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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 14 MARCH 2017

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

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

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

- (i) National Heritage Council for the financial years ended 31 March 2012, 2013 and 2014;
- (ii) National Road Safety Council for the financial years ended 31 March 2013 and 2014; and
- (iii) Development Brigade Corporation for the financial year ended 31 March 2014 and 2015.

3. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Committee Stage – *Access to Biological and Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge Bill* [B. 4 – 2016].

The Minister of Environment and Tourism moved, seconded by Ms. Jagger: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

In the Bill: The term “Directorate” to be substituted wherever it appears with “Office”; and “Director” with “Head of Office”.

Clause 1, 6, 7, 9, 17 and 23 as amended, put and agreed to.

Clauses 2 – 5, 8, 10 – 16, 18 – 22, 24 and 25 put and agreed to.
Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported with amendment.

The Minister of Environment and Tourism moved, seconded by Ms. Mahoto: That the Bill be read a Third Time.

Agreed to.

Access to Biological and Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge Bill [B. 4 – 2016] read a Third Time.

4. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

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

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 7 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 Finance, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 15 March 2017.

5. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the impact of Chinese involvement in the Namibian construction industry.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 9 March 2017, as moved by Mr. Van Wyk (page 22): That the Motion be adopted.

6. In terms of Rule 99 of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:49 until Wednesday, 15 March 2017.

F. HARKER

Deputy Secretary of the National Assembly

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