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PARLIAMENT

OF

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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

FOURTH SESSION – EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY, 6TH JUNE, 2017

Quarter past two o'clock pm.

The Speaker in the Chair.

PRAYERS.

Members Present

Beremauro G;
Bhebhe A;
Budha - Masara
Chabaya B.
Chakona P
Chapfika D
Chasi F
Chibagu G
Chidhakwa S
Chigudu M
Chigumba C C.
Chikomba L
Chikuni E

Chimanikire G
Chimedza P Dr
Chimwamurombe A
Chinanzvavana C
Chinomona M M
Chinotimba J
Chiota P C
Chipato A
Chitembwe V J
Chitindi C
Chitura L
Chiwa D
Chiwetu J Z
Cross E G
Dhewa W
Dutiro P.
Dube S
Dziva T M
Gabbuza J.G.
Gangarahwe G.
Gezi T
Goche N
Gonese I.T
Gumbo E.
Gumbo S
Gwanetsa K K
Gwanongodza E
Haritatos P
Holder J
Hungwa G
Jaboon J
Kachepa N
Kadungure D A
Kagonye P
Kanhanga E W
Karoro D
Katsiru L.
Kaundikiza M
Kazembe K
Khanye N
Khumalo M
Khumalo T
Khupe T
Kuruneri C

Labode M R
Langa A
Machingauta C
Machingura R
Mackenzie I
Maduza T.
Madondo T
Madubeko J
Madzinga P
Mahiya M
Mahoka S
Majaya B
Majome F J
Makoni R R
Makonya J
Makunde T
Mandipaka O
Mangami D
Mangwende S
Maondera W
Maridadi J
Marumahoko R
Masamvu L
Mashakada T
Mashonganyika D
Masiya D
Masuku P
Matambanadzo M
Mataruse P
Matienga M
Matimba K M
Matiza B J
Matsikenyerere N
Matsunga S.
Matuke L
Mavenyengwa R
Mawere M D V
Mawere M RN S
Maziwisa P.
Mguni N.
Mhona F T
Misihairambwi P M
Moyo L
Mpala M.

Mpofu B
Mpofu M M
Mpofu S
Mtingwende T
Muchenje F
Muchenje M S
Mudambo T
Mudarikwa S
Muderedzwa R
Mudzuri E
Mudyiwa M.
Mufunga A
Mugidho M.
Munochinzwa M
Muponora N
Musabayana D.
Mukupe T.
Mukwangwariwa F G
Mukwena R
Munengami F
Munochinzwa M.
Mupereri V.
Murai E
Musanhi K S
Musvaire W
Mutomba W
Mutseyami P C
Muzondiwa E S
Ncube D M
Ncube G M
Ncube H
Ncube O
Ncube S
Ndebele A
Ndlovu D M;
Ndlovu M S
Ngoro L F
Nduna D
Nguni S R
Nhambu B.
Nhema C F.D.;
Nkatozo M M
Nkomo Malachi
Nleya L

Nyamupinga B B
Nyanhongo M
Nyere C
Omar J.
Paradza K
Passade J
Pedzisai I
Phiri F P
Ruvai E
Samkange J T
Sansole T W
Saruwaka T J.L.;
Savanhu T
Seremwe B.
Shamu W K
Shava J.
Shongedza E
Shumba K D
Sibanda D P
Sibanda K.
Sibanda L
Sibanda M
Sibanda Z
Sithole G K
Simbanegavi Y
Sindi C
Sipani – Hungwe O.
Thembani S Z
Tongofa M
Tshuma D
Tshuma J.
Tsomondo C
Uta K.
Vutete M
Wadyajena J M
Watson N J
Zemura L
Zhou P
Zhou T
Zindi I
Ziyambi Z
Zwizwai M

In attendance in terms of Section 138 (2) and (3) and Section 104 (3) of the Constitution.

Printed by Order of the House

Absent with leave

1. The Speaker advised Hon. Members that the biometric system which facilitate entry into and exit out of the Parliament building had been operationalised.
2. The Speaker informed the House that Hon. Members who had vehicles parked in the Car Park were requested to remove them by end of the day, Tuesday, 6th of June 2017, to facilitate pitching up of tents and erection of exhibitions booths for the Parliament Open Day, scheduled for Wednesday, 7th to Thursday, 9th of June 2017. Members were urged to park their vehicles at their respective hotels, and utilise hotel shuttle buses during the same period.
3. The Speaker made an announcement relating to the raising of points of order and points of privilege by Members as follows:

The Chair has observed a disturbing trend whereby Hon. Members have developed a tendency of abusing Standing Orders pertaining to the raising of points of order and points of privilege in the House.

