and Otjozondjupa Regions. Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 13 June 2024, as moved by Hon. Karondo (page 89).

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

10. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the establishment of communal land in the Khomas Region for the /Khomanin Traditional Authority and for the administration of the said communal by the Khomas Communal Land Board to be established to allocate land rights.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 19 June 2024, as moved by the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (page 106): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of Hon. Dienda, seconded by Hon. Katjimune, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 2 July 2024.

11. SIXTH ORDER READ:

Resumption of Debate on the underutilisation of our perennial rivers namely the Zambezi, Kavango, Kunene and Orange Rivers compared to our neighbouring countries.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 13 June 2024, as moved by Hon. McHenry Venaani (page 80): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of Hon. Mootu, seconded by Hon. Tjiramba, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 3 July 2024.

12. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Special Sitting at 17:55 until Thursday, 27 June 2024.

MS. L. KANDETU Secretary of the National Assembly

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