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TENTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2024

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **The Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises laid upon the Table:**
Reports of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the –
 - (i) Government of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
 - (ii) Municipality of Henties Bay for the financial year ended 30 June 2022;
 - (iii) Town Council of Eenhana for the financial years ended 30 June 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022;
 - (iv) Town Council of Ongwediva for the financial year ended 30 June 2023;
 - (v) Regional Council of the Zambezi Region for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
 - (vi) New Era Publications Corporation for the financial years ended 31 March 2022 and 2023; and
 - (vii) Special Report of the Auditor-General on the Non-Submission of Financial Statements by some Local Authorities, Regional Councils, Statutory Bodies and Funds up to the financial year ended 30 June 2023.
3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. McHenry Venaani (PDM) to ask the Minister in the Presidency (No. 75).
- (ii) Hon. Diergaardt (PDM) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport (No. 76).
- (iii) Hon. Kamati (PDM) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 77).

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

The Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism made a Ministerial Statement regarding the Ministry's decision to increase the payments for the Human Wildlife Conflict Self Reliance Scheme.

The following are the revised adjustments for payment under the Human Wildlife Conflict Self Reliance Scheme with effect from 1 September 2024.

- (i) Human death: Remain the same at N\$100 000.
- (ii) Injury with no loss of body parts: From N\$10 000 to N\$15 000.
- (iii) Injury with loss of body parts: From N\$30 000 to N\$40 000.
- (iv) Permanent disability: From N\$50 000 to N\$100 000.
- (v) Cattle: From N\$3 000 to N\$5 000.
- (vi) Goat: From N\$500 to N\$800.
- (vii) Sheep: From N\$700 to N\$800.
- (viii) Horse: From N\$800 to N\$1 500.
- (ix) Donkey: From N\$500 to N\$1 000.
- (x) Pig: From N\$700 to N\$1 000.
- (xi) Crop damages – One quarter of hectare: From N\$250 to N\$500.
- (xii) Crop damages – One hectare: From N\$1 000 to N\$2 000.

5. **Announcement by the Speaker in terms of Rule 11(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

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.

- (i) *Income Tax Amendment Bill* [B.9 – 2024];
- (ii) *Value-Added Tax Bill* [B.11 – 2024];
- (iii) *Transfer Duty Amendment Bill* [B.10 – 2024];
- (iv) *Stamp Duty Amendment Bill* [B.13 – 2024]; and
- (v) *Divorce Bill* [B.3 – 2024].

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

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Health Professions Bill* [B. 6 – 2024].

Questions before the Assembly on Tuesday, 10 September 2024, as moved by the Minister of Health and Social Services (page 139).

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

Agreed to.

Health Professions Bill [B. 6 – 2024] read a Second Time.

5. **SECOND ORDER** deferred by the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security to Tuesday, 17 September 2024.

6. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – *Civil Registration and Identification Bill* [B. 8 – 2024].

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

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Arrangement of Sections put and agreed to.

Clause 1 put.

Clause 1 as amended by the Minister to substitute the definition of “family member” and to insert the definition of “Namibian foreign mission”, put and agreed to.

Clause 2 put and agreed to.

Clause 3 put.

Clause 3 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Clause 4 put.

Clause 4 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Clause 5 put and agreed to.

Clause 6 put.

Clause 6(d) and (f) as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Clauses 7 – 12 put and agreed to.

Clause 13 put.

Clause 13(2)(f), (8) and (9) as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Clause 14 put and agreed to.

Clause 15 put.

Clause 15 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Clauses 16 - 17 put and agreed to.

Clause 18 put.

Clause 18 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Clause 19 put and agreed to.

Clause 20 put.

Clause 20 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Clauses 21 – 22 put and agreed to.

Clause 23 put.

Clause 23 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Clause 24 put.

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

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Progress reported and leave granted to sit again.

7. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Public Gatherings and Public Processions Bill* [B. 12 – 2024].

Questions before the Assembly on Tuesday, 3 September 2024, as moved by the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (page 145): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security, seconded by Hon. Katamelo, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 17 September 2024, for her reply.

8. **FIFTH ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Regional and Constituency Development Fund Bill* [B. 22 – 2024].

Questions before the Assembly on Tuesday, 3 September 2024, as moved by the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (page 8): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of the Minister of Urban and Rural Development, seconded by Hon. Kafula, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 18 September 2024, for his reply.

9. **SIXTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Consideration of the Committee Report on the oversight visit to the management of Railway Infrastructure in //Kharas, Hardap, Khomas and Erongo Regions.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 3 September 2024 as moved by Hon. Ithete (page 68): That the Committee Report be adopted.

Question to adopt the Report deferred due to a lack of 49 voting Members.

10. **SEVENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Consideration of Committee Report on the Motion of Fake Qualifications within the Public Sector.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 3 September 2024 as moved by Hon. Katjingisiua (page 156): That the Committee Report be adopted.

Question to adopt the Report deferred due to a lack of 49 voting Members.

11. **EIGHTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Consideration of Reports of the Select Committee on Budget on the Benchmarking visits to the Parliaments of Zambia, Uganda, Ghana and Zimbabwe.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 3 September 2024 as moved by Hon. Katamelo (page 159): That the Select Committee Report be adopted.

Question to adopt the Report deferred due to a lack of 49 voting Members.

12. **NINTH ORDER READ:**

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.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 3 September 2024 as moved by Hon. Van den Heever (page 85): That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to the Assembly.

On the motion of Hon. Dienda, on behalf of Hon. Van den Heever, seconded by Hon. Katjimune, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 17 September 2024.

13. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:47 until Thursday, 12 September 2024.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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