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OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 20 JUNE 2017

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

- (i) The Speaker acknowledged and welcomed Members of the Parliamentary Committee on Administration and Local Power from the National Assembly of Mozambique, who are on an exchange visit to the Parliament of Namibia.
- (ii) The Speaker reflected on the tragedy which happened on 14 June 2017 in London when the 24 storey Grenfell Tower residential building was engulfed by fire.

The Speaker expressed sincere condolences to the loved ones and friends of those who lost their lives in the tragedy.

- (iii) The Speaker reported that on Wednesday, 7 June 2017 Hon. Van den Heever asked a question to the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture; whereupon Minister Mutorwa requested that the Speaker should look into the question in the light of Rule 88(b) and (e)(v). Hon. Van den Heever had referred to a name of a person.

The Speaker said that the referral to a name of a person was required and thus ruled that the question was in order as one must read it in light of Rule 88(a), (b) and (e) (iv).

- (iv) The Speaker announced that in terms of Rule 64(2) of the Standing Rules and Orders, he decides to which Committee a Motion will be referred to and thus Members are required only, when moving a Motion, to request that it be referred to the relevant Standing Committee.

- (v) The Speaker announced that the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) will conduct a Workshop on 'Building an Effective Women's Caucus' for Members of Parliament as part of their Democracy Report Project Plan; on 27 June 2017 from 9:00 – 12:00 in the Chamber of the National Assembly.
- (vi) The Speaker informed the Assembly that Telecom Namibia will hold their usual exhibition for Members of Parliament to bring telecommunication services closer to Members.

The exhibition will be held in the Courtyard from 11:00 – 16:30 on Thursday, 22 June 2017.

3. The Minister of Finance laid upon the Table:

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

- (i) Municipality of Walvis Bay for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2016,
- (ii) Municipality of Tsumeb for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2016,
- (iii) Village Council of Gibeon for the Financial Years ended 30 June 2014 and 2015,
- (iv) Village Council of Bethanie for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2015; and
- (v) Village Council of Aroab for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2015.

4. NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:

- (i) Mr. Maamberua (SWANU) to ask the Prime Minister (No. 70).
- (ii) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism (No. 71).
- (iii) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister Mines and Energy (No. 72).

5. ORAL QUESTION:

Mr. Fleermuys (WRP) asked the Minister of Safety and Security (No. 16) – *Replied to.*

6. FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION withdrawn by the Mover in terms of Rule 30(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders.

7. SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION:

The Minister of Finance moved, seconded by the Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the *Usury Act, 1968* so as to provide for the limitation of finance charges in respect of microlending transaction; and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

Usury Amendment Bill [B. 10 – 2017] read a First Time.

The Minister of Finance moved, subject to Rule 32(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by Ms. Mahoto: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

Agreed to.

Usury Amendment Bill [B. 10 – 2017] read a Second Time.

8. THIRD NOTICE OF A MOTION:

The Minister of Finance moved, seconded by Ms. Sikerete:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to establish the Namibia Revenue Agency and to provide for its powers, functions and management; and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

Namibia Revenue Agency Bill [B. 11 – 2017] read a First Time.

The Minister of Finance moved, subject to Rule 32(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by Ms. Shinavene: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Ms. Dienda on behalf of Mr. Smit, seconded by Mr. Muharukua, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 28 June 2017.

9. FIRST ORDER READ:

Committee Stage – *Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Amendment Bill* [B. 6 – 2017].

The Minister of Environment and Tourism moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Industrialization, Trade and SME Development: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 put and agreed to.

Title put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill reported without amendments.

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

Agreed to.

Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Amendment Bill [B. 6 – 2017] read a Third Time.

10. SECOND ORDER READ:

Reconsideration – *Liquor Amendment Bill* [B. 7 – 2016].

The Deputy Minister of Industrialization, Trade and SME Development moved, seconded by Ms. Jagger: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

Clause 1 put.

Mr. Muharukua moved for a deferment, that the *Bill* be reconsidered tomorrow, 21 June 2017.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Progress reported.

11. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Lotteries Bill* [B. 5 – 2017].

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 15 June 2017, as moved by the Minister of Environment and Tourism (page 48).

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

Agreed to.

Lotteries Bill [B. 5 – 2017] read a Second Time.

12. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Ratification of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM) Amendment.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 7 June 2017, as moved by the Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy (page 87).

Question put: That the Assembly agrees to the Ratification of the Convention.

Agreed to.

13. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:49 until Wednesday, 21 June 2017.

F. HARKER

Deputy Secretary of the National Assembly

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