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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
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OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.

2. **Welcoming Remarks by the Speaker:**

The Speaker extended warmest welcome to all Members and said that he is aware of the fact that Parliamentary Standing Committees have been busy visiting various regions, and that he was looking forward to receive the reports of those visits.

3. **Swearing-in of a new Member in terms of Rule 20(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

(i) The Speaker welcomed Chief Justice Petrus Shivute and announced that a vacancy occurred in the National Assembly in terms of Article 48(1)(b); and as such His Excellency the President has nominated Ms. Paula Kooper in terms of Article 32 (5)(c) of the Namibian Constitution; replacing Minister Jerry Ekandjo as a non-voting Member, and the Minister becoming a voting Member in the place of Mr. Bernadus Swartbooi who was recalled on 27 July 2017.

(ii) The Speaker called on Chief Justice to administer the Oath/Affirmation to Ms. Kooper.

(iii) The Chief Justice administered the Oath to Ms. Kooper.

(iv) The Speaker declared Ms. Kooper a duly nominated Member of the National Assembly.

4. **Announcement by the Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Speaker announced that he had been informed by the Chairperson of the National Council that the Council, in terms of Article 75(2) of the Constitution, considered and confirmed the following *Bills* without amendments.

- (i) *Whistleblower Protection Bill* [B.1 – 2017];
- (ii) *Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Amendment Bill* [B.6 – 2017];
- (iii) *One-Stop Border Posts Control Bill* [B.8 – 2017];
- (iv) *Usury Amendment Bill* [B.10 – 2017]; and
- (v) *Regional Councils Amendment Bill* [B.23 – 2016].

The Speaker, in terms of Article 75(3), referred these *Bills* to the President to deal with them under Articles 56 and 64 of our Constitution.

The Speaker further said that he had been informed by the Chairperson of the National Council that the Council, in terms of Article 75(2) of the Constitution, considered and confirmed the following *Bills* with amendments.

- (i) *Lotteries Bill* [B.5 – 2017];
- (ii) *Namibia Revenue Agency Bill* [B.11 – 2017]; and
- (iii) *Local Authorities Amendment Bill* [B.25 – 2016].

These *Bills* will be placed on the Order Paper for reconsideration by this Assembly.

5. NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:

- (i) Mr. Nekundi (SWAPO) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services – (No. 81).
- (ii) Mr. Nekundi (SWAPO) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development – (No. 82).
- (iii) Mr. Nekundi (SWAPO) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport – (No. 83).
- (iv) Mr. Nekundi (SWAPO) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy – (No. 84).
- (v) Mr. Nekundi (SWAPO) to ask the Minister of Industrialisation, Trade and SME Development – (No. 85).
- (vi) Mr. Maamberua (SWANU) to ask the Attorney-General – (No. 86).
- (vii) Mr. Maamberua (SWANU) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services – (No. 87).
- (viii) Mr. Maamberua (SWANU) to ask the Prime Minister – (No. 88).
- (ix) Ms. Dienda (DTA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service – (No. 89).
- (x) Ms. Dienda (DTA) to ask the Attorney-General – (No. 90).
- (xi) Ms. Dienda (DTA) to ask the Minister of Finance – (No. 91).
- (xii) Ms. Dienda (DTA) to ask the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture – (No. 92).

- (xiii) Ms. Dienda (DTA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs and Immigration – (No. 93).
- (xiv) Mr. Smit (DTA) to ask the Prime Minister – (No. 94).
- (xv) Mr. Smit (DTA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Training and Innovation – (No. 95).
- (xvi) Mr. Nauyoma (APP) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport – (No. 96).
- (xvii) Mr. Nauyoma (AAP) to ask the Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service – (No. 97).
- (xviii) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism – (No. 98).
- (xix) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relation and Cooperations – (No. 99).
- (xx) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development – (No. 100).
- (xxi) Ms. Van den Heever (DTA) to ask the Minister of Finance – (No. 101).
- (xxii) Ms. Van den Heever (DTA) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development – (No. 102).
- (xxiii) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises – (No. 103).
- (xxiv) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport – (No. 104).
- (xxv) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport – (No. 105).
- (xxvi) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) to ask the Prime Minister – (No. 106).
- (xxvii) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) to ask the Minister of Information and Communication Technology – (No. 107).

6. **ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Mr. Fleermuys (WRP) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 24) – *Replied to.*
- (ii) Ms. Van den Heever (DTA) asked the Prime Minister on behalf of Mr. Venaani (No. 25) – *To be put in writing.*
- (iii) Ms. Van den Heever (DTA) asked the Prime Minister on behalf of Mr. Venaani (No. 26) – *To be put in writing.*

7. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Minister of Defence addressed the Assembly concerning the Namibian Defence Force response to wildfires around the country.

8. On the motion of the Minister of Home Affairs and Immigration, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Health and Social services, the Assembly adjourned at 16:28 until Wednesday, 13 September 2017.

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