

THIRD SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

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

**WEDNESDAY, 3 MARCH 2021**

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 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Speaker announced that he has been informed by the SWAPO Party that they have nominated the following two Members to serve on the following Parliamentary Standing Committees.

Mr. Elifas Dingara:

- (i) Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs;
- (ii) Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security; and
- (iii) Standing Committee on Human Resources and Community Development.

Ms. Hilaria Mukapuli:

- (i) Standing Committee on Natural Resources;
- (ii) Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Social Development and family Affairs:  
and
- (iii) Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 41).
- (ii) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 42).
- (iii) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 43).
- (iv) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Prime Minister (No. 44).
- (v) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister of Industrialisation and Trade (No. 45).

- (vi) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources (No. 46).
- (vii) Mr. Martin (PDM) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 47).
- (viii) Ms. Hengari (PDM) to ask the Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service (No. 48).

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

Ms. Dienda moved, seconded by Mr. Martin:

Despite the fact that equal treatment is one of the fundamental principles of our democracy, it seems that our Constitution is directly and indirectly discriminating against certain members of society. In particular, the Namibian Constitution impedes the rights of Members of the National Council, Region and Local Authority Councilors as well as civil servants from freely participating as candidates in the National Assembly elections.

That this House debates Article 47 (1) (e) (f) and (2) (b) of the Namibian Constitution in as far as it violates the rights of the above-mentioned members of the Namibian society from freely participating in the National Assembly elections.

That this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back.

*Further Debate on the Motion of Ms. Dienda put aside by the Speaker for his Ruling.*

5. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by Ms. Dienda on behalf of Mr. Muharukua to Thursday, 4 March 2021.

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

Ms. Dienda moved, seconded by Ms. Van den Heever:

That this Assembly –

*Discusses* the separation of powers as an essential element of democratic systems and serves as a guarantee of the proper functioning of governments and parliaments as unique institutions with specific functions within democracies.

Given the importance of separation of powers in ensuring accountability and good governance, that this House interrogate and discuss the current status of separation of powers in Namibia as it relates to the proper and efficient functioning of Parliament.

On the motion of Mr. Swartbooi, seconded by Mr. Seibeb, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 10 March 2021.

7. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Combating of Domestic Violence Amendment Bill* [B. 1 – 2021].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 17 February 2021, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 5): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Mr. Van Wyk, seconded by Mr. Kauandenge, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 10 March 2021.

8. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:45 until Thursday, 4 March 2021.

**MS. L. KANDETU**  
*Secretary of the National Assembly*

*Compiled by I. Nehoya*