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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 13 MARCH 2018

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

The Speaker announced the untimely passing on of Amb. Norah Schimming-Chase, who left our midst this morning, 13 March 2018 at 2:00 am in Windhoek.

Amb. Schimming-Chase was a former Member of the National Assembly and also served as Namibia's Ambassador to Germany before her retirement.

On behalf of the National Assembly, the Speaker extended deepest sympathy and condolences to the children, grandchildren and the rest of the family, friends and colleagues of Amb. Shimming-Chase.

Minute of Silence observed in her honour.

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

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

- (i) Namibian Broadcasting Corporation for the financial year ended 31 March 2015 and 2016;
- (ii) Land Acquisition and Development Fund for the financial year ended 31 March 2016;
- (iii) National Youth Council for the financial year ended 31 March 2014, 2015 and 2016;
- (iv) Namibian Competition Commission for the financial year ended 31 March 2017; and
- (v) National Heritage Council for the financial year ended 31 March 2015 and 2016.

4. **The Deputy Minister of Environment and Tourism laid upon the Table:**

Annual Report of the Sustainable Development Advisory Council for the financial year 2016/2017.

5. **ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Mr. Venaani (PDM) asked the Deputy Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare (No. 3) – *To be put in writing.*
- (ii) Mr. Nauyoma (APP) asked the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation (No. 4) – *Replied to.*
- (iii) Mr. Fleermuys (WRP) asked the Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 5) – *Replied to.*
- (iv) Mr. Muharukua (PDM) asked the Minister of Safety and Security (No. 6) – *Replied to.*

6. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Ms. Dienda (PDM) to ask the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 43).
- (ii) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister of Land Reform (No. 44).
- (iii) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security (No. 45).

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

The Minister of Health and Social Services briefed the Assembly on the outbreak of Listeriosis in South Africa, and also reported about the first case in Tsumeb, where a patient was diagnosed to have eaten viennas and is now receiving treatment at the Catholic Hospital in Windhoek.

8. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Reconsideration – *Urban and Regional Planning Bill* [B. 13 – 2017].

The Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development moved, seconded by Ms. Kandumbu: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

The Chairperson of the Whole House Committee to report progress.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Progress reported to the Speaker and leave given to sit again.

9. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Microlending Bill* [B. 9 – 2017].

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 22 February 2018, as moved by the Minister of Finance (page 8): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of the Attorney-General, seconded by the Minister of Works and Transport, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 14 March 2018.

10. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:46 until Wednesday, 14 March 2018.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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