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OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2017

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcement by the Deputy Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Deputy Speaker acknowledged the presence of the members of the Southern African Regional Youth Forum in the Public Gallery. The Youth Forum which takes place every year in one of the SADC countries, is currently meeting here in Windhoek since the 8th of October to the 13th October 2017 under the theme “*Youth Participation Towards Social Justice*”.

3. **The Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation laid upon the Table:**

International Labour Organisation (ILO) Recommendation 205 concerning Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience, adopted by the Conference at its 106th Session in Geneva on 16 June 2017.

4. **Ministerial Statements in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**
 - (i) The Minister of Urban and Rural Development clarified to the Assembly and to the public at large as to what transpired during the recent demolitions of structures in Katima Mulilo Town Council.
 - (ii) The Minister of Environment and Tourism updated the Assembly on the progress made after Namibia’s accession to the Minamata Convention on 13 July 2017.

5. **NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Prime Minister moved, seconded by the Minister of Higher Education, Training and Innovation:

That this Assembly:

In accordance with Article 112(3) of the Namibian Constitution –

Approves the re-appointment by His Excellency the President of Mr. Markus Kampungu as a member and Chairperson of the Public Service Commission for a period of five (5) years with effect from 1 December 2017 to 30 November 2022.

Question put: That the Motion be adopted.

Agreed to unanimously.

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 4 October 2017, as moved by the Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare (page 157): That the National Plan of Action be adopted.

On the motion of the Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare, seconded by Ms. Nghaamwa, debate adjourned until Thursday, 12 October 2017.

7. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Vaccination Subsidies.

Ms. Swartz moved, seconded by Ms. Kavita: That the Report be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

8. **THIRD ORDER READ** deferred by Ms. Swartz on behalf of the Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation – Ms. Hinda, to Wednesday, 18 October 2017.

9. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Reports of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the inspection visits of Capital Projects and facilities in the //Kharas, Hardap and Zambezi Regions.

Mr. Katoma moved, seconded by Ms. Namupala: That the Reports be considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Reports be adopted.

Agreed to.

10. On the motion of Mr. Mbumba, seconded by the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry, the Assembly adjourned at 17:30 until Thursday, 12 October 2017.

F. HARKER

Deputy Secretary of the National Assembly

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