



Thursday, 13 March 2025

No. 13 – 2025

SPECIAL SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 13 MARCH 2025

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.

2. **Hon. Hambyuka moved without Notice:**

That the proceedings on the Order Paper of today, 13 March 2025, tomorrow Friday, 14 March 2025 and of Monday, 17 March 2025 be, in accordance with Rule (159) of the Standing Rules and Orders, not interrupted if today and Monday they are still under consideration at 17:45 and tomorrow Friday, at 12:30.

Agreed to.

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

The Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform moved, seconded by Hon. Kavetuna:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to provide the establishment of communal land boards and provide for their powers and functions; to provide for the establishment of the Communal Land Development Fund; to provide for the demarcation and extent of communal land areas; and the allocation of communal land rights; to provide for the powers and functions of chiefs, traditional authorities and land committees in the allocation of communal land rights; to provide for continuation of the Land Reform Advisory Commission; to provide for the continuation of the Land Acquisition and Development Fund; to provide for the acquisition of commercial agricultural land by the State for the purpose of land reform and for other land reform related purposes and for the allocation of such land

to Namibian citizens who do not own or otherwise have the use of any or of adequate agricultural land; to vest in the State a preferential right to purchase commercial agricultural land; to provide for the compulsory acquisition and alienation of commercial agricultural land by the State for the purposes of land reform and other land reform related purposes; to prohibit the acquisition of commercial agricultural land by foreign nationals; to regulate the leasing of commercial agricultural land by foreign nationals; to provide for the valuation of commercial agricultural land; to provide for the continuation of the Valuation Court under the name Valuation Tribunal; to provide for the imposition of land tax; to provide for the continuation of the Lands Tribunal, to provide for the appointment of authorised officers to perform certain functions under the Act; and also to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

Land Bill [2 – 2025] read a First Time.

The Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform moved, subject to Rule 168(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by Hon. Elago: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, seconded by Hon. Ithete, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 19 March 2025.

4. SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION:

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Public Procurement Act, 2015; so as to establish the public procurement court; to make provision for the jurisdiction of the public procurement court; to provide for administrative and procedural rules that govern the conduct of public procurement hearings, and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

Public Procurement Amendment Bill [B. 3 – 2025] read a First Time.

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, subject to Rule 168(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, seconded by Hon. Dingara, debate adjourned until Friday, 14 March 2025.

5. FIRST ORDER READ:

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Judiciary Amendment Bill* [B. 1 – 2025].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 12 March 2025, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 40).

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

Agreed to.

Judiciary Amendment Bill [B. 1 – 2025] read a Second Time.

6. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the drought assistance measures as provided to the farmers through AgriBank, by the Ministry of Finance and Public Enterprises and also to discuss the full implementation of the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Economics and Public Administration on the Financial Institution and Markets Act (FIMA).

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 12 March 2025, as moved by Hon. Katamelo (page 40).

Question put: That the Motion be adopted.

Agreed to

7. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Regional and Constituency Development Fund Bill* [B. 22 – 2023].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 4 March 2025, as moved by the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (page 8): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security adjourned the debate on behalf of the Minister of Urban and Rural Development to Wednesday, 19 March 2025.

8. **FOURTH ORDER** deferred to Tuesday, 18 March 2025.

9. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Consideration of Committee Report on the Petition by Lisha Empowerment and Development Organization requesting the Assembly to address the urgent need for reviving the market for livestock in Namibia's Northern Communal Areas.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 5 March 2025, as moved by Hon. Ithete (page 130).

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

10. **SIXTH ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Committee Report on the Impact of Government Programmes and Projects and Activities of the Marginalised Communities of Namibia (September 2024).

Hon. Karondo moved, seconded by Hon. Vries: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

11. SEVENTH ORDER READ:

Consideration of Committee Report on the Motion on Human Wildlife Conflict (HWC).

Hon. Kafula moved, seconded by Hon. Hambyuka: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

12. EIGHTH ORDER READ:

Consideration of Committee Report on Oversight Visits to Capital Projects earmarked in the Development Budget for the MTEF 2021/22 to 2023/24 in the Kunene, Omusati, Oshana, Ohangwena, Oshikoto, Zambezi, Kavango East and West and Otjozondjupa region.

Hon. Ithete moved, seconded by Hon. Ekandjo: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

13. NINTH ORDER READ:

Consideration of Committee Report on the Motion on the Deplorable Conditions in which Holding and Correctional Facilities are in, with the objective of Protecting the Human Rights of all Persons with Dignity.

Hon. Katoma moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

14. QUESTION DEALT WITH:

Hon. Ekandjo (SWAPO) asked the Minister in the Presidency (No. 79) – *Replied to.*

15. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 20:02 until Friday, 14 March 2025, 09:00.

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