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OF THE

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2025
(14:30 – 17:45)

ORDER OF THE DAY

Resumption of Committee Stage – *Roads Bill* [B. 5 – 2024] – [Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport].

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. 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.

II. 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 therefore –

Debates, discusses and strengthens this Motion and that following the adoption of recommendations in this House, this Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back.

TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2025

NOTICE OF A MOTION

Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security:

That this Assembly –

Agree to the Ratification of the draft Southern African Development Community (SADC) Protocol on the Inter-State Transfer of Sentenced Offenders.

WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2025

NOTICE OF A MOTION

Minister of Justice:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to define and prescribe the powers, duties and functions of the Ombudsman; to provide for the appointment of the Deputy Ombudsman and an acting Ombudsman; to establish the Office of the Ombudsman as an office in the public service; and to provide for incidental matters.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Committee Stage – *Public Gatherings and Public Processions Bill* [B. 12 – 2024] – [Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security].

WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2025

ORDER OF THE DAY

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Regional and Constituency Development Fund Bill* [B. 22 – 2023] – [Minister of Urban and Rural Development].
