

FIFTH SESSION, SIXTH PARLIAMENT

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

**THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2017**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcements by the Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**
  - (i) The Speaker announced that all Members of Parliament are invited to attend an Economics Workshop to be held in the Chamber of the National Assembly on Monday, 20 February 2017 from 09:00 – 17:00 and Tuesday, 21 February 2017 from 9:00 – 13:00.
  - (ii) The Speaker further announced that the National Assembly, together with the Embassy of Palestine invite all Members of Parliament to attend the screening of a documentary on the occupation of Palestine. The screening will take place today after the end of the sitting in Conference Room C.1 of the National Assembly.
3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**
  - (i) Mr. Mbai (NUDO) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 8).
  - (ii) Mr. Mbai (NUDO) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry (No. 9).
  - (iii) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 10).
  - (iv) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry (No. 11).
4. **QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE:**

Mr. Nekundi (SWAPO) asked the Prime Minister (No. 1) – *Replied to.*
5. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry addressed the Assembly on the outbreak of armyworms which are a threat to food security in Namibia.

6. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Minister of Justice moved, seconded by the Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Whistleblower Protection Office; to establish procedures for making disclosures of improper conduct; to provide for the investigation of disclosure of improper conduct and protection of whistleblowers; to provide for investigation of complaints of detrimental action; to provide for the review of certain decisions; to provide remedies for persons against whom detrimental action is taken; and to deal with incidental matters.

Agreed to.

*Whistleblower Protection Bill* [B. 1 – 2017] read a First Time.

The Minister of Justice moved, subject to Rule 32(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by Ms. Nuyoma-Amupewa: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Ms. Van den Heever on behalf of Ms. Dienda, seconded by Mr. Smit, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 22 February 2017.

7. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Minister of Justice moved, seconded by Mr. Katoma:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Directorate for Witness Protection to protect and assist witnesses and related persons; to provide for the establishment of a Witness Protection Advisory Committee; to provide for the establishment of a Witness Protection Fund and matters relating to the Fund; to provide for the establishment of a Witness Protection Programme and for admission of witnesses and related persons to the Programme; to provide for measures or action to be taken to protect witnesses and related persons; to provide for the establishment of a Witness Protection Review Tribunal to review certain decisions; to provide for authorisation to enter into national and international agreements on witness protection; to create offences in relation to witness protection; and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

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

The Minister of Justice moved, subject to Rule 32(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Defence: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Mr. Van Wyk, seconded by Ms. Limbo, debate adjourned until Thursday 23 February 2017.

**THIRD NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by the Minister of Information and Communication Technology to Thursday, 23 February 2017.

8. The Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 16:35 until Tuesday, 21 February 2017.

**F. HARKER**

*Deputy Secretary of the National Assembly*

*Compiled by I. Nehoya*