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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 8 AUGUST 2024

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.

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

Annual Report of the Office of the Ombudsman for the year 2023.

3. **The Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security moved in terms of Rule 192(7) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by Mr. Hambyuka:**

That this Assembly –

Reconsider the proposed Amendments to the *Marriage Bill* [B. 5 – 2024] on Friday, 9 August 2024, as received from the National Council.

Agreed to.

4. **Hon. Dienda moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Auchab until further notice.

Agreed to.

5. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Reconsideration – *Electoral Amendment Bill* [B.5 – 2024].

The Minister of Urban and Rural Development moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1 (4)(a)(iii) put.

Clause 1 (4)(a)(iii) as amended by the National Council, put and rejected by the Minister.

Hon. Dienda and Hon. Kauandenge, instead of demanding a division, reported that their parties' opposition to the Minister's explanation be formally recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings in terms of Rule 150 of the Standing Rules and Orders.

Agreed to

Clause 1 (4)(a)(iv) put.

Clause 1 (4)(a)(iv) as amended by the National Council, put and rejected by the Minister.

Hon. Dienda, instead of demanding a division, reported that her party's opposition to the Minister's explanation be formally recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings in terms of Rule 150 of the Standing Rules and Orders.

Agreed to.

Clause 1 (4)(a)(v) put.

Clause 1 (4)(a)(v) as amended by the National Council, put and rejected by the Minister.

Hon. Dienda, instead of demanding a division, reported that her party's opposition to the Minister's explanation be formally recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings in terms of Rule 150 of the Standing Rules and Orders.

Agreed to.

Clause 1 (4)(a)(vii) put.

Clause 1 (4)(a)(vii) as amended by the National Council, put and rejected by the Minister.

Hon. Dienda, instead of demanding a division, reported that her party's opposition to the Minister's explanation be formally recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings in terms of Rule 150 of the Standing Rules and Orders.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported without amendments, with 51 Members present in the House.

In terms of Article 75(3), the Speaker shall refer the Bill to His Excellency the President to deal with it under Article 56 and 64 of the Namibian Constitution.

6. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – *Income Tax Amendment Bill* [B.9 – 2024].

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by Hon. Kavetuna: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1 – 7 put and agreed to.
Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported without amendments.

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by Hon. Elago:
That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

Income Tax Amendment Bill [B.9 – 2024] read a Third Time, with 51 Members present in the House.

7. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – *Value Added Tax Bill* [B.11 – 2024].

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by the Deputy minister of Urban and Rural Development: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1 – 7 put and agreed to.
Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported without amendments.

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by Hon. Kooper:
That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

Value Added Tax Bill [B.11 – 2024] read a Third Time with 49 Members present in the House.

8. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Transfer Duty Bill* [B.10 – 2024].

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by the Minister of Industrialisation and Trade: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1 – 4 put and agreed to.
Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBY RESUMED:

Bill reported without amendments.

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

Transfer Duty Bill [B.10 – 2024] read a Third Time with 50 Members present in the House.

9. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – *Stamp Duty Amendment Bill* [B.13 – 2024].

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by Hon. Kandumbu: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1 – 5 put and agreed to.
Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBY RESUMED:

Bill reported without amendments.

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

Stamp Duty Amendment Bill [B.13 – 2024] read a Third Time with 49 Members present in the House.

10. **SIXTH ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – *Divorce Bill* [B.3 – 2024].

The Minister of Justice moved, seconded by Hon. Kandjimi: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBY IN COMMITTEE:

Arrangement of Sections put and agreed to.

Clause 1 put.

Clause 1 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Hon. Hinda-Mbuende and Hon. Kamutali, instead of demanding a division, reported that their opposition to the Minister's amendment be formally recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings in terms of Rule 150 of the Standing rules and Orders. Agreed to.

Clause 2 – 18 put and agreed to.

Clause 19 put.

Clause 19 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Clause 20 – 23 put and agreed to.

Clause 24 put.

Clause 24 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Schedule 1 put and agreed to.

Schedule 2 put.

Schedule 2 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported with amendments.

The Minister of Justice moved, seconded by Hon. Kasuto: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

Divorce Bill [B.3 – 2024] read a Third Time with 50 Members present in the House.

11. SEVENTH ORDER READ:

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Civil Registration and Identification Bill* [B. 8 – 2024].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 7 August 2024, as moved by the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (page 136).

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

Agreed to.

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

12. EIGHTH ORDER READ:

Resumption of Debate on the Ratification of the ILO Convention No. 183 of 2000 and ILO Convention No. 156 of 1981.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 7 August 2024, as moved by the Deputy Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation (page 144).

Question put: That the Conventions be adopted.

Agreed to.

13. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare, the Assembly at 17:38 until Friday, 9 August 2024; 09:00.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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