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**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2025

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Hon. Tweya laid upon the Table the Report of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources for discussions:**

Report on the Visit to Farm Tripoli 546 in Leonardville in Omaheke Region.
3. **Hon. Karondo laid upon the Table the following Reports of the Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs for discussion:**
 - (i) Report on the Motion on the Impact of Stock Theft in Namibia;
 - (ii) Draft Report on Petition requesting the National Assembly to make use of Article 44 of the Namibian Constitution to establish an Unemployment Fund similar to the Veterans Act of 2008;
 - (iii) Report on the Petition by the former Refugees' Repatriation Association;
 - (iv) Report on the Petition by the Association of Dependents Veterans Namibia (AODVD), requesting the amendment of the Veterans Act 2, Of 2008, Part 1, Section 1(A); Definition of A Child of a Veteran;
 - (v) Report on the Motion and Petition for the recognition of Namibian Sign Language as one of the National Languages in Namibia and the appointment of a sign language interpreter on live parliamentary debates; and

For note-taking:

- (vi) Report on the Motion by Hon. Hambyuka Hamunyera, requesting for the Recognition of the Late Hompa Kandjimi Hauwanga of Vakwangali as a National Hero.
- (vii) Report on the Benchmarking visit to the Parliament of Denmark and Government Entities.

4. **Hon. Katjingsua laid upon the Table the following Reports of the Standing Committee on Human Resources and Community Development for discussions:**

- (i) Report on the Motion on current crisis in the Education Sector; and
- (ii) Report to Ratify the African Union Charter for African Cultural Renaissance.

5. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Minister of Justice moved, seconded by the Deputy Speaker:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Judiciary Act, 2015, so as to define the word “construction”; to provide for the Chief Justice, as the Head of the Judiciary, to be responsible for the capital projects of the Office of the Judiciary; to provide for the Chief Justice to consult the Minister responsible for justice for input regarding the construction of courthouses; and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

Judiciary Amendment Bill [1 – 2025] read a First Time.

The Minister of Justice replied and the Bill stands deferred to Thursday, 13 March 2025, for the Speaker to put the Question for the Title of the Bill to be read a Second Time.

6. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Hon. Katamelolo moved, seconded by Hon. Kasuto:

That on behalf of the Budget and Finance Standing Committee –

That this Assembly –

Discuss the drought assistance measures as provided to the farmers through AgriBank, by the Ministry of Finance and Public Enterprises.

Also, *discuss* the full implementation of the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Economics and Public Administration on the Financial Institution and Markets Act (FIMA).

Agreed to.

On the motion of Hon. Hengari, seconded by Hon. Tjirare, debate adjourned until Thursday, 13 March 2025.

7. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

- I. Resumption of Debate to *Amend* Rule 2 which provides for the establishment of the Selection Committee in terms of the Rules on the establishing functioning and procedures of Committees.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 11 March 2025, as moved by Hon. Katamelo (page 37).

Question put: That the Motion to Amend Rule 2 be adopted.

In terms of Rule 150 of the Standing Rules and Orders, Hon. Hengari requested that the PDM's opposition to Amend Rule 2 be formally recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Assembly.

Agreed to.

Motion to Amend Rule 2 adopted.

8. **SECOND ORDER** on the *Ombudsman Bill* [B. 17 – 2024] withdrawn by the Minister of Justice.

9. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Committee Report on the review of the Audited Report of the Namibia Broadcasting Corporation for the years ended 31 March 2017/2018.

Hon. Murorua moved, seconded by Hon. Tjiveze, that the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.T

10. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate to adopt the primary objectives of the School Grant Policy.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 4 March 2025, as moved by the Minister of Education, Sport and Culture (page 27).

Question put: That the Policy be adopted.

Agreed to.

11. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:53 until Thursday, 13 March 2025.

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Acting Secretary: National Assembly

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