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

**WEDNESDAY, 4 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:**

- (i) The Speaker announced that he has been informed by the Chief Whip of PDM that the Party has nominated Honourable Winnie Moongo to serve on the Standing Committee on Human Resources and Community Development.
- (ii) That he has also been informed by the Chief Whip of LPM that the Party has nominated Honourable Bernadus Swartbooi to serve on the Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs.

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

The Speaker further announced that he has been informed by the Chief Whip of the SWAPO Party, that the Party has nominated Honourable Maria Elago, Honourable Daniel Kashikola and Honourable Natangue Ithete to serve on the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), and also declared these Members as duly appointed.

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

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

- (i) Municipality of Swakopmund for the financial year ended 30 June 2022;
- (ii) Agricultural Bank of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;

- (iii) National Heritage Council of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (iv) Marine Resources Fund for the financial years ended 31 March 2017 and 2018;
- (v) Trust Fund for Regional Development and Equity Provisions for the financial years ended 31 March 2021 and 2022; and
- (vi) Namibian Broadcasting Corporation for the financial year ended 31 March 2021.

4. **The Deputy Speaker laid upon the Table for consideration on Thursday, 5 October 2023:**

Report on the Outreach Programme to the Ohangwena Region from 21 – 25 August 2023.

5. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Katjimune (PDM) to ask the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 187).
- (ii) Hon. Mukwiilongo (NEFF) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 188).

6. **URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Mootu (LPM) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 36) – *(Replied to)*.
- (ii) Hon. Muharukua (PDM) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 37) – *(Replied to)*.

7. **Hon. Mootu moved without Notice:**

That her Question of yesterday, 3 October 2023 put to the Minister of Justice, be withdrawn forthwith from the Question Paper.

Agreed to.

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

Hon. McHenry Venaani moved, seconded by Hon. Van den Heever:

That leave be given to introduce a Private Member's Bill to regulate the provision of free sanitary materials to school girls in need in the Republic of Namibia; to establish a framework for identification, distribution and monitoring; and to provide for incidental matters thereto.

The Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture raised an Objection.

House divided.

In favour of the Motion = 19

Against the Motion = 30

Abstaining = 0

Motion rejected.

9. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION** being a Bill, deferred due to a lack of 49 voting Members.
10. **THIRD NOTICE OF A MOTION** being a Bill, deferred due to a lack of 49 voting Members.
11. **FOURTH NOTICE OF A MOTION** being a Bill, deferred due to a lack of 49 voting Members.
12. **FIFTH NOTICE OF A MOTION** being a Bill, deferred due to a lack of 49 voting Members.
13. **SIXTH NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Hon. McHenry Venaani moved, seconded by Hon. Vries:

That this Assembly –

*Debates* the erection of an ever lighting shrine in Vaalgras, the hallowed ground where Kaptein Hendrik Witbooi made his ultimate sacrifice, which would serve as a perpetual beacon for Namibians, signifying both remembrance and inspiration.

The proposition to erect an ever-lit shrine in Vaalgras where Kaptein Hendrik Witbooi fell ill in battle is more than a symbolic tribute; it serves as a tangible marker for a hero whose final resting place remains veiled in secrecy.

Understanding that Witbooi, with indomitable foresight, instructed his fighters to bury him in an unmarked grave to prevent colonial exploiters from desecrating his remains, this shrine would offer a sacred- space that approximates his undisclosed burial ground. It's an act of reclaiming historical narrative, connecting present-day Namibia to a leader who valiantly defended its territorial integrity. This shrine would not merely serve as a monument but as a perpetual flame of resilience and freedom, illuminating our national memory and invigorating our collective identity.

That this Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee to propose recommendations to this august House after conducting diligent work on the subject matter.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation, seconded by Hon. Mukapuli, debate adjourned until Thursday, 5 October 2023.

14. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by Hon. Hambyuka, the Assembly adjourned at 17:47 until Thursday, 5 October 2023.

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

