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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 11 JUNE 2025

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **The Speaker's Ruling:**

The Speaker brought to the attention of the House that in terms of Rule 197(4)(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders which states “A Private Member’s Bill is introduced by the Private Member by immediately tabling a copy of the Bill in the form and style complying with the legislative drafting practice of the Directorate: Legislative Drafting together with explanatory notes for the Bill and a certificate by the Head of Legal Services at the Assembly or a parliamentary legal adviser designated by him or her as being consistent with the Constitution and existing legislation”, she rules that the three (3) Private Member’s Bills on the Order Paper by Hon. Venaani and Hon. Prof. Amupanda did not conform to this Rule and as such, is ruled out of order and are withdrawn from the Order Paper.

The Members still have the prerogative to re-table these Bills, provided that Rule 197 of the Standing Rules and Orders on the Procedure for Private Member Bill is adhered to.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Hon. Emvula (LPM) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 49).
 - (ii) Hon. Eigub (LPM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 50).

- (iii) Hon. Vries (PDM) to ask the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 51).

4. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 136 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Minister of Finance updated the House on a €75 million loan programme recently concluded between the Government of the Republic of Namibia and the German Development Bank, KfW, to benefit various projects in the water sector.

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

Hon. Hengari moved, seconded by Hon. Moongo:

Namibia faces a critical economic and cultural crisis: over 80% of the music played on our radio stations is foreign. This not only drains royalties out of the country, financially side-lining Namibian artists, but also stifles the growth of our local creative industry and the jobs it can create. This situation is not only unique to the music but it significantly also affects various forms of art like film, theatre and dance.

Culturally, this trend erodes our national identity. When foreign voices dominate our airwaves, Namibian stories are silenced. Our heritage is side-lined. This must change.

That this Assembly –

Debates and adopt this motion, calling for urgent Parliamentary action to protect and promote Namibian content – economically, culturally, and legislatively and that this motion be referred to the relevant Standing Committee.

On the motion of Hon. Haikola on behalf of Hon. Shitana, seconded by Hon. Kalola, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 18 June 2025.

6. **SECOND & THIRD NOTICE OF A MOTION** Ruled out of order by the Speaker in terms of Rule 197 of the Standing Rules and Orders and removed from Order Paper.
7. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by the Deputy Minister of International Relations and Trade, the Assembly adjourned at 16:33 until Thursday, 12 June 2025.

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Secretary: National Assembly

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