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OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 7 MARCH 2017

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 announced that he has been informed that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Economics and Public Administration in partnership with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung will host a panel discussion on the National Budget Analysis on Thursday, 9 March 2017 at Safari Hotel from 8:30.

All Members of Parliament are invited to attend.

- (ii) The Speaker also announced that he has received an invitation from the Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare, inviting all Members of Parliament to attend the Commemoration of International Women's Day in Khomas Region at Tobias Hainyeko Constituency, starting at 10H00 on Wednesday, 8 March 2017.

The day will be commemorated under the theme "*From Peace in the Home to Peace in Namibia: Be Bold for Change*".

The Venue is the open space on the corner of Ongwari and Ongava Streets, Okuryangava, Katutura.

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

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

- (i) Town Council of Otavi for the financial year ended 30 June 2015; and
- (ii) Town Council of Arandis for the financial years ended 30 June 2014 and 2015.

4. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Ms. Van den Heever (DTA) to ask the Minister of Presidential Affairs (No. 35).
- (ii) Ms. Van den Heever (DTA) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 36).
- (iii) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises (No. 37).
- (iv) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Director General of National Planning Commission (No. 38).
- (v) Mr. Van Wyk (UPM) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 39).

5. **Ms. Van den Heever moved without notice:**

That leave of absence due to ill health, be granted to Ms. Dienda until further notice.

Agreed to.

6. **Ministerial Statements in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

- (i) The Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare informed and invited all Members of Parliament to the International Women's Day commemorated annually on 8 March 2017, in all 14 regions of the country.

In Windhoek, the day is going to be commemorated at the open space at the corner of Ongwari and Ongava Street, in Okuryangava, starting from 10:00.

- (ii) The Minister of Health and Social Services highlighted to the Assembly the Ministry's needs and recommendations, which he had presented to Cabinet on how the Ministry intends to control and eliminate malaria from Namibia by 2010.

7. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Witness Protection Bill* [B. 2 – 2017].

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 2 March 2017, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 5): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of the Minister of Justice, seconded by the Minister of Safety and Security, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 15 March 2017.

8. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Whistleblower Protection Bill* [B. 1 – 2017].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 28 February 2017, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 5): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Ms. Van den Heever, seconded by Mr. Smit, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 14 March 2017.

9. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Access to Biological and Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge Bill* [B. 4 – 2017].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 1 March 2017, as moved by the Deputy Minister of Environment and Tourism (page 12).

Question put: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

Agreed to.

Access to Biological and Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge Bill [B. 4 – 2017] read a Second Time.

10. **FOURTH ORDER** deferred by the Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture to Thursday, 9 March 2017.

11. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Nature Conservation Amendment Bill* [B. 22 – 2016].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 1 March 2017, as moved by the Minister of Environment and Tourism (page 8).

Question put: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

Agreed to.

Nature Conservation Amendment Bill [B. 22 – 2016] read a Second Time.

12. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Mr. Van Wyk moved, seconded by Mr. Maamberua:

That this Assembly –

Debates and discusses the impact of Chinese involvement in the Namibian construction industry.

13. In terms of Rule 99 of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:50 until Wednesday, 8 March 2017.

F. HARKER

Deputy Secretary of the National Assembly

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