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TENTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2024

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport moved, seconded by Rt. Hon. Prime Minister:

That this Assembly –

In accordance with Article 112(3) of the Namibian Constitution;

Approve the appointment by His Excellency the President of Ms. Ludmilla Habbatte Doeses and Mr. Michael Mutonga as members of the Public Service Commission for a period of five years.

Question put: That the Motion be agreed to.

Agreed to.

3. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Third Reading – *Civil Registration and Identification Bill* [B. 8 – 2024].

Questions before the Assembly on Yesterday, 18 September 2024, as moved by the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (page 145).

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

Agreed to.

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

4. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of 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:

The Assistant Deputy Chairperson of the Whole House Committee reported that when progress was reported Yesterday, 17 September 2024, the Arrangement of Sections and Clauses 1 and 37 as amended by the Minister were put and agreed to with amendments while Clauses 2 – 36 and 38 - 56 were put and agreed to without amendments. Clauses 57 – 96, the Title and Schedules stood over.

Clause 57 put.

Clause 57 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

Clauses 58 - 60 put and agreed to.

Clauses 61 - 70 put and agreed to.

Clauses 71 - 80 put and agreed to.

Clauses 81 - 90 put and agreed to.

Clauses 91 - 96 put and agreed to.

Title put and agreed to.

Schedule 1 put and agreed to.

Schedule 2 put and agreed to.

Schedule 3 put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported with amendments.

The Minister of Health and Social Services moved, seconded by the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

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

5. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Reconsideration – *Marriage Bill* [B. 5 – 2024].

The Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security moved, seconded by the Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1 put

Clause 1 as amended by the National Council, put but rejected by the Minister.

Clause 12 put

Clause 12 as amended by the National Council, put but rejected by the Minister.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill as reconsidered, reported without amendments.

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

6. FOURTH ORDER READ:

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

Questions before the Assembly on Wednesday, 11 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 Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security, seconded by Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation, debate adjourned until Monday, 28 October 2024, for his reply.

7. FIFTH ORDER READ:

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Roads Bill* [B. 7 – 2024].

Questions before the Assembly on Thursday, 12 September 2024, as moved by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport (page 141): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Industrialisation and Trade, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 29 October 2024, for his reply

8. SIXTH ORDER READ:

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

Questions before the Assembly on Wednesday, 11 September 2024, as moved by the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (page 145): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of the Minister of Urban and Rural Development, seconded by the Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 30 October 2024, for his reply.

7. **SEVENTH 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 Thursday, 12 September 2024 as moved by Hon. Ithete (page 68).

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

8. **EIGHTH ORDER READ:**

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

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 12 September 2024 as moved by Hon. Katjingisiua (page 156).

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

9. **NINTH 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 Thursday, 12 September 2024 as moved by Hon. Katamelo (page 159).

Question put: That the Select Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

9. **TENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Consideration of Report on the National Resettlement Policy for the years 2023 – 2033.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 12 September 2024 as moved by the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (page 20).

Question put: That the Policy be adopted.

Agreed to.

10. **ELEVENTH ORDER READ:**

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.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 12 September 2024 as moved by the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services (page 94).

Question put: That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further analysis and report back to this House.

Agreed to.

10. **TWELFTH 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 Wednesday, 11 September 2024 as moved by Hon. Van den Heever (page 85).

Question put: That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee to propose recommendations to this august House.

Agreed to.

11. **THIRTEENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate to abolish RedForce Debt Management in local authorities and to investigate the true owners of the company.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 12 September 2024 as moved by Hon. Hamata (page 60).

Question put: That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to the Assembly.

Agreed to.

11. **FOURTEENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on merging the National Youth Council (NYC) into the National Youth Service (NYS) into one single body.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 12 September 2024 as moved by Hon. Katjimune (page 85).

Question put: That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this House.

Agreed to.

12. **FIFTEENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on foreign music content that diminishes Namibia's cultural identity and limiting the portrayal of local stories in our media.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 12 September 2024 as moved by Hon. Hengari (page 106).

Question put: That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to the Assembly.

Agreed to.

13. **SIXTEENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on government to avail adequate resources for public schools to also excel like private schools.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 12 September 2024 as moved by Hon. Hamata (page 14).

Question put: That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this House.

Agreed to.

14. **SEVENTEENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the underutilisation of our perennial rivers namely the Zambezi, Kavango, Kunene and Orange Rivers compared to our neighbouring countries.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 12 September 2024 as moved by Hon. McHenry Venaani (page 80).

Question put: That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

Agreed to.

15. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION:** deferred in terms of Rule 28 of Standing Rules and Orders by Hon. Tjiramba, on behalf of Hon. Mootu to Monday, 28 October 2024

16. **THIRD NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Hon Hamata moved, seconded by Hon. Iijambo:

That this Assembly –

Discuss the critical issue of extracting water from the Ohangwena Aquifer 2 as a vital resource for the Ohangwena Region, and the broader northern regions of Namibia.

That this motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further investigation and report back.

On the motion of Hon. Moongo, seconded by Hon. McHenry Venaani, debate adjourned until Monday, 28 October 2024.

17. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 16:57 until Thursday, 19 September 2024.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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