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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2024 (14:30 – 17:45)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- I. Third Reading *Civil Registration and Identification Bill* [B. 8 2024] [Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security].
- II. Resumption of Committee Stage *Health Professions Bill* [B. 6 2024] [Minister of Health and Social Services].
- III. Reconsideration *Marriage Bill* [B. 5 2024] [Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security].
- IV. Resumption of Debate on Second Reading *Public Gatherings and Public Processions Bill* [B. 12 2024] [Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security].
- V. Resumption of Debate on Second Reading *Roads Bill* [B. 5 2024] [Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport].
- VI. Resumption of Debate on Second Reading *Regional and Constituency Development Fund Bill* [B. 22 2023] [Minister of Urban and Rural Development].
- VII. Resumption of Consideration of the Committee Report on the oversight visit to the management of Railway Infrastructure in //Kharas, Hardap, Khomas and Erongo Regions.
- VIII. Resumption of Consideration of Committee Report on the Motion of Fake Qualifications within the Public Sector.

- IX. Resumption of Consideration of Reports of the Select Committee on Budget on the Benchmarking visits to the Parliaments of Zambia, Uganda, Ghana and Zimbabwe.
- X. Resumption of Consideration of Report on the National Resettlement Policy for the years 2023 2033.
- XI. 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.
- XII. 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 [Hon. Van den Heever].
- XIII. Resumption of Debate to abolish RedForce Debt Management in local authorities and to investigate the true owners of the company [Hon. Hamata].
- XIV. Resumption of Debate on merging the National Youth Council (NYC) into the National Youth Service (NYS) into one single body [Hon. Katjimune].
- XV. Resumption of Debate on foreign music content that diminishes Namibia's cultural identity and limiting the portrayal of local stories in our media [Hon. Hengari].
- XVI. Resumption of Debate on government to avail adequate resources for public schools to also excel like private schools [Hon. Hamata].
- XVII. Resumption of Debate on the underutilisation of our perennial rivers namely the Zambezi, Kavango, Kunene and Orange Rivers compared to our neighbouring countries [Hon. McHenry Venaani].

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport:

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.

II. Hon. Mootu:

That this Assembly –

Discuss this motion that is calling on the expropriation of land of foreign absentee landlords without compensation in Namibia.

Cognizant of the property rights enshrined in Article 16 of the Namibian Constitution and Article 17 of the Universal Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man; absentee landlords have benefitted for too long at the expense of native Namibians. The post-colonial government in its current state serves the growing interests of foreign nationals that reside outside, at the expense of those who have lost land as a result of land dispossession.

The National Resettlement Policy 2023 - 2033 tabled by Hon. Calle Schlettwein, Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform demands that farmers should have an in-flow of up to 2 million to qualify for resettlement farm. This in its nature is an ultra-right policy that further perpetuates land inequality and benefits the political elites, disregarding the black majority.

Due to the demands of the criteria, the Landless People's Movement (LPM) proposes a truly transformative leftist approach to land distribution that prioritizes the empowerment of the masses.

This motion is aimed at ensuring that a critical national asset is not left idle or exploited by those who do not contribute to our nation's growth. The era of foreign exploitation is over, our land will be reclaimed for the benefit of our people.

III. Hon. Hamata:

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.

THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2024

NOTICE OF A MOTION

Hon. Hengari:

Recent reports indicate that nearly half of Namibians, especially civil servants, are drowning in debt. This is a serious issue that needs urgent attention. Meanwhile, lending institutions, like the infamous Letshego made a profit of N\$199 million in just six months, which highlights the big gap between the financial success of lending institutions and the struggles of ordinary people. Many Namibians are turning to backyard loan sharks who charge very high interest rates, making their situation worse. There is therefore a need to have a real discussion about whether our current laws, like the Usuary Act 73 of 1968 (as amended), Bank of Namibia Act, Microlending Act, and other existing laws, are truly protecting our people from exploitation.

That this Assembly –

Debates, discusses, and *strengthens* this motion and that following the adoption of recommendations in this House, this motion be referred to the relevant standing committee.

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