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NINTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE 2024

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcements by the Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Speaker reported that he has have been informed by the Chief Whip of PDM that the Party has nominated Hon. Diederik Vries to serve on the Committee on Standing Rules and Orders and Internal Arrangements.

That he has further been informed by the Chief Whip of PDM, that the Party has nominated Hon. Theofelus Kamati to serve on the following Standing Committees:

- (i) Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs; and
- (ii) Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security.

The Speaker said he is further informed that the Party has also nominated the following Members to serve on the following Multilateral Parliamentary Organizations:

- (i) Hon. Theofelus Kamati on the Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA);
- (ii) Hon. Loide Iipinge on the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU); and
- (iii) Hon. Katrina Benz on the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).

That he has also been informed by SWANU, that the Party has nominated Hon. Rebekka Kambayi to serve on the following Standing Committees:

- (i) Committee on Standing Rules and Orders and Internal Arrangements;

- (ii) Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs;
- (iii) Committee on Natural Resources; and
- (iv) Committee on Gender Equality, Social Development and Family Affairs.

That he has also been informed by NEFF, that the Party has nominated Hon. Longinus Ipumbu to serve on the Committee on Standing Rules and Orders and Internal Arrangements.

The Speaker declared these Members as duly appointed to the said Parliamentary Standing Committees and Multilateral Parliamentary Organizations.

Lastly, the Speaker reported that he has also been informed by PDM, that the Party has withdrew Honourable Elma Dienda from the Inter- Parliamentary Union (IPU).

3. **Hon. Karondo laid upon the Table for consideration:**

Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs, on the Workshop with Stakeholders of the Justice Cluster held in May 2023 at Swakopmund.

4. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Hengari (PDM) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 45).
- (ii) Hon. Mukwilongo (NEFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 46).
- (iii) Hon. Vries (PDM) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 47).

5. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Consideration of Report of the Joint Parliamentary Standing Committees on the Workshop on Maximizing the Potential of the Mining and Energy Sectors in Namibia.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 4 June 2024, as moved by Hon. Tweya (page 74).

Question put: That the Joint Parliamentary Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

6. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate to abolish RedForce Debt Management in local authorities and to investigate the true owners of the company.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 4 June 2024, as moved by Hon. Hamata (page 10): That the Motion be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

On the motion of Hon. Hengari, seconded by Hon. Tjirare, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 11 June 2024.

7. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Consideration of the Committee Report on the Stakeholder Consultative and Oversight Workshop on the Financial Institutions and Markets Act (FIMA).

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 4 June 2024, as moved by Hon. Mbundu (page 68).

The Speaker deferred the Motion for consensus to be reached by the Hon. Members.

8. **FOURTH ORDER** deferred by the Deputy Speaker to Tuesday, 11 June 2024.

9. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Annual Reports of the National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST) for the years 2022/2023, 2021/2022 and 2020/2021.

Being there no Hon. Members to speak on the Reports, the Speaker put the Question for the adoption of the Reports and it is agreed to.

10. **SIXTH ORDER READ:**

Consideration of the Committee Report on the Motion to introduce free wi-fi network in Namibia.

Hon. Karupu moved on behalf of Hon. Elago, seconded by Hon. Mareka: That the Committee Report be now considered.

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

11. **SEVENTH ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Report on the Petition on the Management of the Bwabwata Communal Land by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism.

Hon. Karondo moved, seconded by Hon. Dingara: That the Report be now considered.

On the motion of Hon. Dr. Aupindi, seconded by Hon. Ithete, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 11 June 2024.

12. **EIGHTH ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Report on the Oversight Visits of Community Courts and Magistrates Courts in Kunene, Ohangwena, Omusati, Oshana, Zambezi and Otjozondjupa Regions.

Hon. Karondo moved, seconded by Hon. Mukapuli: That the Reports be now considered.

13. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:47 until Thursday, 6 June 2024.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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