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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY 2024

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **The Speaker presented and laid upon the Table, in terms of Rule 96(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders; the following three Petitions –**

- (i) The first Petition is from Evian Pieters and Shonena V. Nathaniel on behalf of the Petitioners.

In the Petition, the Petitioners are demanding for an investigation into the operations of the Social and Youth Development Division of the City of Windhoek.

- (ii) The second Petition is from Equal Namibia and its allies on behalf of the LGBTQI+ community.

In the Petition, the group is requesting Parliament to address their demands to protect and uphold the rights of the LGBTQI+ community in Namibia.

- (iii) The third Petition is from the Namibia Informal Sector Organisation (NISO) on behalf of the informal economy operators in Windhoek

In the Petition. The group is calling on the National Assembly to intervene into their plight as they are neglected, harassed by law enforcement officers and want for an establishment of an inter-ministerial committee to interrogate the issues affecting the informal economy and to come up with a pragmatic plan of action and solution

These Petitions are going to be submitted to the Standing Committee dealing with Petitions, to draw up rules governing the treatment of requests and complaints and shall use them as the basis for its decisions in each case.

3. **Announcement by the Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Speaker announced that the Parliament is in the process of implementing the e-Parliament Strategy. One of the objectives of the e-Parliament Strategy is Digital Skills Development for Members and staff members. The EU has engaged a consultant to undertake the assignment of assessing and designing suitable training strategy for the Members of Parliament and staff members. The Speaker reported that it is for this reason that the consultant has visited us to collect relevant information to design a suitable training program. Considering the foresaid, Members and staff would engage the consultant for information gathering and sharing during tea-break.

4. **Hon. Kafula moved without Notice:**

That the proceeding on the Order Paper on the *Consideration of the Committee Rules of the National Assembly*, and the First Notice of Motion on the *Electoral Amendment Bill* be, in accordance with Rule 99 of the Standing Rules and Orders, not interrupted if still under consideration at 17:45.

Agreed to.

5. **SPECIAL SITTING:**

Resumption of Consideration of *Committee Rules of the National Assembly*.

The Speaker moved, that the Assembly now revisit for finalization the *Committee Rules of the National Assembly*.

Agreed to.

Committee Rules of the National Assembly as revisited and refined, put and agreed to.

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

The Minister of Urban and Rural Development moved an Urgent *Bill* in terms of Rule 52(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Act, 2014 so as to provide for the remunerated members of the public service and members of the National Council, regional councils and local authority councils as contemplated in Article 47 of the Namibia Constitution to be eligible for nomination as candidates for National Assembly election; to authorise the remunerated members of the public service to utilise their leaves in order to participate and be elected as members of the National Assembly; to allow for the remunerated members of the public service who attain the age of 55 years old on or before the date on which the results of the election are announced to resign or retire for the purposes of becoming members of the National Assembly; to make provisions for the remunerated members of the public service and members of the National Council, regional councils and local

authority councils who fail or refuse to resign after taking up seats in the National Assembly to be deemed to have resigned; to exclude members of the Namibian Defence Force, Namibian Police Force, Correctional Service and Intelligence Service from certain provisions of the Act; and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

Electoral Amendment Bill [B. 15 – 2024] read a First Time.

The Minister of Urban and Rural Development moved, subject to Rule 32(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by the Minister of Mines and Energy: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

Agreed to.

Electoral Amendment Bill [B. 15 – 2024] read a Second Time.

The Minister of Urban and Rural Development moved, seconded by Hon. Elago: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1 put and agreed to.

Clause 2 put and agreed to.

Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported without amendment.

The Minister of Urban and Rural Development moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

Electoral Amendment Bill [B. 15 – 2024] read a Third Time.

7. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Marriage Bill* [B.3 – 2024].

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 4 July 2024, as moved by the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (page 117).

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

Agreed to.

Marriage Bill [B.3 – 2024] read a Second Time.

8. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the Ratification of the 2012 Cape Town Agreement on the Implementation of the Provisions of the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 4 July 2024, as moved by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport (page 94).

Question put: That the Protocol be adopted.

Agreed to.

9. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

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

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 3 July 2024, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 94).

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

Agreed to.

Property Practitioners Bill [B.2 – 2024] read a Second Time.

10. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the establishment of communal land in the Khomas Region for the /Khomani Traditional Authority.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 3 July 2024, as moved by the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (page 106).

Question put: That the Motion be adopted.

Agreed to.

11. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:58 until Thursday, 11 July 2024.

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Assembly*

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