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SPECIAL SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 11 MARCH 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:**

The Speaker reported to the Hon. Members that on their desks, there is a publication of pictorial records of Members of the Constituent Assembly and Members of the National Assembly from 1990 – 2020. The Speaker indicated that the publication is an important record of the democratic and legislative history of our country and will serve as a good source of future references. The Speaker said the National Assembly tried its best to ensure that the information contained in the publication is factual and correct and in case of errors and omissions, the Assembly sincerely apologies for any harm that might be caused as a result.

Secondly, the Speaker informed the Hon. Members that they are being invited to the official launch of the completed e-Parliament projects under the e-Parliament Strategy 2022 – 2027. The launch will take place today, during health break in the Parliamentary Court Yard.

3. **Hon. Dingara laid upon the Table the following Reports of the Standing Committee on Human Resources and Community Development, for discussion:**
 - (i) Report on the Motion on Youth unemployment crisis in Namibia;

- (ii) Report on the Motion on Erecting an ever-lighting shrine at Vaalgras to honour Kaptein Hendrik Witbooi; and
- (iii) Report on the Motion on Establishing special schools in the Kavango East and Kavango West Regions.

4. **Hon. Hambyuka laid upon the Table for note-taking:**

- (i) Report on the Third Ordinary Session of the Sixth Parliament of the Pan-African Parliament, Midrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, 24 June – 5 July 2024;
- (ii) Report on the Fourth Ordinary Session of the Six Parliament of the Pan-African Parliament, Midrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, 4 – 15 November 2024; and
- (iii) Report on the Ratification and Implementation of African Union Legal Instruments on Shared Values, 29 – 30 November 2024.

5. **Hon. Elago laid upon the Table Reports of the Standing Committee on Information, Communication Technology and Innovation for note-taking:**

- (i) Report on a Fact-finding mission to Telecom Infrastructure and the fact-finding mission to regional medical stores;
- (ii) Report on the Study visit to the Parliament of Ghana, from 28 October to 01 November 2024; and
- (iii) Report on the Study visit to the Parliament of Uganda on e-Learning, e-Parliament and Provision of wi-fi in public places.

6. **The Speaker laid upon the table for note-taking:**

- (i) Annual Report of the National Assembly for the year 2023 – 2024;
- (ii) Annual Report of the National Assembly for the year 2022 – 2023; and
- (iii) Annual Report of the National Assembly for the year 2021 – 2022.

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

- (i) Annual Report of New Era Publication Corporation for the year 2023; and
- (ii) Annual Report of New Era Publication Corporation for the year 2022.

8. **NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Hon. Katamelo moved, seconded by Hon. Ithete:

That this Assembly –

Amend Rule 2 which provides for the establishment of the Selection Committee in terms of the Rules on the establishing functioning and procedures of Committees.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Amended Rule be adopted.

House divided.

Members from the Opposition Parties protested and walked out of the Chamber, leaving the House with only 47 voting Members.

Due to a lack of 49 Hon. Members entitled to vote, Motion deferred.

9. **FIRST ORDER** deferred by the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises to Tuesday, 18 March 2025.

10. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – *Ombudsman Bill* [B. 17 – 2024].

The Minister of Justice moved, seconded by Hon. Kandjimi: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Arrangement of Sections put and agreed to.

Clause 1 put.

Clause 1 stands over.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Progress reported by the Chairperson of the Whole House Committee and leave granted by the Speaker to sit again.

11. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:48 until Wednesday, 12 March 2025.

MR. O. MUYATWA

Acting Secretary: National Assembly

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