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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 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:**

The Speaker reported that he has been informed by the Secretary of the National Assembly that Hon Fenni Nanyeni has been elected as the Deputy Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs Defence and Security, replacing Hon. Lucia Witbooi.

That he has also been informed by the Chief Whip of the SWAPO Party, that the Party has nominated Hon. Dr. Daniel Kashikola to serve on the following Parliamentary Standing Committees:

- (i) Committee on Natural Resources;
- (ii) Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security; and
- (iii) Committee on Economics and Public Administration.

Further, that he has also been informed that the SWAPO Party has also nominated Hon. Patience Masua to serve on the Standing Committee on Natural Resources.

The Speaker declared these Members as duly appointed to the said Parliamentary Standing Committees.

Lastly, the Speaker reported that he has been informed by the Chief Whip of the SWAPO Party, that the Party has withdrew Hon. Patience Masua from the Standing Committee on Economics and Public Administration.

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

Hon. Muharukua moved, seconded by Hon. Hamata:

That this Assembly –

Discusses the level and impact of stock theft in our communities, and the impact of our current legislative framework to combat stock theft.

That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee to propose recommendations to this August House, that the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee in conformity with the rules be encouraged to have associate Members of Parliament to contribute to its work.

On the motion of the Minister of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 25 October 2023.

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

Hon. Muharukua moved, seconded by Hon. Katjimune:

Enlightened societies consider access to information as a critical enabler for members of those societies to realise/live out their constitutional rights. With the speed of modern information dissemination and the advent of social media, one argues that it is necessary that this August House assesses as to whether or not our current regulatory framework sufficiently protects the individual's rights to privacy.

That this Assembly therefor –

Debates the above subject matter, and determine in its own discretion the actions it would take in respect of the Motion.

On the motion of Hon. Tjirare, seconded by Hon. Moongo, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 25 October 2023.

5. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:46 until Thursday, 19 October 2023.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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