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OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2021

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 welcomed back all Members to the 4th Session of the 7th Parliament. He reported that Namibia continue to receive news about the passing on of our beloved people due to COVID-19 and other related deaths. As National Assembly, between our last sitting and today, the Speaker said Parliament has lost Members with whom they shared the benches of the august House. These are:

Hon. Verno Kauaria;
Hon. Michael Bantu Goreseb;
Hon. Kazenambo Kazenambo; and
Hon. Marco Hausiku.

On the request of the Speaker, a Minute of Silence was observed in their honour.

- (ii) The Speaker reported that as elected representatives of the people, he collectively extend best wishes to all sports women and men and their respective management teams, who have performed exceptionally well at the recently concluded Tokyo Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games. He said Namibia is proud of their performances at these international fora and wish them all the best for the road ahead as they continue to fly the Namibian flag high at home and abroad.

- (iii) The Speaker also reported that the 41st Summit of SADC Heads of State and Government held in Lilongwe, Malawi from the 17th – 18th August 2021, approved the transformation of the SADC Parliamentary Forum into a SADC Regional Parliament as a consultative and a deliberative body.
- (iv) The Speaker further announced that he had been informed by the Chairperson of the National Council that the Council, in terms of Article 75(2) of the Constitution, considered and confirmed the *Appropriation Bill* [B1-2021] without amendments.

In terms of Article 75(3) of the Constitution, this *Bill* was referred to the President to deal with it under Articles 56 and 64 of our Constitution.

- (v) In conclusion, the Speaker welcomed back Mr. Swartbooi and Mr. Seibeb who were suspended from the sittings of the Assembly; and also acknowledged Dr. Ndjoze-Ojo who was sworn-in on 17 August 2021 as a Member of this Assembly.

3. **The Speaker presented and laid upon the Table in terms of Rule 96(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

Two Petitions submitted to his Office on 29 July 2021 and 9 August 2021 respectively.

- (i) The first Petition is from the Civil Society Organisations in Namibia and call for a moratorium on oil and gas exploration in the Kavango East Region until a full public enquiry with participation of civil society organisations and experts has been conducted on the processes and impact of this mining activity.
- (ii) The second Petition is from representatives of CoD, NEFF, PDM, NUDO, UPM, SWANU, APP, RP and AR. The Petitioners are against the appointment of the Anti-Corruption Commission's Director-General Mr. Paulus Noa and his Deputy Adv. Erna van der Merwe by the National Assembly on 29 July 2021.

The Speaker announced that these Petitions are going to be submitted to the Standing Committee dealing with Petitions, for recommendations to the Standing Committee on Rules and Orders and Internal Arrangements, for referral to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committees for investigation and report back to this Assembly.

4. **Mr. Katamelo laid upon the Table for consideration on 8 September 2021:**

Report of the Standing Committee of Privileges of the National Assembly on the Investigation into the conduct of Hon. Bernadus Swartbooi and Hon. Henny Seibeb on 15 April 2021 during the State of the Nation Address.

5. **The Minister of Finance laid upon the Table:**

Reports of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the –

- (i) National Arts Council of Namibia for the financial years ended 31 March 2018 to 2020;
- (ii) Namibia Central Intelligence Service for the financial year ended 31 March 2020;

- (iii) Karakul Board of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2020;
- (iv) Town Council of Omuthiya for the financial year ended 30 June 2019; and
- (v) Regional Council of the Khomas Region for the financial year ended 31 March 2019.

6. **The Minister of Mines and Energy laid upon the Table:**

Annual Report of the Electricity Control Board for the year 2019/2020.

7. **ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Mr. Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Defence and Veterans (No. 53) – *Replied to.*
- (ii) Mr. Venaani (PDM) asked the Prime Minister (No. 54) – *Replied to.*
- (iii) Mr. Swartbooi (LPM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 55) – *Replied to.*
- (iv) Mr. Mukwilongo (NEFF) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 56) – *Replied to.*
- (v) Mr. Shixwameni (APP) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 57) – *Replied to.*
- (vi) Mr. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 58) – *Replied to.*
- (vii) Mr. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 59) – *Replied to.*
- (viii) Ms. Tjiveze (RP) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 60) – *Replied to.*
- (ix) Mr. Murorua (UDF) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 61) – *Replied to.*
- (x) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 62) – *Replied to.*
- (xi) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 63) – *Replied to.*
- (xii) Ms. Mootu (LPM) asked the Secretary-General of SWAPO (No. 64) – *Replied to.*
- (xiii) Dr. Iijambo (SWANU) asked the Minister of Higher Education, Training and Innovation (No. 65) – *Replied to.*
- (xiv) Mr. Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 66) – *Replied to.*

8. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Mr. Martin (PDM) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 87).
 - (ii) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 88).
 - (iii) Ms. Van den Heever (PDM) to ask the Prime Minister (No. 89).
 - (iv) Mr. Iipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 90).
 - (v) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister of Industrialisation and Trade (No. 91).
 - (vi) Mr. Van Wyk (PDM) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 92).
 - (vii) Mr. Van Wyk (PDM) to ask the Minister of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare (No. 93).
 - (viii) Mr. Tjeundo (PDM) to ask the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 94).
9. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:40 until Wednesday, 8 September 2021.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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