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**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA  
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OF THE  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2023  
(14:30 – 17:45)**

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**I. Deputy Minister of Works and Transport:**

That this Assembly –

*Discusses* the possibility that Namibia Student Financial Assistance Fund (NSFAF) incentivize loan beneficiaries with the aim to stimulate entrepreneurship and job creation.

**II. Hon. Mukwiilongo:**

That this Assembly –

*Discusses* democracy's success and relevance for Namibia aimed to critically assess whether democracy has effectively served Namibian interests, contributed to the cultivation of a robust and accountable political leadership landscape, and genuinely represented the collective will of the majority of our fellow Namibians

**III. Hon. Vries:**

That this Assembly –

*Debates* the food security situation in Namibia, its impact on the livelihoods of Namibians and seek urgent interventions to ensure food security situation in Namibia.

That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Stranding Committee to propose recommendations to this august House after conducting diligent work on the subject matter. Finally, that the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee, in conformity with the rule be encouraged to have associate Members of Parliament contribute to its work.

**IV. Hon. Hamata:**

Long distance marriages can be pretty daunting. They can take a toll on the mental and physical health of spouses and their children.

All children have the right to grow up with both their parents, in the same environment. Children in family environments are generally safer and better cared for, yet things like long-distance marriages force hundreds of children from their biological parents each year and vice versa. These spouses and children suffer extreme stress when split from each other for months, sometimes years on end. Separation undermines children's development. What's more, it leaves them vulnerable to violence, exploitation and abuse.

Article 14(3) of our Constitution makes provision for the family being the natural and fundamental group unit of society, and is entitled to protection by society and the State.

That this Assembly therefore –

*Discusses* the issue of family separation due to long-distance marriages and the negative impacts this has on the psychological health and financial status of families as they now have to struggle to keep up with maintain two households in different towns, or regions.

Further, that this Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Stranding Committee for further investigation and informed counsel.

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**THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**ORDER OF THE DAY**

Reconsideration – *Marriage Amendment Bill* [B. 2023] – [Hon. Ekandjo].

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**TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**I. Hon. Mootu:**

That this Assembly –

*Discusses* the suitable housing options in Namibia to address housing shortage and funding gaps.

Further, that this Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee.

**II. Hon. Seibeb:**

That this Assembly –

*Discusses* the plight of the small-scale miners in the Erongo Region.

Further, that this Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee.

**III. Hon. Moongo:**

Pregnancy and maternity are potentially vulnerable time for working women and their families. Expectant mothers and fathers, and nursing mothers require special protection to prevent any potential adverse effects for them and their infants.

That this House therefore –

*Discusses* the possibility of increasing the amount payable in respect of maternity leave, extending maternity leave duration up to five months will full pay, and including paternity leave in the legislative framework.

That this Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further inquiry and report back to this Assembly.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

- I. Resumption of Debate on the Constitutional provision of Article 47(1), (e) and (f) as it discriminates against Regional Council, Local Authorities employees as well as civil servants to participate freely in parliamentary elections – [Minister of Justice].
- II. Resumption of Debate on the establishment of an institution known as the “Namibian Creative Hall of Fame” that will encompass a wide spectrum of creative domains – [Hon. Kauandenge].

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**WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**I. Hon. Mike Venaani:**

That this Assembly –

*Debates* the causes of the high crime rates in Namibia and seek urgent interventions to reduce the high crime rate.

That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee to propose recommendations to this august House after conducting diligent work on the subject matter.

**II. Hon. Dr. Iijambo:**

Namibia is among the top 5 driest countries in the world. Considering the *status-quo*, SWANU of Namibia deem it necessary for the National Assembly to discuss and debate the current Drought Relief Programme(s) running.

How climate change contributes to the latter and possible mitigation measures that can be taken, to alleviate the plight of our people.

Unless we forge sustainable measures to mitigate harsh climatic change conditions, our people will be exposed to harsh environmental phenomenon.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

- I. Resumption of Debate on the recognition of the Namibian sign language as one of the national languages in Namibia and the appointment of a sign language interpreter on live parliamentary debate – [Deputy Minister of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare].
  - II. Resumption of Debate on the current lack of support for Namibian musicians and to look into the establishment and development of infrastructure and resources for the music industry in Namibia – [Hon. Kauandenge].
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