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ORDER PAPER

OF THE

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY 2024
(14:30 – 17:45)

SPECIAL SITTING

Resumption of Consideration of *Committee Rules of the National Assembly* – [Deputy Speaker].

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. Urgent Bill by the Minister of Urban and Rural Development in terms of Rule 52(1):

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Act, 2014 so as to provide for the remunerated members of the public service and members of the National Council, regional councils and local authority councils as contemplated in Article 47 of the Namibia Constitution to be eligible for nomination as candidates for National Assembly election; to authorise the remunerated members of the public service to utilise their leaves in order to participate and be elected as members of the National Assembly; to allow for the remunerated members of the public service who attain the age of 55 years old on or before the date on which the results of the election are announced to resign or retire for the purposes of becoming members of the National Assembly; to make provisions for the remunerated members of the public service and members of the National Council, regional councils and local authority councils who fail or refuse to resign after taking up seats in the National Assembly to be deemed to have resigned; to exclude members of the Namibian Defence Force, Namibian Police Force, Correctional Service and Intelligence Service from certain provisions of the Act; and to provide for incidental matters.

II. Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to provide for a process for application for acquisition of Namibian citizenship by naturalisation for holders of South West Africa identification

documents; to provide for a process for application for acquisition of Namibian citizenship by birth or descent of the descendants of holders of South West Africa identification documents; to provide for a process for application for the acquisition of Namibian citizenship by marriage or customary marriage of foreign spouses of holders of South West Africa identification documents; to provide for a prohibition of retroactive right to benefits of persons who acquire citizenship under this Act; and to provide for incidental matters.

III. Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to provide for compilation and maintenance of a Civil Register; to provide for the appointment of Registrar-General and Registrars; to determine the age of certain persons recorded in the Civil Register in accordance with this Act; to provide for name changes and other alterations to the Civil Register; to provide for the issue of identity documents to certain persons listed in the Civil Register; to provide for an Appeals Tribunal and incidental matters.

IV. Minister of Health and Social Services:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to provide for the establishment, constitution, powers and functions of the Health Professions Council of Namibia; to provide for the establishment of professional boards; to regulate the registration and licensing of persons practising health professions or categories of registration; to prescribe the education, tuition, training and qualifications required for the registration of persons to practise any of the professions, including sub-specialities, specialities, additional qualifications and other subjects and courses; to prohibit the practising of a profession without being registered or licensed; to provide for appeal against decisions of the Council; and to provide for incidental matters.

V. Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security:

That this Assembly –

Agree to the Ratification of the Agreement between the Republic of Namibia and the Republic of Cuba on the transfer of convicted persons.

VI. Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Income Tax Act, 1981 so as to substitute the currency symbol “R” with the currency symbol “N\$” and to substitute the currency “Rand” with the currency “Namibia Dollar”; to provide for youth internship allowance; to provide for the limitation of the setting-off of assessed losses; to insert certain definitions; to exclude financial institutions, registered insurers and registered reinsurers from the application of section 95A; to increase the threshold on income tax payable by individuals; to reduce the tax rate payable by non-mining companies; and to provide for incidental matters.

VII. Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Value-Added Tax Act, 2000 so as to replace the phrase of “Permanent Secretary” with the phrase “Executive Director”; expand the import declaration and payment of tax on import of services; to increase the monetary threshold required for persons to register for VAT purposes; to increase the amount of cash sales below which a tax invoice is not required; to change the rate of interest applicable to refunds that are due to a registered person; to change the rate of interest on amounts overdue in respect of tax; and to provide for incidental matters.

VIII. Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Transfer Duty Act, 1993 so as to replace the phrase “Permanent Secretary” with the phrase “Executive Director”; to substitute, delete and insert certain definitions; to change the rates at which transfer duty is charged; and to provide for incidental matters.

IX. Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Stamp Duty Act, 1993 so as to substitute any reference to the currency symbol “R” with the currency symbol “N\$”; to replace the phrase “Permanent Secretary” with the phrase “Executive Director”; to delete and insert certain definitions; to expand the definition of “stamp” to include electronic stamping; to exempt natural persons from the payment of stamp duty on transfer deeds in respect of the acquisition of immovable property with a value or consideration not exceeding N\$1 000 000; and to provide for incidental matters.

X. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to provide for the ownership and nature of ownership of roads; to provide for the establishment and powers of roads boards; to provide for the powers and duties of the Minister, the Roads Authority and local authorities in relation to roads; to provide for preliminary route identification, the proclamation, construction, management, control, maintenance and rehabilitation of roads; to provide for the control over actions within the road reserve; to provide for building restriction and advertising on roads; to provide for entry on land, encroachment on land, acquisition of land and for compensation for land; to provide for the liability and indemnification of the Roads Authority; to provide for the enforcement of the Act; to provide for appeals; and to provide for incidental matters.

