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THIRD SESSION, EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

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

**TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 2026**

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 117(b) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements:**

- (i) The Speaker announced that since Namibia will be celebrating the 36<sup>th</sup> Independence Day on Saturday, 21 March 2026, all Members of Parliament are requested to dress in traditional attire on Thursday, 19 March 2026, as a symbol of national unity and appreciation of our diverse heritage.

Members are further invited for Thursday to gather in the National Assembly Courtyard at 12:00 for a photo shooting and celebration.

- (ii) Further, the Speaker reported that she has been informed that the SWAPO Party has made the following terminations and assignments of their Members in respect of Standing Committees, Parliamentary Friendship Groups and Multilateral Parliamentary Organisations:

**Termination of Membership:**

The memberships of the following Members in the respective Committees and Organisations are hereby terminated –

- (i) Hon. Alpheus !Naruseb – Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).
- (ii) Hon. Alpheus !Naruseb – Venezuela Parliamentary Friendship Group.
- (iii) Hon. Uahekua Herunga – Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

- (iv) Hon. Pohamba Shifeta – Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Health and Social Welfare.
- (v) Hon. Hilma N. Iita – Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).
- (vi) Hon. John Likando – Germany Parliamentary Friendship Group.

**Assignments:**

- (i) Hon. Christine Haindaka:

To the Standing Committees on –

- Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements;
- Urban and Rural Development and Land Reform;
- Information and Communication Technology; and
- Gender Equality, Health and Social Welfare (re-assigned from Hon. Pohamba Shifeta).

To the Parliamentary Friendship Groups –

- United Kingdom;
- Morocco; and
- Algeria.

To a Multilateral Parliamentary Organisation –  
Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA).

- (ii) Hon. Alpheus !Naruseb:  
Assigned to the China Parliamentary Friendship Group.
- (iii) Hon. Natangwe Ithete:
  - Assigned to the Standing Committee on Budget and Finance (previously assigned to Hon. Elifas Dingara).
  - Assigned to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (previously assigned to Hon. Uahekua Herunga).
- (iv) Hon. Hilaria Mukapuli:  
Assigned to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) (previously assigned to Hon. Alpheus !Naruseb).
- (v) Hon. Justina Jonas:
  - Assigned to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) (previously assigned to Hon. Hilma N. Iita).
  - Assigned to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (previously assigned to Hon. Sharonice Busch).
- (vi) Hon. Iipumbu Shiimi:  
Assigned to the Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA).
- (vii) Hon. Hilma N. Iita:  
Assigned to the Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA).
- (viii) Hon. Marlayn Mbakera:  
Assigned to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) (previously assigned to Hon. Fenny Tutjavi).
- (ix) Hon. Modestus Atshipara:

Assigned to the Germany Parliamentary Friendship Group (previously assigned to Hon. John Likando).

The Speaker declared the above-mentioned Hon. Members as duly assigned to the afore-said Standing Committees, Parliamentary Friendship Groups and Multilateral Parliamentary Organisations.

**3. NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Cloete (IPC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Trade (No. 433).
- (ii) Hon. Mulunga (IPC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (No. 434).
- (iii) Hon. Bishop Thomas (BCP) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (No. 435).
- (iv) Hon. Lizazi (IPC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 436).
- (v) Hon. Brinkman (IPC) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 437).
- (vi) Hon. Kandorozu (NUDO) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (No. 438).
- (vii) Hon. Mbundu (RP) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 439).
- (viii) Hon. Kangulu (IPC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 440).
- (ix) Hon. Lutuhezi (IPC) to ask the Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare (No. 441).
- (x) Hon. Lukato (NDP) to ask the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 442).

**4. URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Nashinge (IPC) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security Technology (No. 210) – *Replied to.*
- (ii) Hon. Hishoono (IPC) asked the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 211) – *Replied to.*
- (iii) Hon. Emvula (LPM) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security Technology (No. 212) – *Replied to.*

**5. Hon. !Naruseb move without Notice in terms of Rule 76(a) and Rule 124(h) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements:**

That leave of absence, due to illness, be granted to Hon. Paula Kooper from 17 – 27 March 2026.

Agreed to.

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Appropriation Bill* [B. 1 – 2026].

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 12 March 2026, as moved by the Minister of Finance (page 33): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Hon. Busch, seconded by Hon. Tutjavi, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 18 March 2026.

7. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by the Minister of Works and Transport, the Assembly adjourned at 17:42 until Wednesday, 18 March 2026.

**MS. E. N. KAAPANDA**  
*Secretary: National Assembly*

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