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**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**TUESDAY, 56 AUGUST 2024**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Hon. Hambyuka moved without Notice in terms of Rule 124:**

That the proceeding on the Order Paper on Motion number I to IX and Order number I, II and III be, in accordance with Rule 159 of the Standing Rules and Orders, not interrupted if still under consideration at 17:45.

Agreed to.

3. **The Minister of Finance, and Public Enterprises laid upon the Table:**

Reports of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the –

- (i) Municipality of Walvis Bay for the financial years ended 30 June 2022 and 2023;
- (ii) Municipality of Okahandja for the financial year ended 30 June 2022;
- (iii) Town Council of Karibib for the financial year ended 30 June 2022;
- (iv) Oshikoto Regional Council for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (v) Regional Council of the Omusati Region for the financial years ended 31 March 2021; 2022 and 2023;

- (vi) Diamond Evaluation Fund for the financial years ended 31 December 2021 and 2022; and
- (vii) Performance Audit Report of the Auditor-General on the Management of Wildlife in National Parks in Namibia, within the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism for the financial years 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.

4. **URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Tjiveze (RP) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 23) – *Replied to.*
- (ii) Hon. Dienda (PDM) asked the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 24) – *Replied to.*

5. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

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

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 11 July 2024, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 93).

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

Agreed to.

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

6. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Regularisation of Status of Certain Residents of Namibia, their Descendants and Foreign Spouses Bill* [B. 6 – 2024].

Question before the Assembly on Monday, 5 August 2024, as moved by the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (page 135).

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

Agreed to.

*Regularisation of Status of Certain Residents of Namibia, their Descendants and Foreign Spouses Bill* [B. 6 – 2024] read a Second Time.

7. **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 Wednesday, 3 July 2024, as moved by the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (page 86).

Question put: That the Regulations be adopted.

Agreed to.

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

The Minister of Health and Social Services moved, seconded by the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to provide for the establishment, constitution, powers and functions of the Health Professions Council of Namibia; to provide for the establishment of professional boards; to regulate the registration and licensing of persons practising health professions or categories of registration; to prescribe the education, tuition, training and qualifications required for the registration of persons to practise any of the professions, including sub-specialities, specialities, additional qualifications and other subjects and courses; to prohibit the practising of a profession without being registered or licensed; to provide for appeal against decisions of the Council; and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

*Health Professions Bill* [B. 6 – 2024] read a First Time.

The Minister of Health and Social Services moved, subject to Rule 168(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by Hon. Kandumbu: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Hon. Dienda, seconded by Hon. Hamata, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 7 August 2024.

9. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises:

That this Assembly –

*Agree* to the Ratification of the Agreement between the Republic of Namibia and the Republic of Cuba on the transfer of convicted persons.

Question put: That the Ratification be adopted.

Agreed to.

10. **THIRD NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Income Tax Act, 1981 so as to substitute the currency symbol “R” with the currency symbol “N\$” and to substitute the currency “Rand” with the currency “Namibia Dollar”; to provide for youth internship allowance; to provide for the limitation of the setting-off of assessed losses; to insert certain definitions; to exclude financial institutions, registered insurers and registered reinsurers from the application of section 95A; to increase

the threshold on income tax payable by individuals; to reduce the tax rate payable by non-mining companies; and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

*Income Tax Amendment Bill* [B. 9 – 2024] read a First Time.

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, subject to Rule 168(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders.

The Minister replied and the Question for the *Bill* to be read a Second Time to be put tomorrow by the Hon. Speaker.

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

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by Hon. Ithete:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Value-Added Tax Act, 2000 so as to replace the phrase of “Permanent Secretary” with the phrase “Executive Director”; expand the import declaration and payment of tax on import of services; to increase the monetary threshold required for persons to register for VAT purposes; to increase the amount of cash sales below which a tax invoice is not required; to change the rate of interest applicable to refunds that are due to a registered person; to change the rate of interest on amounts overdue in respect of tax; and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

*Value-Added Tax Bill* [B. 11 – 2024] read a First Time.

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, subject to Rule 168(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders.

The Minister replied and the Question for the *Bill* to be read a Second Time to be put tomorrow by the Hon. Speaker.

12. **FIFTH NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform.

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Transfer Duty Act, 1993 so as to replace the phrase “Permanent Secretary” with the phrase “Executive Director”; to substitute, delete and insert certain definitions; to change the rates at which transfer duty is charged; and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

*Transfer Duty Bill* [B. 10 – 2024] read a First Time.

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, subject to Rule 168(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders.

The Minister replied and the Question for the *Bill* to be read a Second Time to be put tomorrow by the Hon. Speaker.

13. **SIXTH NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by the Hon. Deputy Speaker:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Stamp Duty Act, 1993 so as to substitute any reference to the currency symbol “R” with the currency symbol “N\$”; to replace the phrase “Permanent Secretary” with the phrase “Executive Director”; to delete and insert certain definitions; to expand the definition of “stamp” to include electronic stamping; to exempt natural persons from the payment of stamp duty on transfer deeds in respect of the acquisition of immovable property with a value or consideration not exceeding N\$1 100 000; and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

*Stamp Duty Amendment Bill* [B. 13 – 2024] read a First Time.

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, subject to Rule 168(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders.

The Minister replied and the Question for the *Bill* to be read a Second Time to be put tomorrow by the Hon. Speaker.

14. **SEVENTH NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport moved, seconded by Hon. Elago:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to provide for the ownership and nature of ownership of roads; to provide for the establishment and powers of roads boards; to provide for the powers and duties of the Minister, the Roads Authority and local authorities in relation to roads; to provide for preliminary route identification, the proclamation, construction, management, control, maintenance and rehabilitation of roads; to provide for the control over actions within the road reserve; to provide for building restriction and advertising on roads; to provide for entry on land, encroachment on land, acquisition of land and for compensation for land; to provide for the liability and indemnification of the Roads Authority; to provide for the enforcement of the Act; to provide for appeals; and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

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

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport moved, subject to Rule 168(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by Hon. Kasuto: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Hon. Smit, seconded by Van den Heever, debate adjourned until September 2024.

15. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 18:14 until Wednesday, 7 August 2024.

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

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