XI. Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Road Fund Administration Act, 1999, to provide for the waiver of unprescribed debt of up to N\$ 1 000 000 which relate to interest or penalties imposed on annual licence fees; and to provide for incidental matters.

XII. Deputy Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation:

That this Assembly –

Agree to the Ratification of the ILO Convention No. 183 of 2000 on Maternity Protection, and ILO Convention No. 156 of 1981 concerning Equal Opportunities and Equal Treatment for Men and Women Workers: Workers with Family Responsibilities.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- I. Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Marriage Bill* [B. 5 – 2024].
- II. Resumption of Debate on the Ratification of the 2012 Cape Town Agreement on the Implementation of the Provisions of the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993 – [Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport].
- III. Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Property Practitioners Bill* [B.2 – 2024] – [Hon. Katjimune].

- IV. Resumption of Debate on the establishment of communal land in the Khomas Region for the /Khomaniin Traditional Authority – [Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform].
- V. Resumption of Debate on the Regulations relating to the Terms and Conditions of the Selection Committee and the process for the appointment of the Information Commissioner and the Deputy Information Commissioner, following the enactment of the *Access to Information Act* – [Minister of Information and Communication Technology].
- VI. Resumption of Consideration of the Committee Report on the oversight visit to the management of Railway Infrastructure in //Kharas, Hardap, Khomas and Erongo Regions – [Hon. Dienda].
- VII. Resumption of Debate on the accessibility and affordability of alcohol and drug rehabilitation centres in Namibia and the establishment of more State-owned alcohol and rehabilitation centres – [Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services].
- VIII. Resumption of Consideration of the Committee Report on the Petition on the Management of the Bwabwata Communal Land by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism – [Hon. Dr. Aupindi].
- IX. Resumption of Debate to abolish RedForce Debt Management in local authorities and to investigate the true owners of the company – [Hon. Hengari].
- X. Resumption of Consideration of Report on the National Resettlement Policy for the years 2023 – 2033 – [Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises].
- XI. Resumption of Consideration of the Committee Report on the Workshop with Stakeholders of the Justice Cluster – [Hon. Swartbooi].
- XII. Resumption of Debate on merging the National Youth Council (NYC) into the National Youth Service (NYS) into one single body – [Deputy Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service].
- XIII. Resumption of Consideration of the Committee Report on Oversight visits to Skeleton Coast in Erongo and Kunene Regions focusing on Possible Diamond Deposits – [Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy].
- XIV. Resumption of Debate on the legal, social, and economic ramifications of road accidents caused by livestock, especially in communal areas, and further to propose a course of action that will protect both road users and livestock owners – [Deputy Minister of Works and Transport].
- XV. Consideration of Committee Report on the Visit to the Green Schemes in Zambezi, Kavango East and Kavango West – [Hon. Tweya].
- XVI. Consideration of Committee Report on the Visit to the Climate Change Funded Projects – [Hon. Tweya].
- XVII. Consideration of Committee Report on the Motion of Fake Qualifications within the Public Sector – [Hon. Dingara].
- XVIII. Consideration of Reports of the Select Committee on Budget on the Benchmarking visits to the Parliaments of Zambia, Uganda, Ghana and Zimbabwe – [Hon. Katamelo].

- XIX. Resumption of Debate on foreign music content that diminishes Namibia’s cultural identity and limiting the portrayal of local stories in our media – [Hon. Katjimune].
- XX. Resumption of Consideration of the Committee Report on the Stakeholder Consultative and Oversight Workshop on the Financial Institutions and Markets Act (FIMA).
- XXI. Resumption of Debate on government to avail adequate resources for public schools to also excel like private schools – [Hon. Mareka].
- XXII. Consideration of Committee Report on the Oversight Visits to Green Schemes and Agriculture Projects in the //Kharas and Hardap – [Hon. Mareka].
- XXIII. Resumption of Debate on the underutilisation of our perennial rivers namely the Zambezi, Kavango, Kunene and Orange Rivers compared to our neighbouring countries – [Hon. Mootu].

THURSDAY, 11 JULY 2024

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- I. Resumption of Debate on Second Reading - *Divorce Bill* [B.3 – 2024] – [Minister of Justice].
- II. Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Regional and Constituency Development Fund Bill* [B. 22 – 2023] – [Deputy Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs].
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