The Chair wishes to clarify the procedure for raising points of order and points of privilege as follows:

A point of order may be raised by another member, without notice, in terms of Standing Order 68 (d) to alert the Presiding Officer of a breach of the rules of the House by a member on the floor or by any other member in the chamber. Thus point of orders should relate to possible violations or breaches of provisions of Standing Orders of the House or practice of the house or abuse of the rules of the House. Points of order cannot be raised because a member is not happy with another member's contributions. In fact, the majority of points of order in the Eighth Parliament have been of this category. A member raising a point of order should simply direct the Presiding Officer to the point complained of by citing the Standing Order or practice being violated.

A point of privilege is raised by a member to a raise complaint of breach of privilege or contempt which requires the immediate attention of the House. The point of privilege should thus clearly state the breach that should be addressed by the House.

Hon members should be guided accordingly and not abuse the rules of the house.

4. The Deputy Speaker informed the House that all Chairpersons of Committees were invited to a meeting with Consultants for a capacity assessment dialogue on Wednesday, 7th of June 2017, at 1000 hours in Committee Room No. 4.

5. Hon. Matuke, seconded by Hon. Gonese, moved: That Notice of Motions Nos. 1 and 8 and Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 7, for today, stand over until Order of the Day, No. 9 has been disposed of.

Motion put and agreed to.

6. Hon. Chitindi, seconded by Hon. Gwanetsa, moved: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Lands, Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development on the Utilisation of the Brazilian Mechanisation Facility and Livestock Situation in Zimbabwe. (S.C. 2, 2017).

On the motion of Hon. Matuke, seconded by Hon. Gonese: Debate adjourned until tomorrow.

7. Hon. Matuke, seconded by Hon. Ziyambi, moved: That the House reverts to Orders of the Day Nos. 8, 2, and 3, in that order.

Motion put and agreed to.

8. Hon. Majome, seconded by Hon. Matsunga, moved: That the motion on Mandatory Stiff Sentencing for Rape and Other Gender Based Violence Crimes, which was superseded by the end of the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament, be restored on the Order Paper, in terms of Standing Order No. 73.

Motion put and agreed to.

9. **SECOND READING: *Estates Administrators Amendment Bill*, (H. B. 8, 2016) - *The Vice President and Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs*)**

Bill read a second time. Committee, tomorrow.

10. Adjourned debate on motion on the **SECOND READING** of the *Constitution of Zimbabwe Amendment (No. 1) Bill*, (H.B. 1, 2017) (*Adjourned 9th May, 2017- The Vice President and Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs*)

(Days elapsed: 3)

Question again proposed: That the *Constitution of Zimbabwe Amendment (No. 1) Bill*, (H.B. 1, 2017) be now read a second time. – ***The Vice President and Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs.***

On the motion of the Hon. Vice-President and Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs: Debate adjourned until tomorrow.

11. On the motion of Hon. Matuke, seconded by Hon. Mukwangwariwa.: The House adjourned at two minutes past five o'clock pm.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH JUNE, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

◆ QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE.

*** QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE.**

- *1. HON. KANHANGA: To ask the Minister of Finance and Economic Development to explain to the House the recourse that may be taken by farmers who have not benefitted from the proceeds that were put towards the purchase of Treasury Bills since 2007.

[Deferred from 15th March, 2017]

- *2. HON. CHIKOMBA: To ask the Minister of Finance and Economic Development to explain the policy regarding debt takeover of strategic companies such as David Whitehead Textiles.

[Deferred from 22nd March, 2017]

- *3. HON. CHRISA: To ask the Minister of Finance and Economic Development what steps the Ministry is taking over the issue of refusal by multi-choice (DSTV) Zimbabwe to accept bond noted from customers for their monthly subscriptions.

[Deferred from 29th March, 2017]

- *4. HON. MAJOME: To ask the Minister of Finance and Economic Development:

- (a) To state when the loan agreement that gave rise to the \$200 million Africa Import Export Bank 'facility' for the bond notes was concluded;
- (b) To indicate whether or not its terms were published in the Government Gazette; and whether or not this was done in 60 days in terms of Section 300 (3) of the Constitution; and to explain the terms of the said parent loan agreement.
- (c) To indicate whether or not the loan agreement that gave rise to the facility was referred to Parliament in terms of Section 327 (3) of the Constitution; and whether or not it was referred to the relevant Portfolio Committee in terms of the Standing Orders. If not when will it be so referred.

