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

WEDNESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2025

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 117(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**
 - (i) The Speaker welcomed all the Members back to this Special Session of the 7th Parliament and shared with the Members that while this august House was on recess we learned about the passing on of Ms. Christiena Klazen, mother of Honourable Derek Klazen, the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources, on the 28th January 2025. The House then collectively expressed their heartfelt condolences to Honourable Klazen and his entire family. May the Almighty God give them the strength to overcome this great loss.

Secondly, the Speaker informed the House that as customary, His Excellency, Dr. Nangolo Mbumba, President of the Republic of Namibia, will deliver his Valedictory Address to the 7th Parliament on the 18th March 2025. All Members are required to be in attendance.

Thirdly, the Speaker brought to the attention of the House that this special session will most probably run up to the 19th March 2025. As this will be the last session of the 7th Parliament, Members will be required to streamline their work to ensure that items that appear on the Order Paper are timeously disposed of. Hence, the Speaker thus urge all Members to be time-conscious in dealing with what is on the Order Paper.

Lastly, the Speaker announced that an invitation has been extended to all Members to attend the Constitution Day Observance, and the Official launch by the Bank of Namibia of a commemorative banknote in Honour of our late President Dr. Hage G. Geingob. This event will take place on Monday, 10 February 2025, starting 09:30 in the Parliament Gardens and will be officiated by His Excellency Dr. Nangolo Mbumba, President of the Republic of Namibia.

(ii) The Speaker informed the House that a Parliamentary delegation from the Swedish Parliament seated in the speaker's gallery is on a benchmarking visit to the Parliament of Namibia. The names of the delegation were read by the Deputy Secretary of the National Assembly as follows:

- Ms. Boriana Aberg (MP), Delegation Leader, Group Leader in the Committee on Taxation, and Member of the Swedish delegation to Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- Mr. Jan Ericson (MP), Deputy Speaker/Age president, Committee on Finance, and Committee on European Union Affairs;
- Ms. Johanna Rantsi (MP), Committee on Transport and Communications, and Committee on Education;
- Mr. Sten Bergheden (MP), Committee on Transport and Communications, and Committee on Justice;
- Mr. Fredrik Ahistedt (MP), Committee on Taxation, Committee on Industry and Trade, and Committee on European Union Affairs;
- Mr. Crister Carisson (MP), Committee on Taxation; and
- Mr. Ludvig Ceimertz (MP), Committee on Justice, and Committee on the Constitution.

The Speaker extended a warm welcome to the Swedish delegation on behalf of the House.

3. **The Minister of Information and Communication Technology laid upon the Table:**

The Integrated Annual Report of the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) for the year 2024.

4. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Vries (PDM) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 1).
- (ii) Hon. Van den Heever (PDM) to ask the Minister in the Presidency (No. 2).
- (iii) Hon. Van den Heever (PDM) to ask the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 3).
- (iv) Hon. Benz (PDM) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 4).
- (v) Hon. Moongo (PDM) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 5).
- (vi) Hon. Dienda (PDM) to ask the Minister of Justice (No. 6).
- (vii) Hon. Dienda (PDM) to ask the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 7).
- (viii) Hon. Hamata (PDM) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 8).
- (ix) Hon. Kamati (PDM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 9).

5. **FIRST ORDER READ** deferred by the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security till Thursday, 6 February 2025, for his reply.

6. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Roads Bill* [B. 5 – 2024].

Questions before the Assembly on Wednesday, 18 September 2024, as moved by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport (page 141).

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

Agreed to (Total of 67 voting Members).

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

7. **THIRD ORDER READ** deferred by the Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development till Wednesday, 26 February 2025, for the Minister's reply.

8. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the critical issue of extracting water from the Ohangwena Aquifer 2 as a vital resource for the Ohangwena Region and the broader northern regions of Namibia.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 18 September 2024 as moved by Hon. Hamata (page 181).

Question put: That the Motion be adopted.

Agreed to (Total of 53 voting Members).

9. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by Hon. Tjiramba on behalf of Hon. Mootu till Tuesday, 11 February 2025.
10. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by Hon. Hengari till Thursday, 6 February 2025.
11. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, the Assembly adjourned at 16:40 until Thursday, 6 February 2025.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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