

THIRD SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 18 MARCH 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 announced that he has been informed by the Namibia Economic Freedom Fighters (NEFF) that they have nominated their following two Members to serve on the following Parliamentary Standing Committees:

Mr. Epafra Mukwiilongo will serve on –
 - (i) Standing Committee on Natural Resources;
 - (ii) Standing Committee on Economics and Public Administration;
 - (iii) Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Social Development and Family Affairs; and
 - (iv) Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security.
Mr. Longinus Iipumbu will serve on –
 - (i) Standing Committee on Public Accounts;
 - (ii) Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs;
 - (iii) Standing Committee on Human Resources and Community Development; and
 - (iv) Standing Committee on Information, Communication, Technology and Innovation.
 - (ii) The Speaker also been informed by the Christian Democratic Voice Party (CDV) that Mr. Gothard Kandume will serve on the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resources and Community Development.
 - (iii) Further, the Speaker announced that the Women’s Action for Development (WAD) with the Support of United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF) is inviting Women Members of Parliament to attend a four (4) day workshop titled “*Promoting Women’s rights and Gender Equality in Political Representation in Namibia*”.

The Workshop is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, the 23rd March 2021; Thursday, the 25th March 2021; Tuesday, the 30th March 2021 and Thursday, the 1st April 2021 from 8:00 to 12:00 in C.1 Conference Room of the National Assembly.

Women Members of Parliament are encouraged to confirm attendance with the Director of Committee Servicers.

- (iv) In terms of Section 7 (2) (b) of the Powers, Privileges and Immunities of Parliament Act, (Act No. 17 of 1996) read with Rule 55 (6) of the Standing Rules and Orders and Internal Arrangements, the Speaker presented the following persons to be appointed by this august House as Members of the Committee of Privileges of the National Assembly.

- Ms. Agnes Mpingana Kafula;
- Mr. Sebastiaan Karupu;
- Mr. Phillipus Katamelo;
- Mr. McHenry Venaani; and
- Mr. Bernadus Swartbooi

Agreed to.

3. The Minister of Industrialisation and Trade laid upon the Table:

- (i) Annual Report of the Business and Intellectual Property Authority (BIPA) for the year 2017 – 2018; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the Business and Intellectual Property Authority (BIPA) for the year 2018 – 2019.

4. The Minister of Justice laid upon the Table:

Annual Report of the Office of the Judiciary for the year 2019/2020.

5. OBSERVING A MINUTE OF SILENCE:

The Speaker requested the House to join him in observing a Minute of Silent Prayer in memory of the late Tanzanian President John Magufuli, who passed on yesterday.

Agreed to.

Minute of Silence observed.

6. ORAL QUESTION:

Ms. Dienda (PDM) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 20) – *Replied to.*

7. NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:

- (i) Mr. Van Wyk (PDM) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises (No. 61).
- (ii) Dr. Iijambo (SWANU) to ask the Prime Minister (No. 62).

8. QUESTIONS DEALT WITH:

- (i) Mr. Auchab (UDF) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 18) – *Replied to.*
 - (ii) Mr. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Prime Minister (No. 21) – *Replied to.*
 - (iii) Mr. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 25) – *Replied to.*
 - (iv) Mr. Smit (PDM) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 27) – *Replied to.*
 - (v) Mr. Smit (PDM) asked the Minister of Public Enterprises (No. 28) – *Stands over.*
 - (vi) Mr. Smit (PDM) asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 29) – *Replied to.*
 - (vii) Ms. Mootu (LPM) asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 30) – *Replied to.*
 - (viii) Mr. Muharukua (PDM) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 31) – *Replied to.*
 - (ix) Mr. Murorua (UDF) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 32) – *Stands over.*
 - (x) Mr. Smit (PDM) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 33) – *Replied to.*
9. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:50 until Tuesday, 23 March 2021.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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