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SPECIAL SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

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

THURSDAY, 6 MARCH 2025

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcements by the Deputy Speaker in terms of Rule 117(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

- (i) The Deputy Speaker announced that the meeting of the Committee on Standing Rules and Orders and Internal Arrangements in principle agreed with the request for the extension of the sitting days and times of the session to consider the proposed urgent Bill.

As a result, the meeting requested the Minister of Justice to give an indication by latest Monday, 10 March 2025 at 11:00 that the Bill is ready for tabling.

- (ii) The Deputy Speaker further announced that the National Assembly, in collaboration with the High Commissions of various Commonwealth countries represented in Namibia are organising the commemoration of the Commonwealth Day scheduled for Monday, 10 March 2025 at 09:00 at the precincts of the National Assembly.

All Honourable Members are therefore invited to join the Speaker in commemorating the Commonwealth Day.

3. **Hon. Tweya laid upon the Table the Report of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources, for note-taking:**

Report on the Study visit to its portfolio counterpart Committee on the House of People's Representatives of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

4. **Hon. Tweya further laid upon the Table the following Reports of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources, for discussion:**

- (i) Report on the Petition to provide for the regularisation of foreign ownership of land in Namibia
- (ii) 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;
- (iii) Report on the Oversight visit to the Resettlement farms in Otjozondjupa, Omaheke, Kunene and Erongo Regions;
- (iv) Report on the oversight visit to the Mining and Energy Companies in Oshikoto, Otjozondjupa and Erongo Regions; and
- (v) Report on the Visits to Conservancies in Kunene and Zambezi Regions.

5. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Diergaardt (PDM) to ask the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 112).
- (ii) Hon. Vries (PDM) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 113).
- (iii) Hon. Murorua (UDF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 114).

6. **Hon. Hambyuka moved without Notice in terms of Rule 124(h) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Lucia Iipumbu and Hon. Utoni Nujoma until further notice.

Agreed to.

7. **QUESTIONS DEALT WITH:**

- (i) Hon. Benz (PDM) asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport (No. 63) – *Stands over.*
- (ii) Hon. Tjiramba (LPM) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 65) – *Stands over.*
- (iii) Hon. Mootu (LPM) asked the Minister in the Presidency (No. 67) – *Stands over.*
- (iv) Hon. Kodi (LPM) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 71) – *Stands over.*

- (v) Hon. Hamata (PDM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 74) – *Replied to.*
- (vi) Hon. McHenry Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister in the Presidency (No. 75) – *Stands over.*
- (vii) Hon. Diergaardt (PDM) asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport (No. 76) – *Stands over.*
- (viii) Hon. Ekandjo (SWAPO) asked the Minister in the Presidency (No. 79) – *Stands over.*
- (ix) Hon. Tjiramba (LPM) asked the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 81) – *Stands over.*
- (x) Hon. Tjiramba (LPM) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 82) – *Stands over.*
- (xi) Hon. Vries (PDM) asked the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 83) – *Stands over.*
- (xii) Hon. Van den Heever (PDM) asked the Minister in the Presidency (No. 84) – *Stands over.*
- (xiii) Hon. Van den Heever (PDM) asked the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 85) – *Replied to.*
- (xiv) Hon. Benz (PDM) asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport (No. 86) – *Stands over.*
- (xv) Hon. Moongo (PDM) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 87) – *Stands over.*
- (xvi) Hon. Dienda (PDM) asked the Minister of Justice (No. 88) – *Replied to.*
- (xvii) Hon. Dienda (PDM) asked the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 89) – *Replied to.*
- (xviii) Hon. Hamata (PDM) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 90) – *Replied to.*
- (xix) Hon. Kamati (PDM) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 91) – *Stands over.*
- (xx) Hon. Mike Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 92) – *Replied to.*
- (xxi) Hon. Dienda (PDM) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 93) – *Stands over.*
- (xxii) Hon. Tjirare (PDM) asked the Minister of Justice (No. 94) – *Replied to.*
- (xxiii) Hon. Muchila (APP) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 95) – *Replied to.*

8. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:58 until Monday, 10 March 2025.

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