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

**TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2020**

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(b0 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

- (i) The Speaker announced that he has been informed by the Office of the Vice President of the Republic of Namibia that Hon. Nangolo Mbumba, having been re-appointed by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Namibia Dr. Hage Geingob, as our country Vice President, and having taken an Oath of that Office on 21 March 2020, that he has now submitted a letter of resignation in line with Article 28(2A)(c), and thus he has now vacated his seat in the National Assembly in line with Article 48(1)(c) of the Namibian Constitution.

His replacement in the National Assembly will be done in due course and the House will be informed accordingly.

- (ii) The Speaker reported that he has received a communique from the various political parties informing him that the following Members have been nominated as Whips:

PDM – Mr. Vipuakuje Muharukua Chief Whip and Ms. Elma Dienda Deputy Chief Whip  
LPM – Mr. Henny Seibeb  
NUDO – Mr. Josef Kauandenge  
UDF – Mr. Dudu Murorua  
RP – Mr. Mathias Mbundu  
APP – Mr. Erastus Shuumbwa  
NEFF – Mr. Longinus Iipumbu  
RDP – Mr. Mike Kavekatora  
CDV – Mr. Gothard Kandume  
SWANU – Dr. Tangeni Iijambo

- (iii) Regarding the challenge the country is facing with respect to the corona virus, the Speaker told the House that as Namibians we are all expected to adhere to the emergency provisions as well as the World Health Organisation's guidelines. As a result, it was felt prudent to postpone the Induction Workshop and reconvene when it is suitable to do so; instead of risking the health of any Member or staff serving Parliament.

On the same point of the corona virus, it was unanimously agreed that the Assembly should take a break until further notice.

- 3. The Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 15:30 until further notice.

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

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