Deferred from 3rd May, 2017]

- *5. HON. MAJOME: To ask the Minister of Finance and Economic Development to inform the House when Treasury will release funds for payment to Mr Gogfrey Ticharwa Vambe for his five tonnes of ammonium Nitrate Fertilizer that he bought in 2008 from the Grain Marketing Board (GMB) depot in Harare under the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe Input Scheme.

Deferred from 10th May, 2017]

- *6. HON. MNANGAGWA A.: To ask the Minister of Finance and Economic Development

to explain the policy that compels the business people in retailer shops, wholesales and others to bank their daily takings from sales with the banks in order to ease the financial cash shortages the country is currently faced with.

Deferred from 3rd May, 2017]

- *7. HON. MGUNI N.: To ask the Minister of Finance and Economic Development to state what strategies the Ministry has put in place to mobilise resources to cater for the needs of persons with disabilities as required by the provisions of the Constitution.

Deferred from 17th May, 2017]

- *8. HON. MAJOME: To ask the Minister of Health and Child Care to inform the House when the Ministry would replace the one and only Gas Chromatograph machine which packed up in 2004, in view of the fact that this is affecting forensic pathology in public hospitals.

[Deferred from 3rd May, 2017]

- *9. HON. KWARAMBA: To ask the Minister of Health and Child Care to inform the House of the measures that government has put in place to ensure that people living with disabilities have access to relevant information in pictorial and braille formats as a way of disseminating information on HIV voluntary testing, treatment and condom use in view of the fact that these people are usually left out.

Deferred from 3rd May, 2017]

- *10. HON. KWARAMBA: To ask the Minister of Health and Child Care to explain the government position as regards the formulation and implementation of user friendly disability policies and to also give statistics on the numbers of HIV positive people living with disabilities.

Deferred from 3rd May, 2017]

- *11. HON. TSHUMA D.: To ask the Minister of Health and Child Care to consider adopting the system of non-payment of all non-curable diseases and HIV / AIDS to the stages of diagnosis and treatment instead of picking out diabetes in view of the debilitating impact that these diseases have on human capital.

Deferred from 17th May, 2017]

- *12. HON. KHUMALO M.: To ask the Minister of Health and Child Care to explain to the House how the sum of \$23 000 earmarked for the construction of Dongamuzi Clinic, which was deposited in the District Account in 2014 was utilised.

Deferred from 17th May, 2017]

- *13. HON. KHUMALO M. To ask the Minister of Health and Child Care to explain how the amount of \$200 000 and \$250 000 which was allocated to the Ministry on the 2016 and 2017 budgets respectively for the construction of Dongamuzi Clinic in the Lupane West Constituency was used.

- *14. HON. MAJOME: To ask the Minister of Energy and Power Development:

- (a) To explain to the House why Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority (ZESA) Holdings flighted an advertisement in The Herald on 14 December, 2016 to congratulate the President of Zimbabwe for successfully hosting his annual ZANU PF political party conference on 14 – 18 December, 2016 despite Section 196(3)(a) of the Constitution’s requirements of public officers’ objectivity and impartiality;
- (b) To state the cost of advertisement;
- (c) To state the benefit of the advertisement to electricity consumers;
- (d) To inform the House whether as to or not the advertisement was budgeted for and for how much; and
- (e) To indicate to the House whether or not ZESA will also flight advertisements to congratulate other political parties such as MDC – T and MDC for holding events.

Deferred from 3rd May, 2017]

- *15. HON. GANGARAHWE: To ask the Minister of Energy and Power Development to inform the House when the Rural Electrification Agency would electrify Muzavazi Secondary School in Ward 27 and Mavhudzi Secondary School in Ward 8, Mhondoro - Mubaira Constituency.

Deferred from 3rd May, 2017]

- *16. HON. SARUWAKA: To ask the Minister of Energy and Power Development to inform the House when electricity would be connected at Jombe Primary School in Ward 10 in the Mutasa Rural District Council, considering that the school had a transformer installed and electrified in July 2016 by Rural Electricity Agency (REA) while connection fees were paid for the teachers houses and the administration block in October 2016.

Deferred from 3rd May, 2017]

- *17. HON. SARUWAKA: To ask the Minister of Energy and Power Development to explain to the House when the transformer at Fatima Primary School in Ward 12 of Mutasa Rural District Council, which broke down in mid-2016 thereby negatively impacting on the activities of this institution going to be repaired / replaced.

