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

**TUESDAY, 25 APRIL 2017**

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 Chief Whip of the SWAPO Party that Mr. Bernadus Swartbooi has been designated to serve on the following Parliamentary Standing Committees and International Bodies:

- Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs;
- Committee on Natural Resources;
- Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA); and
- Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).

In terms of Rule 55(6) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker announced Mr. Swartbooi as duly appointed to the Parliamentary Standing Committees and International Bodies.

(ii) Secondly, the Speaker further announced that the Namibia Conservation Parliamentary Caucus (NACOPAC) is having a meeting this Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 from 9:00.

Members should liaise with Ms. Jagger, on attendance and any other information related to the venue of the meeting.

3. **The Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation laid upon the Table:**

Annual Report of the Employment Equity Commission for the financial year 2015 – 2016.

4. **Mr. Karupu laid upon the Table for note-taking:**

Report by the National Assembly of Namibia on the 40<sup>th</sup> SADC PF Plenary Assembly Session, Harare, Zimbabwe, 3 – 15 November 2016.

5. **Mr. Kavekatora moved a Motion in terms of Rule 27(i), read with Rule 119 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

That this House concur that notice is dispensed with, to refer 44 Reports of the Auditor-General for various years of the Local Authorities and Regional Councils to the National Council's Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economy for scrutiny.

Agreed to.

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

- (i) The Minister of Home Affairs and Immigration announced that her Ministry and ID4Africa will jointly host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference on Government Forum on Electronic Identity in Africa at Safari Court Hotel from 26 – 28 April 2017. The aim of the Conference will be to share experience and establish real world best practices that set the correct expectations for what is involved in launching and sustaining successful identity programs.

The Minister invited all Members of Parliament, agencies and private institutions to join the official opening of the Conference by His Excellency the Vice President Dr. Nickey Iyambo, tomorrow at 08:30 – 09:30, at Safari Court Hotel.

- (ii) The Minister of Environment and Tourism reacted to the report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Natural Resources, dated 23 April – 14 May 2016 titled; *Motion on Human Wildlife Conflict*, adopted in the Assembly on 2 November 2016; and also repudiated information which was published in the New Era newspaper of 21 April 2017 under the title; *Conservation windfalls: A tale of contradictions*.
- (iii) The Minister of Safety and Security presented a report on the number of illegal firearms, ammunitions, explosives and other related materials which were surrendered per regions, after the completion of the Amnesty campaign on 18 February 2017.

7. **FIRST ORDER** deferred by Ms. Van den Heever, on behalf of Mr. Muharukua to Wednesday, 26 April 2017.

8. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Regional Councils Amendment Bill* [B. 23 – 2016].

Question before the Assembly on Friday, 24 March 2017, as moved by the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (page 29).

Question put: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

Agreed to.

*Regional Councils Amendment Bill* [B. 23 – 2016] read a Second Time.

9. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Lotteries Bill* [B. 5 – 2017].

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 30 March 2017, as moved by the Minister of Environment and Tourism (page 48): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Ms. Dienda, seconded by Ms. Van den Heever, debate adjourned until Thursday, 15 June 2017.

10. The Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:20 until Wednesday, 26 April 2017.

**F. HARKER**

*Deputy Secretary of the National Assembly*

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