Tuesday, 28 March 2017

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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 28 MARCH 2017

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy 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) Municipality of Mariental for the financial year ended 30 June 2015;
- (ii) Municipality of Usakos for the financial years ended 30 June 2011; 2012 and 2013;
- (iii) Regional Council of the Khomas Region for the financial year ended 31 March 2015;
- (iv) Regional Council of the Ohangwena Region for the financial years ended 31 March 2012 and 2013;
- (v) Regional Council of the Otjozondjupa Region for the financial years ended 31 March 2011; 2012 and 2013; and
- (vi) Regional Council of the Zambezi Region for the financial years ended 31 March 2011 and 2012.

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

The Minister of Home Affairs and Immigration reported that last year in May she informed the public that the Ministry was going to phase out the South West Africa identity document come 31 March 2017.

The Minister said that it was discovered that most senior citizens are still not in possession of the Namibian national identity cards and were still using the South West Africa identity cards and as a result, the Minister informed the public that Cabinet has approved to extend the phasing out of this identity card from 31 March 2017 to 31 March 2018.

4. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – Appropriation Bill [B. 7 – 2017].

Question before the Assembly on Friday, 24 March 2017, as moved by the Minister of Finance (page 24): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 29 March 2017.

5. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – Local Authorities Amendment Bill [B. 25 – 2016].

Question before the Assembly on Friday, 24 March 2017, as moved by the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (page 30): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Mr. Muharukua, seconded by Ms. Van den Heever, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 5 April 2017.

6. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

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

Question before the Assembly on Friday, 24 March 2017, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 5): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

Agreed to.

Witness Protection Bill [B. 2 – 2017] read a Second Time.

- 7. **FOURTH ORDER** deferred by the Minister of Justice to Tuesday, 25 April 2017 for further consultation.
- 8. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by Ms. Haingura, the Assembly adjourned at 17:38 until Wednesday, 29 March 2017.

F. HARKER Deputy Secretary of the National Assembly

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