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 announced that in view of the move towards a paperless Parliament in Namibia, the National Assembly has acquired a new Chamber system which will be commissioned during the recess period in order to improve parliamentary processes and information sharing with citizens. This process is also aimed towards the elimination of the higher cost of paper. Once the Assembly resumed in September, sufficient training will be provided on the use of the new system.

   (ii) Secondly, the Speaker reminded the Members that the deadline for submission of the Assets Declaration Forms is the 31st July 2020. The Members were requested to submit the completed forms to the Office of the Secretary on or before this date.

   (iii) Further, the Speaker announced that the Committee on Standing Rules and Orders and Internal Arrangements of the National Assembly met on the 7th July 2020 and designated the number of Members to constitute a Standing Committee in terms of Rule 55(4) of the Standing Rules and Orders. Based on that decision, the following Members have been nominated by various political parties to serve on the following Parliamentary Standing Committees of the 7th Parliament of Namibia, but there is still room for other parties to submit names of their Members.

   **Standing Committee on Public Accounts:**

   (i) Mr. Dudu Murorua
   (ii) Mr. Josef Kauandenge
   (iii) Mr. Gothard Kandume
   (iv) Mr. Modestus Amutse
   (v) Ms. Maureen Hinda-Mbuende
   (vi) Ms. Juliet Kavetuna
   (vii) Ms. Annakletha Sikerete
(viii) Mr. Hamunyera Hambyuka
(ix) Mr. Jerry Ekandjo
(x) Ms. Heather Sibungo
(xi) Mr. Vincent Mareka
(xii) Ms. Veno Kauaria
(xiii) Mr. Leevi Katoma
(xiv) Ms. Emilia Nuyoma-Amupewa
(xv) Ms. Nathalia /Goagoses

Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs:
(i) Mr. Apius !Auchab
(ii) Mr. Josef Kauandenge
(iii) Ms. Margaret Mensah-Williams
(iv) Mr. Kletus Karondo
(v) Ms. Veno Kauaria
(vi) Mr. Leevi Katoma
(vii) Ms. Juliet Kavetuna
(viii) Mr. Phillipus Katamelo
(ix) Ms. Emilia Amupewa-Nuyoma
(x) Mr. Tjekero Tweya
(xi) Ms. Nathalia /Goagoses
(xii) Ms. Evelyn !Nawases-Taeyele
(xiii) Mr. Amutse Modestus
(xiv) Ms. Paula Kooper
(xv) Mr. Vincent Mareka

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security:
(i) Dr. Tangeni Iijambo
(ii) Mr. Dudu Murorua
(iii) Mr. Josef Kauandenge
(iv) Mr. Gothard Kandume
(v) Mr. Leevi Katoma
(vi) Ms. Lucia Witbooi
(vii) Mr. Hamunyera Hambyuka
(viii) Ms. Agnes Mpingana Kafula
(ix) Mr. Jerry Ekandjo
(x) Mr. Vincent Mareka
(xi) Ms. Veno Kauaria
(xii) Mr. Phillipus Katamelo
(xiii) Mr. Natangwe Ithete
(xiv) Dr. Tobie Aupindi
(xv) Ms. Evelyn !Nawases-Taeyele
(xvi) Ms. Paula Kooper
(xvii) Mr. Gotthard Kasuto

Standing Committee on Economics and Public Administration
(i) Mr. Apius !Auchab
(ii) Mr. Josef Kauandenge
(iii) Mr. Hamunyera Hambyuka
(iv) Ms. Heather Sibungo
(v) Dr. Tobie Aupindi
(vi) Ms. Johanna Kandjimi
(vii) Ms. Maureen Hinda-Mbuende
(viii) Ms. Margaret Mensah-Williams
Standing Committee on Natural Resources
(i) Mr. Apius !Auchab
(ii) Dr. Tangeni Iijambo
(iii) Mr. Gothard Kandume
(iv) Mr. Sebastiaan Karupu
(v) Ms. Agnes Mpingana Kafula
(vi) Mr. Natangwe Ithete
(vii) Ms. Johanna Kandjimi
(viii) Ms. Lucia Witbooi
(ix) Mr. Kletus Karondo
(x) Mr. Jerry Ekandjo
(xi) Ms. Maria Elago
(xii) Mr. Vincent Mareka
(xiii) Ms. Fennie Nanyeni
(xiv) Ms. Paula Kooper
(xv) Mr. Gotthard Kasuto
(xvi) Mr. Tjekero Tweya

Standing Committee on Human Resources and Community Development
(i) Ms. Maureen Hinda-Mbuende
(ii) Mr. Kletus Karondo
(iii) Mr. Mandela Kapere
(iv) Ms. Nono Katjiingisua
(v) Ms. Evelyn !Na-wases-Taeyele
(vi) Ms. Bertha Dinyando
(vii) Ms. Heather Sibungo
(viii) Mr. Tjekero Tweya
(ix) Mr. Sebastiaan Karupu
(x) Ms. Sophia Shaningwa
(xi) Ms. Agnes Mpingana Kafula
(xii) Ms. Annakletha Sikerete
(xiii) Ms. Nathalia /Goagoses

Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Social Development and Family Affairs
(i) Mr. Josef Kauandenge
(ii) Mr. Gotthard Kasuto
(iii) Ms. Juliet Kavetuna
(iv) Ms. Johanna Kandjimi
(v) Ms. Lucia Witbooi
(vi) Ms. Annakletha Sikerete
(vii) Ms. Bertha Dinyando
(viii) Ms. Nono Katjiingisua
(ix) Ms. Maria Elago
(x) Ms. Emilia Nuyoma-Amupewa
(xi) Ms. Nathalia /Goagoses
3. The Speaker laid upon the Table in terms of Section 6(3) of the Ombudsman Act No. 7 of 1990:


4. The Minister of Finance laid upon the Table:


5. ORAL QUESTIONS:

(i) Ms. Dienda (PDM) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 38) – Replied to.

(ii) Ms. Dienda (PDM) asked the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 39) – Replied to.

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

The Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation addressed the Assembly on some important developments in labour relations in Namibia during the State of Emergency and the periods of lockdown, and also informed the Members and the public at large as to the key legal protections available to Namibian workers and the duties of employers during the period of COVID-19 pandemic.

7. FIRST ORDER READ:

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – Access to Information Bill [B. 4 – 2020].
Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 24 June 2020, as moved by the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (page 33).

Ms. Hinda moved without notice, seconded by Dr. Aupindi, that the Bill be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this House.

Agreed to.

8. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:45 until Tuesday, 8 September 2020. Items which were on the Order Paper on this last sitting day of this First Session undisposed of, shall lapse in terms of Rule 24(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders, but can again be introduced at the next Session,

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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