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SPECIAL SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH 2025

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Hon. Tjiramba (LPM) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 107).
 - (ii) Hon. Shekupakela (RDP) to ask the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 108).
 - (iii) Hon. Murorua (UDF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 109).
 - (iv) Hon. Smit (PDM) to ask the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 110).
 - (v) Hon. Dienda (PDM) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 111).
3. **URGENT ORAL QUESTION:**

Hon. McHenry Venaani (PDM) asked the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister (No. 26) – *To be put in writing.*
4. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 136 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism inform the Assembly on the adjustment of the off-set payment for cattle loss under the “Human Wildlife Conflict Self Reliance Scheme”.

The Minister announced that the off-set payment for cattle loss has now been adjusted from five thousand Namibia dollars (N\$5 000) to eight thousand Namibia dollars (N\$8 000). This adjustment will be implemented from 1 April 2025, while all other payments will remain the same as adjusted in September 2024.

5. **FIRST ORDER** deferred by the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security to Wednesday, 12 March 2025.

6. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Ombudsman Bill* [B. 17 – 2024].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 5 March 2025, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 24).

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

Agreed to.

Ombudsman Bill [B. 17 – 2024] read a Second Time.

7. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Consideration of 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.

Hon. Ithete moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs, that the Committee Report be now considered.

Agreed to.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, seconded by Hon. Katamelo, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 11 March 2025.

8. **FOURTH ORDER** deferred to Thursday, 6 March 2025.

9. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Report on the Motion requesting the Assembly to discuss social protection of informal traders.

Hon. Ithete moved, seconded by Hon. Kafula, that the Committee Report be now considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

10. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by Hon. Kooper, the Assembly adjourned at 17:43 until Thursday, 6 March 2025.

MR. O. MUYATWA

Acting Secretary: National Assembly

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