



Tuesday, 2 July 2024

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NINTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 2 JULY 2024

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

The Deputy Speaker announced that the Nutrition and Food Security Alliance of Namibia (NAFSAN) engaged some Members of the National Assembly on food security and nutrition in Namibia, during November 2023. Based on the positive response from Members of the National Assembly during that session, NAFSAN once more is hosting an engagement session for MPs aimed at deepening their understanding of nutrition issues, which is crucial given the rising food insecurity and malnutrition rates in Namibia.

The session will take place tomorrow Wednesday, 3 July, 2024, from 11H00 to 13H00 in the Parliament Library and it is being organized in collaboration with the Enhancing Participatory Democracy in Namibia (EPDN) Programme.

All Members are requested to attend.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Hon. Van den Heever (PDM) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 62).
 - (ii) Hon. Benz (PDM) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport (No. 63).

- (iii) Hon. Mike Venaani (PDM) to ask the Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service (No. 64).
- (iv) Hon. Tjiramba (LPM) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform Service (No. 65).
- (v) Hon. Tjiramba (LPM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 66).

4. **Hon. Katoma moved without Notice in terms of Rule 27(h) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

That leave of absence be granted to the Right Hon. Prime Minister, Hon. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Hon. Hamunyera Hambyuka and Hon. Agnes Kafula until further notice.

Agreed to.

5. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Deputy Minister of Industrialisation and Trade addressed the Assembly on Beneficial Ownership as part of the business registration implemented by the Business and Intellectual Property Authority (BIPA).

(Full Statement on National Assembly Telegram).

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

The Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to regulate the solemnisation of marriages; to provide for the validation and recognition of certain marriages; and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

Marriage Bill [B. 5 – 2024] read a First Time.

The Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security moved, subject to Rule 32(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

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

7. **FOURTH NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Minister of Industrialisation and Trade moved, seconded by Hon. Kavetuna:

That this Assembly –

Agree to the Ratification of the Kampala Protocol on Voluntary Registration of Copyright and Related Rights within the Framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO).

Question put: That the Assembly agree to the Ratification.

Unanimously agreed to.

8. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:48 until Wednesday, 3 July 2024.

MS. L. KANDETU
*Secretary of the National
Assembly*

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