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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

ORDER PAPER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**TUESDAY, 11 JUNE 2024
(14:30 – 17:45)**

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. Minister of Justice:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to consolidate and reform the law on divorces related to civil marriages; abolish the common law grounds for divorce as well as grounds for divorce which applied under legislation before the commencement of this Act; provide for custody, guardianship of, and access, to children of the marriage; provide for spousal maintenance, child maintenance, financial and other consequences of divorce; provide for periodical allowance, financial and other consequences of annulment of marriage; provide for forfeiture of patrimonial benefits; provide for privacy of certain proceedings; restrict access to publication of certain court proceedings; abolish orders for restitution of conjugal rights and judicial separation amend the High Court Act, 1990, so as to make certain consequential amendments; amend the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1944, so as to confer jurisdiction on a court established in terms of that Act to deal with divorces proceedings; and to provide for incidental matters.

II. Minister of Industrialisation and Trade:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to provide for the regulation of property practitioners; to provide for the continuation of the Namibian Estate Agents Board as the Property Practitioners Regulatory Authority; to provide for the governance, administration and financing of the Authority; to provide for the continuation of the Estate Agents Fidelity Fund as the Property Practitioners Fidelity Fund; to provide for the registration of property practitioners; to provide for the issuing of fidelity fund certificates; to provide for the keeping of trust accounts and records of transactions by property practitioners; to provide for the professional

conduct and behaviour of property practitioners; to provide for compliance with and enforcement of the provisions of the Act; to provide resolution of disputes between property practitioners and consumers; to establish an Appeal Board to hear and determine appeals against certain decisions; to repeal the Estate Agents Act, 1976; and to provide for incidental matters.

III. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport:

That this Assembly –

Agree to the Ratification of the 2012 Cape Town Agreement on the Implementation of the Provisions of the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993 Relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977.

IV. Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services:

Communal farmers whose free-roaming livestock are involved in accidents with vehicles on the country's public roads are held liable for damages sustained on the vehicle.

Even when cows, horses, or goats are livestock on private property, these animals can still wander into public roads. When that happens, the livestock owner is generally liable for the accident.

This can have profound implications for livestock owners across our nation. A recent Court ruling asserts that livestock owners are legally liable if their animals stray and cause motor accidents on public roads.

Given that:

That this Assembly –

Discusses the legal, social, and economic ramifications of road accidents caused by livestock, especially in communal areas, and further to propose a course of action that will protect both road users and livestock owners.

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

V. Hon. Hengari:

That this Assembly –

Debates the following and the Motion be referred to a Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back.

Namibia is confronted with a significant economic and cultural challenge, with over 80% of music aired on local radio stations originating from foreign sources. This trend directly contributes to a considerable outflow of royalties, resulting in the financial marginalization of Namibian artists. The ramifications of this trend extend beyond mere financial losses, impeding the growth and sustainability of our vibrant local creative industry. By prioritizing foreign content, we restrict opportunities for job creation within our own borders.

Additionally, the cultural impact is significant. Foreign content diminishes Namibia's cultural identity, limiting the portrayal of local stories in our media. This erosion of cultural distinctiveness underscores the importance of Parliamentary intervention to safeguard and celebrate Namibian culture.

VI. Hon. Mootu:

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.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- I. 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 – [Hon. Dingara].
- II. Resumption of Debate on the underutilisation of our perennial rivers namely the Zambezi, Kavango, Kunene and Orange Rivers compared to our neighbouring countries – [Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform].
- III. Consideration of the Committee Report on the Workshop with Stakeholders of the Justice Cluster – [Hon. Karondo].
- IV. Resumption of Consideration of the Committee Report on the oversight visit to the management of Railway Infrastructure in //Kharas, Hardap, Khomas and Erongo Regions – [Hon. Dienda].
- V. Resumption of Debate- on the accessibility and affordability of alcohol and drug rehabilitation centres in Namibia and the establishment of more State-owned alcohol and rehabilitation centres – [Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services].
- VI. Resumption of Consideration of the Committee Report on the Petition on the Management of the Bwabwata Communal Land by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism – [Hon. Dr. Aupindi].

- VII. Resumption of Debate to abolish RedForce Debt Management in local authorities and to investigate the true owners of the company – [Hon. Hengari].
- VIII. Resumption of Debate on merging the National Youth Council (NYC) into the National Youth Service (NYS) into one single body – [Deputy Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service].
- IX. Resumption of Consideration of the Committee Report on the Stakeholder Consultative and Oversight Workshop on the Financial Institutions and Markets Act (FIMA) – [Hon. Ithete].
- X. Consideration of Standing Rules and Orders and Committee Rules of the National Assembly – [Deputy Speaker].
- XI. 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* – [Hon. Hengari].

WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE 2024

ORDER OF THE DAY

Resumption of Consideration of the Committee Report on Oversight visits to Skeleton Coast in Erongo and Kunene Regions focusing on Possible Diamond Deposits – [Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy].

WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE 2024

ORDER OF THE DAY

Resumption of Consideration of Report on the National Resettlement Policy for the years 2023 – 2033 – [Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises].

TUESDAY, 25 JUNE 2024

NOTICE OF A MOTION

Minister of Education, Arts and Culture:

That this Assembly –

Discuss and Adopt the School Grant Policy whose primary objectives are:

- (a) To ensure an equitable funding mechanism that addresses the basic education curriculum attainment, the individual learner, and the school needs;
- (b) To enhance efficient and effective use of financial resources at school level;
- (c) To improve timelines of fund disbursement to schools; and
- (d) To ensure transparency and accountability in the utilization of the education grant.

THURSDAY, 27 JUNE 2024

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- I. Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Regional and Constituency Development Fund Bill* [B. 22 - 2023] – [Deputy Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs].
- II. Resumption of Debate on government to avail adequate resources for public schools to also excel like private schools – [Hon. Mareka].