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TENTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 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:**

The Speaker announced to the House that with the resignation of Honourable Erastus Shuumbwa of the All Peoples Party (APP) from the National Assembly a vacancy has occurred and that Honourable Linus Muchila was nominated to fill the vacancy in terms of Article 48(2) of the Namibian Constitution. The Honourable Muchila was sworn-in by Justice Dave Smuts on Friday, 13 September 2024 and as such is now a duly elected Member of the National Assembly.

The House collective welcomed Honourable Linus Muchila, as a Member of the National Assembly.

Secondly, the Speaker brought to the attention of the House, that in consideration of the upcoming Presidential and National Assembly elections, which is in the public interest and due regard to the Standing Rules and Orders of the National Assembly, in particular Rules 5, 8 and 12, as well as Article 62(2) of the Namibian Constitution, a consultative meeting was convened with the Party Whips, to which it was agreed that this Assembly adjourns on Thursday, 19 September 2024 and resumes again on Monday, 28 October 2024 for the continuation of the Tenth Session.

The House so agreed.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Ekandjo (SWAPO) to ask the Minister in the Presidency (No. 79).
- (ii) Hon. Tjiramba (LPM) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 80).
- (iii) Hon. Tjiramba (LPM) to ask the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 81).

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

The Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform made a brief Ministerial Statement on the Status of the Repatriation of Namibians from Botswana. He added that the citizenship of these communities has been implemented and as a result, ninety-eight (98) of them are expected to be received at the Dobe Border Post on Friday, 20 September 2024.

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises announced to the House and the nation at large that the various tax legislation amendments as deliberated on and subsequently passed by the National Assembly in August 2024, have been signed into law by His Excellency the President and were published in the Government Gazette on Monday, 16 September 2024. The specific Acts are as follows:

- (i) Income Tax Amendment Act, 2024 (Act No. 4 of 2024);
- (ii) Value-Added Tax Amendment Act, 2024 (Act No. 5 of 2024);
- (iii) Transfer Duty Amendment Act, 2024 (Act No. 6 of 2024); and
- (iv) Stamp Duties Amendment Act, 2024 (Act No. 7 of 2024).

The Minister continued to provide additional clarity specifically on the implementation of the Income Tax Amendment Act, 2024 (Act No. 4 of 2024) – in particular, the adjustment pertaining to the increase of the threshold for Income Tax on Individuals from N\$50,000 to N\$100,000.

5. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

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

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

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

The Assistant Deputy Chairperson of the Whole House Committee reported that when progress was reported on Wednesday, 11 September 2024, the Arrangement of Sections and Clauses 2, 5, 7 – 12, 14, 16, 17 19, 21, 22 were put and agreed to without amendments while Clauses 1, 3, 4, 6, 13, 15, 18, 20, 23 and 24 as amended by the Minister were put and agreed to with amendments. Clauses 25 – 92 and the Title stood over.

Clauses 25 - 26 put and agreed to.
Clause 27 put.
Clause 27 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.
Clauses 28 - 29 put and agreed to.
Clause 30 put.
Clause 30 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.
Clauses 31 - 32 put and agreed to.
Clause 33 put.
Clause 33 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.
Clauses 34 - 39 put and agreed to.
Clause 40 put.
Clause 40 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.
Clauses 41 - 43 put and agreed to.
Clause 44 put.
Clause 44 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.
Clauses 45 - 53 put and agreed to.
Clause 54 put.
Clause 54 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.
Clause 55 put.
Clause 55 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.
Clauses 56 - 58 put and agreed to.
Clause 59 put.
Clause 59 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.
Clauses 60 - 68 put and agreed to.
Clause 69 put.
Clause 69 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.
Clauses 70 - 73 put and agreed to.
Clause 74 put.
Clause 74 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.
Clauses 75 - 82 put and agreed to.
Clause 83 put.
Clause 83 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.
Clauses 84 - 85 put and agreed to.
Clause 86 put.
Clause 86 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.
Clause 87 put and agreed to.
Clause 88 put.
Clause 88 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.
Clauses 89 - 90 put and agreed to.
Clause 91 put.
Clause 91 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.
Clause 92 put and agreed to.
Title put and agreed to.
Schedule put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported with amendments.

6. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – *Health Professions Bill* [B. 6 – 2024].

The Minister of Health and Social Services moved, seconded by the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Arrangement of Sections put.

Arrangement of Sections as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Clause 1 put.

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

Clauses 2 - 10 put and agreed to.

Clauses 11 - 20 put and agreed to.

Clauses 21 - 30 put and agreed to.

Clauses 31 - 36 put and agreed to.

Clause 37 put.

Clause 37 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Clauses 38 - 40 put and agreed to.

Clauses 41 - 50 put and agreed to.

Clauses 51 - 56 put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Progress reported and leave granted to sit again.

7. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:55 until Wednesday, 18 September 2024.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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