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The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcements by the Hon. Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**
 - (i) The Speaker reported that today, we mark the passing of a distinguished statesman, a dedicated educator, and a tireless champion of Namibian independence and democracy; Dr. Mose Tjitendero, the founding Speaker of the National Assembly.

The Speaker said that as we honour his memory, that we must take a moment to reflect on the invaluable contributions he made to our nation and its people. That we should continue to remember him for his steadfast leadership, for having paved the way for all of us.

- (ii) Further, the Speaker reported that it is with profound sadness that, as the Speaker of the House, announces the passing of the legendary artist and humanitarian, Mr. Harry Belafonte, who left us at the age of 96. Mr. Belafonte was not only an iconic singer and actor but also a tireless advocate for justice, equality, and human rights.

The Speaker took the moment to celebrate the life and achievements of this exceptional individual who dedicated his life to the fight for justice in the United States, and the struggle for freedom and independence in Southern Africa. His unwavering commitment to civil rights, his close friendship with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and his persistent efforts to raise awareness and funds for various social and political causes remain an inspiration to us all.

The Speaker added that Harry Belafonte's legacy will forever be remembered through his music, his activism, and his relentless pursuit of a more just and equitable world. The Speaker said as we acknowledge his passing, that we must honour his memory by continuing to advocate for the ideals he championed and embodying the spirit of unity, compassion, and courage that he so admirably exemplified.

- (iii) Lastly, the Speaker made a Ruling on the concerns raised by Minister Kapofi towards the contributions by Hon. Muharukua on the Motion by Hon. Kauandenge that is calling on the *Establishment of a Genocide Memorial Museum for the 1904 genocide perpetuated against the OvaHerero and Nama community*.

The Speaker read out the direct words of Hon. Muharukua when he addressed the Assembly and concluded that having ascertain himself with the direct words from Hon. Muharukua, that he did not come to a conclusion that Hon. Muharukua referred to any ethnic or tribal groups, when Hon. Muharukua made reference to “*those who today command a majority*”.

3. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the establishment of a Genocide Memorial Museum for the 1904 genocide perpetuated against the OvaHerero and Nama community.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 25 April 2023, as moved by Hon. Kauandenge (page 16): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of Hon. Katjimune on behalf of Hon. Hengari, seconded by Hon. Hamata, debate adjourned until Thursday, 27 April 2023.

4. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate to investigate the expenditure of the N\$14.1 Billion allocated to the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture with a comprehensive view into infrastructure and textbook expenditure.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 19 April 2023, as moved by Hon. Smit (page 67): That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

Hon. Smit moved that the Motion being withdrawn.

Agreed to.

Motion withdrawn.

5. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Report of the Standing Committee on the oversight visits to Namibia Revenue Agency, Domestic Tax Offices and Customs entry points in Oshana, Ohangwena and Erongo Regions

Hon. Ithete moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs: That the Report be now considered.

Agreed to.

Hon. Ithete replied but due to a lack of 49 voting Members, the Speaker reserved to put the Question for the Report to be adopted.

6. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Consideration of the Committee Reports on the 60th Meeting of the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the 41st Session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly held in Strasborg, France; and Report on the 61st Session of the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States - EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly and the 42nd Session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly held in Maputo, Mozambique.

Hon. Ithete moved, seconded by Hon. Karondo: That the Reports be now considered.

Agreed to.

Hon. Ithete replied but due to a lack of 49 voting Members, the Speaker reserved to put the Question for the Report to be adopted.

7. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION** by Hon. Mootu deferred.

8. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION** by Hon. Seibeb deferred.

9. **THIRD NOTICE OF A MOTION** by Hon. Swartbooi deferred.

10. **FOURTH NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Deputy Minister of Works and Transport moved, seconded by Hon. Dingara:

That this Assembly –

Discuss the possibility to investigate the overcharges, and unethical multiple charges resulting into over profiteering by Commercial Banks in Namibia's perpetual colonial legacy of class and race discrimination against their clients.

11. In terms of Rule 90(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:50 until Thursday, 27 April 2023.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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