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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, 5 AUGUST 2024

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcements by the Speaker in terms of Rule 117(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

- (i) The Speaker reported that while this august House was in recess, on Sunday, 14 July 2024, “we woke-up to the devastating news of the passing on of Honourable Katrina Hanse-Himarwa”. Honourable Hanse-Himarwa served as a Member of this august House from 21 March 2015 until 20 March 2020. The Speaker said she was the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture until 9 July 2019 and later as a back bench Member, and she was a visionary leader with so much passion to provide quality education to every Namibian child.

The Speaker expressed heartfelt condolences to the entire bereaved family.

A Minute of Silence observed in her memory.

- (ii) Secondly, the Speaker announced that he has been informed by the Chairperson of the National Council, that the Council in terms of Article 75(2) of the Constitution, considered and confirmed the following *Bills* without amendments.

Property Practitioners Bill [B.2 – 2024]; and
Road Fund Administration Amendment Bill [B.14 – 2024].

In terms of Article 75(3) of the Namibian Constitution, these *Bills* would be referred to His Excellency the President to deal with them under Articles 56 and 64 of our Constitution.

The Speaker further announced that he has been informed by the Chairperson of the National Council, that the Council, in terms of Rule 75(2) of the Namibian Constitution, considered and confirmed the following *Bills* with amendments.

Electoral Amendment Bill [B.15 – 2024]; and
Marriage Bill [B.5 – 2024].

These *Bills* will be placed on the Order Paper for reconsideration by this Assembly.

- (iii) Lastly, the Speaker reminded the Hon. Members of his announcement made on 11th July 2024, in terms of the newly adopted Standing Rules and Orders, specifically Rule 13, of this Extraordinary Session that is scheduled from today the 5th – 9th August 2024. The Speaker informed the Hon. Members that no new business will be considered during this period and that the Order Paper will be arranged in terms of Rule 119(1).

The Speaker urged the Hon. Members to attend to this Session timeously, so that they can have ample time to dispose of all items.

3. **The Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform laid upon the Table:**

- (i) Annual Report of the Communal Land Boards for the year 2021; and
(ii) Annual Report of the Communal Land Boards for the year 2022.

4. **The Minister of Justice laid upon the Table:**

- (iii) Annual Report of the Ministry of Justice for the year 2019/2020;
(iv) Annual Report of the Ministry of Justice for the year 2020/2021;
(v) Annual Report of the Ministry of Justice for the year 2021/2022; and
(vi) Annual Report of the Ministry of Justice for the year 2022/2023.

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

The Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport:

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.

Agreed to.

Regularisation of Status of Certain Residents of Namibia, their Descendants and Foreign Spouses Bill [B. 6 – 2024] read a First Time.

The Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security moved the *Bill*, subject to Rule 32(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders.

Minister replied and Question for the *Bill* to be read a Second Time to be put tomorrow.

6. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security moved, seconded by Hon. Kafula:

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.

Agreed to.

Civil Registration and Identification Bill [B. 8 – 2024] read a First Time.

The Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security, subject to Rule 32(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by Hon. Kavetuna: That the *Bill* be read a Second Time.

On the motion of the Minister of Information and Communication Technology, seconded by Hon. Dingara, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 6 August 2024.

7. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:47 until Tuesday, 6 August 2024.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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