Deferred from 3rd May, 2017]

- *18. HON. GANGARAHWE: To ask the Minister of Energy and Power Development to inform the House the progress made in electrification of Mavhudzi and Nyamweda Primary Schools as per the assurance made by the Minister that the exercise would have been done by the end of March 2017.

Deferred from 3rd May, 2017]

- *19. HON. KHUMALO M.: To ask the Minister of Energy and Power Development to inform the House when electricity supplies would be connected to the Jotsholo District Registry offices in view of the fact that quotations were done by the Ministry officials.

Deferred from 17th May, 2017]

- *20. HON. MNANGAGWA A.: To ask the Minister of Women Affairs, Gender and Community Development to inform the House what plans the Ministry has in place to groom women on etiquette, requisite interview attire outfit for them to be employable.

Deferred from 3rd May, 2017]

- *21. HON. CHIWA: To ask the Minister of Lands and Rural Resettlement

- (a) To explain how the ministry would manage the double allocations of farms in cases where original owners who were once evicted from the farms have since been given permission to return to their original farms which are already occupied following the administrative Court's ruling that the Minister does not have powers to withdraw offer letters.
- (b) Further explain to the House what other pieces of land such farmers are entitled to, considering that this is now a second withdrawal.
- (c) To explain how the government would manage the investors' confidence as the administrative Court Ruling would effectively reverse the Agreement and Investment Surety that was reached at the Bi – National Conference between Zimbabwe and South Africa in November, 2016.

Deferred from 3rd May, 2017]

- *22. HON. MGUNI N. To ask the Minister of Public Service Labour and Social Welfare to explain to the House why Pension Funds that own buildings and other properties which they rent out in United States dollars do not refund the money that was wiped out by inflation.

Deferred from 17th May, 2017]

- *23. HON. TSHUMA D.: To ask the Minister of Public Service Labour and Social Welfare to inform the House what the Government policy is with regards to reviewing the money given the pensioners on a monthly basis in accordance with the poverty datum line.

Deferred from 17th May, 2017]

- *24. HON. MANGAMI: To ask the Minister of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare to inform the House what government policy is regarding the issuance of travel insurance cover by medical insurance companies when individuals travel outside the country.

- *25. HON. CHISOROCHENGWE: To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development to inform the House what plans the Ministry has to ensure that farmers are timeously paid as a way of encouraging that they sell their produce to the authorised buyers such as the Grain Marketing Board (GMB) instead of withholding such produce due to cash shortages.

Deferred from 17th May, 2017]

- *26. HON. KAZEMBE: To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development to inform the House what government policy is regarding repayment in a case scenario similar to the one at Hermiston Irrigation Scheme in Mazowe West

Constituency were farmers received incomplete equipment under the Brazil facility resulting in their failure to utilize it and to further state when the farmers are expected to start honouring their repayment obligations.

- *27. HON. TSHUMA D.: To ask the Minister of Home Affairs to inform the House what Government Policy is on the issuance of primary documents to all those affected during the Gukurahundi period.

Deferred from 17th May, 2017]

- *28. HON. KHUMALO M.: To ask the Minister of Home Affairs to inform the House why Lupane and Jotsholo Registry Offices are not online, a situation which results in clients having to apply for primary documents in Bulawayo.

Deferred from 17th May, 2017]

- *29. HON. KHUMALO M.: To ask the Minister of Home Affairs to inform the House when the Ministry will make provisions for people from Matabeleland North to be issued with passports in Lupane.

Deferred from 17th May, 2017]

- *30. HON. MUDYIWA: To ask the Minister of Energy and Power Development to inform the House when the Special Single Wire East Return (SWER) transformer for Suswe Business Centre in Mudzi District will be repaired considering that it has been malfunctioning since 2015.

- *31. HON. MUDYIWA: To ask the Minister of Energy and Power Development to inform the house when electricity will be connected to Denda Primary School, in Ward 8, Shinga Secondary School and Clinic in Ward 4, in the Mudzi West Constituency in view of the fact that the connection fees were paid in 2015.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1. HON. MANDIPAKA
HON. MUDEREDZWA

That this House-

AWARE that Zimbabwe is a peace loving nation;

DISTURBED by recent acts of violence and terror on innocent people by some political parties;

WORRIED by vicious attacks on police officers and security agents;

CONCERNED by the looting and destruction of property and infrastructure in Greater Harare;

NOW THEREFORE calls upon Parliament to resolve to:

- (a) Strongly condemn political parties perpetrating acts of violence on our nation;
- (b) Calls upon the Government of Zimbabwe Republic Police to arrest all those rowdy youths involved in acts of violence and to facilitate their prosecution; and
- (c) Asks the Minister of Home Affairs to make a statement on the state of affairs with regards to recent political violence and to assure the nation of its safety and security.

