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SEVENTH SESSION, SIXTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 14 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 that he has been informed by the Chairperson of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Namibia Chapter, that the International Women's Day that was going to be hosted tomorrow, 15 March 2018 from 8:00 – 11:00 in the National Council Administrative Building under the Theme: *"The Role of Women in Strengthening Corporate Governance"*, has been postponed until further notice.

3. **The Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation laid upon the Table:**

Annual Report of the Employment Equity Commission for the year 2016 – 2017.

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

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

- (i) Municipality of Okahandja for the financial year ended 30 June 2016;
- (ii) Municipality of Mariental for the financial year ended 30 June 2016;
- (iii) Town Council of Oshakati for the financial year ended 30 June 2016;
- (iv) Regional Council of the Omusati Region for the financial year ended 31 March 2017; and
- (v) Regional Council of the Oshana Region for the financial year ended 31 March 2016.

5. **ORAL QUESTION:**

- (i) Mr. Van Wyk (UPM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 6)
– *Replied to.*

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

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

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

Agreed to.

Mr. Maamberua rose in terms of Rule 78 of the Standing Rules and Orders, that his Party's opposition to the reconsideration of the *Bill* be formally recorded.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

In Clause 8 and 134 in the *Arrangement of Sections*, as amended by the National Council, put and agreed to.

Clause 5, 16, 21, 27, 33, in the heading of PART 3 of CHAPTER 9, and in the heading of Clause 126, as amended by the National Council, put and agreed to.

Clause 25 and 26 as amended by the Minister, put and agreed to.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

Bill as Reconsidered, reported with amendments.

Bill to be referred to H.E. the President for his assent in terms of Article 56 and 64 of the Constitution.

7. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

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

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 13 March 2018, as moved by the Minister of Finance (page 8): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of the Minister of Finance, seconded by Mr. Karupu, debate adjourned until Thursday, 5 April 2018.

8. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the impact of under-resourced teachers on the quality of education in Namibia.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 6 March 2018, as moved by Ms. Dienda (page 7).

Question put: That the Motion be adopted.

Agreed to.

9. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Motion on Poisonous Plants.

Ms. Swartz moved, seconded by Mr. Hambyuka: That the Report be introduced.

Agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Van Wyk, seconded by Mr. Kavekatora, debate adjourned until Thursday, 15 March 2018.

10. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:50 until Thursday, 15 March 2018.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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