

CONTRIBUTION BY HONOURABLE SEBASTIAAN KARUPU TO THE NOMINATION OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, 16 FEBRUARY 2016

Hon Speaker,

Hon Members,

I rise before this August House to make a brief contribution in support to the nomination of Mr Markus Kampungu as Chairperson of the Public Service Commission of the Republic of Namibia. As you might know, Honourable Members, that Public Service Commission is one of the national institutions established by our Constitution.

One of the main function of the Public Service Commission in terms of Article 113 of the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia is " to advise the President and the Government on the appointment of suitable persons to specified categories of employment in the public service, with special regard to the balanced structuring thereof."

In fulfilling its functions, the Constitution directs the Public Service Commission to be independent and act impartially. By implication, Public Service Commissioners should be people of the highest integrity with the requisite skills, competencies, independent minds, experiences and attitude of humility to serve to the best of their abilities.

Hon Speaker,

Mr Kampungu possesses the expected competencies and experience to preside over the affairs of the Public Service Commission. He is a holder of a teacher training qualification and a Master of Policy Studies specialising in Social Policy, obtained from the Southern African Regional Institute for Policy Studies (SARIPS) accredited by the universities of Fort Hare and Zimbabwe. Mr Kampungu is also the longest serving Public Service Commissioner among the current Public Service Commissioners.

He has also served on various boards and councils. Amongst them is the Council of the former Polytechnic of Namibia and the Labour Resource and Research Institute (LARRI).

Many teachers in Namibia will remember him as the first Secretary-General of the Namibia National Teachers' Union (NANTU) from its inception until 1995 when he declined nomination, as he was of the opinion that he has made his contributions, and others have to come in and continue building the Union.

Hon Speaker,

It is against the above mentioned values that I stand in this August House to support the nomination of Mr Kampungu as Chairperson of the Public Service Commission solely and on the principle of merit, qualifications and demonstrated competencies, experience and ability Mr Kampungu possesses to serve this nation with commitment and humility.

In conclusion, Hon Speaker I would like to pay tribute to Ambassador Eddie Amukongo for his dedicated public service and wish him a deserved rest during his retirement from public office. I would equally like to express sincere thanks to the Right Honourable Prime Minister for nominating Mr Kampungu for the position of Chairperson of Public Service Commission.

I thank you.