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SEVENTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

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

**WEDNESDAY, 5 APRIL 2023**

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  - (i) The Speaker reported that he has been informed by the Chief Whip of the SWAPO Party that the Party has withdrawn Hon. Natangue Ithete from the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security, and nominated him to serve on the Standing Committee of Human Resources and Community Development.
  - (ii) The Speaker reported that he has also received a communication from the All People's Party (APP) that they have withdrawn Hon. Erastus Shuumbwa from the Committee on Standing Rules and Orders and Internal Arrangements, and nominated Hon. Maria Kamutali to serve on the said Committee.
  - (iii) The Speaker further reported that he has also received a communication from the Rally for Democracy and Progress (RDP) that they have nominated Hon. Kennedy Hiskia Shekupakela as the leader of the Party in the National Assembly, and also nominated him to serve on the following Standing Committees and Multilateral Parliamentary Organizations:
    - Committee on Standing Rules and Orders and Internal Arrangements;
    - Committee on Public Accounts; and
    - Committee on Economics and Public Administration, and Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU).

The Speaker declared these Members as duly nominated to the said Committees.

- (iv) Lastly, the Speaker also reported that he has been informed by the Christiaan Democratic Voice (CDV) Party that Hon. Gotthard Kandume has withdrawn from the following Standing Committees:
- Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security;
  - Committee on Natural Resources;
  - Committee on Economics and Public Administration; and
  - Committee on Public Accounts.

**3. The Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises laid upon the Table:**

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

- (i) Ministry of Justice for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (ii) Ministry of Information and Communication Technology for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (iii) Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (iv) Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (v) Anti-Corruption Commission for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (vi) Electoral Commission of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (vii) National Planning Commission for the financial year ended 31 March 2022; and
- (viii) New Era Publications Corporation for the financial year ended 31 March 2021.

**4. FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Hon. Smit moved, seconded by Hon. Van den Heever:

That this Assembly –

*Discusses* that this House carries out a comprehensive inquiry into all aspects of the procedures dictating the tender awarding processes of the Central Procurement Board of Namibia.

There is growing public concern regarding the operations and decisions of the Central Procurement Board of Namibia, which was established by the Public Procurement Act 15 of 2015. Distrust, perceptions of procedural unfairness, corruption, insider trading and manipulation, are regular themes of public discourse as it relates to the tender awarding process. It is against this background that an inquiry is of urgency.

Further, that this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back.

On the motion of Hon. Katjimune, seconded by Hon. Van Wyk, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 11 April 2023.

5. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by the Mover to Wednesday, 12 April 2023.
6. **THIRD NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by the Mover to Wednesday, 19 April 2023.
7. **FOURTH NOTICE OF A MOTION** to be withdrawn by the Mover in writing as per Rule 30(b) and (d).
8. **FIFTH NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Hon. Seibeb moved, seconded by Hon. Isaaks:

That this Assembly –

*Discusses* the current lithium mining in Uis district, in Daures Constituency, in the Erongo Region, with a commitment to find an amicable solution to overcome the stand-off between the community, the mining business and the Traditional Authorities, on 11 April 2023.

Further, that this Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee and the report be tabled in the Assembly in two months' time.

Question put: That the Motion be deferred to a relevant Parliamentary Select Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

Agreed to.

9. **SIXTH NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by the Mover to Wednesday, 12 April 2023.
10. **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 Thursday, 2 March 2023, as moved by Hon. Kauandenge (page 16): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, seconded by Hon. Katoma, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 11 April 2023.

11. On the motion of the Minister of Works and Transport, seconded by Hon. Hambyuka, the Assembly adjourned at 17:43 until Tuesday, 11 April 2023.

**MS. L. KANDETU**  
*Secretary of the National Assembly*

*Compiled by I. Nehoya*