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SPECIAL SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

# REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

# MONDAY, 17 MARCH 2025

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.

# 2. Announcement by the Speaker in terms of Rule 117(b) of the Standing Rules and Order:

The Speaker announced that as is customary, His Excellency the President of the Republic of Namibia Dr. Nangolo Mbumba will deliver his valedictory speech to the Seventh Parliament tomorrow Tuesday, 18 March 2025 at 14:30 here in the Mose' Penaani Tjitendero Chamber, National Assembly.

The Speaker requested all Hon. Members to be on time to receive His Excellency.

#### 3. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – Public Procurement Amendment Bill [B. 3 – 2025].

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by the Minister of Mines and Energy: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

#### ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1 put and agreed to. Clause 2 put and agreed to. Clause 3 put and agreed to. Clause 4 put and agreed to. Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported without amendment with 60 voting Members present.

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

Public Procurement Amendment Bill [B. 3 – 2025] read a Third Time.

#### 4. SECOND ORDER READ:

Committee Stage – Namibia Financial Assistance Fund Amendment Bill [B. 4 – 2025].

The Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation moved, seconded by Hon. Kavetuna: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clauses 1 to 6 put and agreed to. Clauses 7 to 11 put and agreed to. Clauses 12 to 16 put and agreed to. Clauses 17 to 19 put and agreed to. Clause 20 and 21 put and agreed to. Clauses 22 to 24 put and agreed to. Title put and agreed to.

#### ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported without amendment with 61 voting Members present.

The Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

*Namibia Financial Assistance Fund Amendment Bill* [B. 4 – 2025] read a Third Time.

#### 5. THIRD ORDER READ:

Consideration of Committee Report on the Motion to find solutions to the devastating effects of the increasing seal populations on the sustainable harvesting of fish stocks in Namibia.

Hon. Mukapuli moved, seconded by Hon. Katamelo: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

#### 6. FOURTH ORDER READ:

Consideration of Committee Report on the Motion on Illegal Lithium Mining in Uis, Daures Constituency in Erongo Region.

Hon. Karondo moved, seconded by Hon. Kandumbu: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

# 7. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Committee Report on the Petition to provide for the regularisation of foreign ownership of land in Namibia.

Hon. Tweya moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

#### 8. SIXTH ORDER READ:

Consideration of Committee Report on the visit to the Railway Infrastructure in the Northern Regions.

Hon. Ithete moved, seconded by Hon. Katoma: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

# 9. SEVENTH ORDER READ:

Consideration of Committee Report on the oversight visit to the resettlement farms in Otjozondjupa, Omaheke, Kunene and Erongo Regions.

Hon. Tweya moved, seconded by the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

#### 10. EIGHTH ORDER READ:

Consideration of Committee Report on the oversight visit to the Mining and Energy Companies in Oshikoto, Otjozondjupa and Erongo Region.

Hon. Tweya moved, seconded by the Minister in the Presidency: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

#### 11. NINTH ORDER READ:

Consideration of Committee Report on the visits to Conservancies in Kunene and Zambezi Regions.

Hon. Kafula moved, seconded by Hon. Tjiveze: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

#### 12. **TENTH ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Committee Report on the Motion on Youth unemployment crisis in Namibia.

Hon. Dingara moved, seconded by Hon. Dr. Ndjoze-Ojo: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

# 13. ELEVENTH ORDER READ:

Consideration of Committee Report on the Motion on Establishing special schools in the Kavango East and Kavango West Regions.

Hon. Dinyando-Nyambe moved, seconded by Hon. Dr. Ndjoze-Ojo: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

#### 14. **TWELFTH ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Committee Report on the Motion on Erecting an ever-lighting shrine at Vaalgras to honour Kaptein Hendrik Witbooi.

Hon. Dingara moved, seconded by Hon. Karondo: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

#### 15. THIRTEENTH ORDER READ:

Consideration of Committee Report on the Visit to Farm Tripoli 546, Leonardville in Omaheke Region.

Hon. Tweya moved, seconded by Hon. Kamutali: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

#### 16. FOURTEENTH ORDER READ:

Consideration of Committee Report on the Motion on the Impact of Stock Theft in Namibia.

Hon. Karondo moved, seconded by Hon. Karupu: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

#### 17. **FIFTEENTH ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Committee Report on the 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.

Hon. Karondo moved, seconded by Hon. Hengari: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

#### 18. SIXTEENTH ORDER READ:

Consideration of Committee Report on the Petition by the former Refugees Repatriation Association.

Hon. Karondo moved, seconded by Hon. Kooper: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

#### 19. SEVENTEETH ORDER READ:

Consideration of Committee 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.

Hon. Karondo moved, seconded by the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

#### 20. EIGHTEENTH ORDER READ:

Consideration of Committee 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.

Hon. Karondo moved, seconded by Hon. Hamata: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

## 21. NINETEENTH ORDER READ:

Consideration of Committee Report on the Motion on current crisis in the Education Sector.

Hon. Dinyando-Nyambe moved, seconded by Hon. Mbundu: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

# 22. **TWENTIETH ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Committee Report on the Ratification of the African Union Charter for African Cultural Renaissance.

Hon. Dr. Ndjoze-Ojo moved, seconded by Hon. Nanyeni: That the Committee Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

- 23. **TWENTY-FIRST ORDER** deferred to Tuesday, 18 March 2025 due to the absence of both the Minister and the Deputy Minister.
- 24. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 21:14 until Tuesday, 18 March 2025.

**MR. O. MUYATWA** *Acting Secretary: National Assembly* 

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