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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE 2024

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcements by the Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

- (i) The Speaker reported that in terms of Rule 125 of the Standing Rules and Orders of the National Assembly, the President of the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, His Excellency Mr. Dennis Francis, will tomorrow, Thursday, 20 June 2024 at 14:30, address the Joint Sitting of the Parliament, and all Hon. Members are requested to attend.
- (ii) That the Committee on Standing Rules and Orders and Internal Arrangements has approved the nomination of Hon. Longinus Iipumbu as Namibia's Parliament representative to the SADC Parliamentary Forum.

Hon. Van den Heever reported that her Objection in respect of the nomination of Hon. Iipumbu be formally recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings.

- (iii) Thirdly, the Speaker announced that he has received a communication from the LPM that the Party has designated Hon. Utaara Mootu as its Chief Whip in the National Assembly.
- (iv) Further, that he has also been informed by the LPM, that the Party has nominated;

Hon. Aina Hanganeni Kodi to serve on the following Standing Committees:

- Committee on Human Resources and Community Development; and
- Committee on Natural Resources.

Hon. Agnes Tjiramba to serve on the following Standing Committees:

- Committee on Gender Equality, Social Development and Family Affairs; and;
- Committee on Human Resources and Community Development.

- (v) Lastly, that he has also been informed by PDM that Hon. Elma Dienda, has been nominated back to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

The Speaker declared these Members as duly appointed to the said Parliamentary Standing Committees and Multilateral Parliamentary Organizations.

3. Hon. Dingara laid upon the Table for discussion:

Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resources and Community Development on the Motion of Fake Qualifications with in the Public Sector.

4. Hon. Katamelo laid upon the Table for discussion:

- (i) Report on the Benchmarking visit of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Budget to the Parliaments of Zambia, Uganda and Ghana during March 2023, and
- (ii) Report on the Benchmarking visit of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Budget to the Parliament of Zimbabwe during May 2024.

5. NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:

- (i) Hon. Mootu (LPM) to ask the Minister of Justice (No. 55).
- (ii) Hon. Mootu (LPM) to ask the Minister of Justice (No. 56).
- (iii) Hon. Iipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 57).
- (iv) Hon. Iipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Right Hon. Prime Minister (No. 58).
- (v) Hon. Van den Heever (PDM) to ask the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 59).

6. Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport provided a motivation on the drought interventions considered by Cabinet aimed at providing the assistance to the affected people in order to safeguard and alleviate the impact on the livelihoods of affected communities and farmers.

As such, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport submitted that the National Assembly in terms of Article 26(3) of the Namibian Constitution, consider and support the motivation, and extend the validity of the State of Emergency: National Disaster (Drought) for a further period of six (6) months from the date of approval.

Agreed to.

7. **FIRST NOTICE OF MOTION:**

Hon. Hengari moved, seconded by Hon. Hamata:

That this Assembly –

Debates the following and the Motion be referred to a Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back.

Namibia is confronted with a significant economic and cultural challenge, with over 80% of music aired on local radio stations originating from foreign sources. This trend directly contributes to a considerable outflow of royalties, resulting in the financial marginalization of Namibian artists. The ramifications of this trend extend beyond mere financial losses, impeding the growth and sustainability of our vibrant local creative industry. By prioritizing foreign content, we restrict opportunities for job creation within our own borders.

Additionally, the cultural impact is significant. Foreign content diminishes Namibia's cultural identity, limiting the portrayal of local stories in our media. This erosion of cultural distinctiveness underscores the importance of Parliamentary intervention to safeguard and celebrate Namibian culture.

On the motion of Hon. Katjimune, seconded by Hon. Moongo, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 26 June 2024.

8. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION** defer by Hon. Katjimune to Wednesday, 26 June 2024, on behalf of Hon. Mootu.

9. **THIRD NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology:

That this Assembly –

Discuss and Adopt the establishment of communal land in the Khomas Region, for the /Khomaniin Traditional Authority and for the administration of the said communal by the Khomas Communal Land Board to be established to allocate land rights in terms of the Communal Land Reform Act, 2002 (Act No: 5 of 2002), as amended.

On the motion of Hon. Auchab, seconded by Hon. Vries, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 26 June 2024.

10. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:49 until Thursday, 20 June 2024.

MS. L. KANDETU

*Secretary of the National
Assembly*

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