2. HON. CHAMISA
HON. D. P. SIBANDA

That this House:

NOTING the disturbing images and video footage of men and women in police uniform beating up innocent civilians

AWARE that the Police Charter rests on the settled principle of *pro lege, pro patria, pro populi* (for the law, for the country, for the people)

WORRIED by the recent behavior and conduct of certain Police details in their handling and beating up of demonstrating and peace loving citizens.

CONCERNED with human rights abuses and rule by law instead rule of law, as instigated by certain police officers or persons masquerading as Police;

PERTUBED that the Minister responsible for the Police or the Commissioner General have not made efforts to censure or discipline the perpetrators who violated the National Constitution.

FURTHER CONCERNED that the bad behavior of a few bad apples among the Police are creating animosity between citizens (people of Zimbabwe) and the Police

ACKNOWLEDGING that His Excellency President Mugabe has publicly condemned the public who were exercising their rights without correspondingly condemning the Police for their abuse of citizen rights and that of the Constitution

NOW THEREFORE, calls upon the Minister of Home Affairs to:

- (a) Investigate the conduct of the Police and report to the Parliament;
- (b) Issue a public apology over the untoward conduct of some of the Police Officers;
- (c) Immediately implement a training of Police on human rights as part of their curriculum in terms of the Constitution;
- (d) Put in place an act of Parliament setting up an Independent Complaints Mechanism for members of the public as contemplated by Section 210 of the National Constitution; and

(e) That Parliament sets up a Commission of Inquiry to investigate into the conduct of such officers.

3. HON. MPARIWA
HON. MARUMAHOKO

That this House adopts the Second Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the findings of the Auditor General on the 2010 and 2011 Accounts for the Bulawayo City Council (S. C. 1, 2017).

4. HON. MISIHAIRABWI-MUSHONGA
HON. TOFFA

That this House -

ACKNOWLEDGING that Section 18 of the Constitution provides for regional equality and states “The state must promote the fair representation of all Zimbabwe’s regions in all institutions and agencies of government at every level;

FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGING that Section 17 provides that “The State must promote full gender balance in Zimbabwean society, and in particular the state must promote the full participation of women in all spheres of Zimbabwean society on the basis of equality with men;

NOTING that both Section 18 and Section 17 place obligations on the state to take specific measures to rectify both regional and gender imbalances in society;

CONCERNED that the process of identifying providers of government services and government tenders are violating Section 17 and Section 18;

NOW THEREFORE resolves to call upon the Executive to ensure that:

- (a) All processes of identifying providers of services to government are conducted in a transparent and accountable manner.
- (b) Awarding of government and parastatal tenders promotes fair regional representation; and
- (c) A 30% quota of all government tenders are reserved for women.

5. HON. CHAMISA
HON. GONESE

That this House-

NOTING that it has been exactly one year since the disappearance of Itai Dzamara;

CONSIDERING that the Minister of Home Affairs was ordered to give monthly reports on progress;

PERTURBED that the Government has not been updating the Nation on progress;

COGNISANT of the citizen’s constitutional right and the importance of

strengthening the constitutionalism, human rights and consolidation of democracy;

ACKNOWLEDGES the existence of the International Convention on the Protection from Enforced Disappearances as an international human rights instrument.

NOW THEREFORE, Parliament calls upon the Government to:

- (a) Bring finality and closure to investigations leaving no stones unturned;
- (b) Chip in on the social welfare and support to the Dzamara family, particularly the wife and children as restorative and rehabilitative measures;
- (c) Guarantee non repetition of such occurrences and giving assurance in the protection to the right to demonstrate and petition; and
- (d) Ensure all perpetrators of politically motivated violence are prosecuted and that victims receive restorative and rehabilitative justice.

6. HON. BUDHA - MASARA
HON. MAONDERA

That this House:

DISTURBED by the fact that the rural livelihoods assessment indicated approximately 16% of the rural population is projected to be food insecure for the period of January to March 2016.

