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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 reminded the Hon. Members that the Assembly will go in recess on Thursday, 29 November 2018 as per parliamentary calendar.

As it was resolved previously, the Speaker indicated that no Bills or other new business will be tabled after 8 November 2018. This will allow the Assembly enough time to prepare and dispose of all business timeously.

- (ii) The Speaker reported that he has been informed by the Minister of Defence that the Ministry of Defence was awarded with the *African Women Award of Excellence, WAELE Africa 2018 Global Award* by the Women Advancement for Economic and Leadership Empowerment Foundation in Africa, in recognition of its strategic role towards African Women Emancipation.

The Award was given on 3 November 2018 during the *WAELE's 8th International Summit on "Peace and Sustainable Development: The Role of African Women"*, held in Windhoek from 1 – 3 November 2018.

3. **The Deputy Minister of Finance laid upon the Table:**

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

- (i) Performance Audit Report on Main Study Audit Report on the Management and Administration of Food Safety in Namibia within the Ministry of Health and Social Services for the financial years ended 2014/ 2015, 2015/2016;

- (ii) Performance Audit Report on Gender-Based Violence within the Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare for the financial years ended 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and 2015/2016;
- (iii) Agricultural Bank of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2018; and
- (iv) Town Council of Lüderitz for the financial year ended 30 June 2016.

4. **Mr. Kasuto moved without notice:**

That leave of absence due to their own illnesses, be granted to the Minister of Land Reform Mr. Utoni Nujoma and to Ms. Norah Munsu until further notice.

Agreed to.

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

The Minister of Environment and Tourism updated the Assembly on the progress being made to ban the use of plastic bags in the country.

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Basic Education Bill* [B. 4 – 2018].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 6 November 2018, as moved by the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (129).

Question put: That the Bill be read a Second Time and be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Committee.

Agreed to.

Basic Education Bill [B. 4 – 2018] read a Second Time.

7. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Appropriation Bill* [B. 16 – 2018].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 30 October 2018, as moved by the Minister of Finance (158): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of the Minister of Finance, seconded by Ms. !Nawases-Taeyele, debate adjourned until Thursday, 8 November 2018.

8. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by Ms. Kooper, the Assembly adjourned at 17:45 until Thursday, 8 November 2018.

Compiled by I. Nehoya