

FIFTH SESSION, SIXTH PARLIAMENT

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE**  
**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH 2017**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.

2. **Ms. !Nawases-Taeyele laid upon the Table:**

Report on the Pan African Parliament (PAP) Third Ordinary Session: Fourth Parliament, for discussion on Tuesday, 14 March 2017.

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

Reports of the Auditor-General on –

- (i) Fisheries Observer Fund for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2015; and
- (ii) New Era Publications Corporation for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2014.

4. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare (No. 29).
- (ii) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism (No. 30).

5. **Ministerial Statements in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

- (i) The Minister of Finance informed the Assembly about the currency manipulation by South African Banks; and its implications for Namibian Banks.
- (ii) The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation briefed the Assembly on the Outcome of the 28<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the African

Union Assembly, which took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 – 31 January 2017.

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Nature Conservation Amendment Bill* [B. 22 – 2016].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 21 February 2017, as moved by the Minister of Environment and Tourism (page 8): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Mr. Nauyoma, seconded by Mr. Kavekatora, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 7 March 2017.

7. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Access to Biological and Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge Bill* [B. 4 – 2017].

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 23 February 2017, as moved by the Deputy Minister of Environment and Tourism (page 12): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Environment and Tourism, seconded by the Minister of Justice, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 7 March 2017.

8. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

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

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 23 February 2017, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 5): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

9. In terms of Rule 99 of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:49 until Thursday, 2 March 2017.

**F. HARKER**

*Deputy Secretary of the National Assembly*

*Compiled by I. Nehoya*