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OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2017

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 today, 27 September 2017, marks the 58th Anniversary of SWANU of Namibia. The Speaker congratulated the leadership and followers of SWANU and wished them well.

3. **Ms. Hoffmann laid upon the Table for note-taking:**

Report by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Social Development and Family Affairs on the International Conference of Parliamentary Networks on Population and Development held in Dakar, Senegal from 24 – 26 November 2016.

4. **The Minister of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare motivated and laid upon the Table:**

- (i) Blueprint on Wealth Redistribution and Poverty Eradication; and
- (ii) Implementation Plan for the Blueprint on Wealth Redistribution and Poverty Eradication 2017/18 – 2019/20.

5. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Mr. Venaani (DTA) to ask the Minister of Presidential Affairs (No. 146).
- (ii) Ms. Limbo (RDP) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 147).

6. **ORAL QUESTION:**

Mr. Muharukua (DTA) asked the Prime Minister (No. 31) – *Replied to.*

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

The Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare briefed the Assembly and the nation on the forthcoming celebration of the Day of the Namibian Child, which was ratified by Namibia on 28 September 1990 and consequently the 28 September was declared a national day by Cabinet in 2000. The day is now being celebrated yearly and this year's main event is going to be hosted in Gobabis, Omaheke Region and will be officiated by the Minister and everyone is invited to attend.

8. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on teenage pregnancies amongst school-going children.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 26 September 2017, as moved by Ms. Dienda (page 142): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of the Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare, seconded by the Minister of Justice, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 3 October 2017.

9. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Consideration of the Proposed Revised Rate of Tax on Agricultural Commercial Land in Namibia.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 13 September 2017, as moved by the Minister of Land Reform (page 131).

Question put: That the Proposed Revised Rate of Tax be adopted.

Agreed to.

10. **NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Ms. Van den Heever moved, seconded by Mr. Muharukua:

That this Assembly –

Discusses the occurrence of child marriages in Namibia and the role potentially harmful cultural and traditional practices might be playing in promoting child marriages.

That this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further interrogation.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry, seconded by Ms. Sibungo, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 3 October 2017.

11. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:50 until Thursday, 28 September 2017.

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