WORRIED by the fact that the nation continues to be food insecure yet small grains exhibit the potential to boost food security given their drought – tolerant nature in the event of erratic rains;

FURTHER WORRIED by the failure as a nation, to come up with a deliberate policy on small grains and a national strategy in recognizing the potential of small grains in achieving food security;

CONSCIOUS that the government has a Constitutional duty (Section 15 (c) to encourage and promote adequate and proper nutrition through mass education and other appropriate means;

NOW THEREFORE, this House calls upon the Executive;

- (a) To immediately set in motion the crafting of a comprehensive National Small Grains Policy buttressed by a National Strategy on small grains;
- (b) To provide innovative solutions in addressing challenges in the entire value chain within the policy;
- (c) To extensively address the issue of seed unavailability and improved research on new seed varieties for small grains; and
- (d) To review the “Seed Act” and bring to Parliament to approve for ratification of COMESA Seed Trade Harmonisation Regulations in order to open up new opportunities to small grain farmers.

7. HON. NDEBELE
HON. MARIDADI

That this House –

NOTING that the process of digital migration as outlined by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) has surgically changed and transformed the broadcasting industry in terms of the spectrum size and management in Zimbabwe;

CONCERNED that the current legislation is inadequate in its scope in addressing emerging issues resulting from this process;

ALSO NOTING that the Ministry of Information Media and Broadcasting has conceded and acknowledged that the Broadcasting Services Act and the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act need to be amended in line with the emerging trends born out of the digital migration process and the dynamics of listenership and readership of the media products;

DISTURBED that despite the provisions of the Broadcasting Services Act in Section 61(3) which guarantee freedom of establishment of broadcasting media subject to licensing conditions that are necessary, Zimbabwe still does not have the 3-tier broadcasting system fourteen years after the promulgation of the Act;

COGNISANT that the many community broadcasters are eagerly expecting invitations for license applications as evidenced by the existence of different local communities that have been awaiting that development;

WORRIED that Section 10 of the Act is prohibitive as it gives discretionary powers to decide when to call for licenses without necessary safeguards to curb abuses that may be detrimental to some classes of licenses as is currently the case with community broadcasters;

AWARE that the Constitution of Zimbabwe (2013) provides for freedom of Expression, the media; and the right of access to information under section 62, Hence the need for the revision of legislation that regulates broadcasting;

CONCERNED that under the Act the appointment process of the BAZ Board undermines best practices and requirement that State Licensing Authority and procedures should be independent of control by government, political or commercial interests.

FURTHER CONCERNED that the appointment procedures and processes under the Broadcasting Services Act are not sufficiently transparent to guarantee the independence of BAZ Board and its decisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, calls upon the Executive to:

- (a) urgently table a Bill to comprehensively amend or repeal the Act;
- (b) facilitate public participation in the processes, as outlined in regional and international instruments on broadcasting; and
- (c) clearly state what percentage of the broadcasting fund goes to local content production.

That this House -

NOTING with concern that at least 10 percent of the 13 million Zimbabweans have some form of disability;

CONCERNED that despite various awareness programmes initiated by both the Government and non-governmental organisations, people living with disabilities are still subject to stigma and discrimination;

FURTHER CONCERNED that there's no institutionalised deliberate inclusion strategy from primary education to tertiary level to support students with disabilities.

ACKNOWLEDGING the various initiatives taken by Government in post-independence Zimbabwe to empower and improve the lot of people living with disabilities such as the introduction of vocational training centres for people living with disabilities and the enactment of the Disabled Persons Act in 1992;

RECOGNISING the tax concessions extended to people living with disabilities such as the suspension of Customs Duty on certain specified motor vehicles imported by physically handicapped persons for their own use.

DISTURBED that such noble concessions do not extend to critical equipment such as wheelchairs, hearing aids, braille and crutches for use by people living with disabilities;

WORRIED that as a result of the taxes levied on wheelchairs, braille and crutches they are beyond the reach of the majority of people living with disabilities who are poor;

FURTHER WORRIED that sign language which caters for the deaf and dumb and Braille for the blind has not been allowed to take root from primary education level for no fee in line with section 75 of the constitution calling for education for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, CALLS UPON THE GOVERNMENT TO:

- (a) Introduce tax concessions starting from the 2017 Budget for critical equipment such as wheelchairs, braille and crutches to ensure that they are affordable to the majority of people living with disabilities;
- (b) Make sign language and Braille all inclusive and compulsory for all institutions of learning to provide, a well-rounded education system for people living with disabilities and needing such learning and education.
- (c) Urgently Harmonize our laws in line with the United Nations Conventions of Persons Living with Disabilities and the new Constitution to improve the lives of the affected disabled persons; and,
- (d) Increase the allocation for disability services in the national budget to cover the essential basic needs for all disabled people in Zimbabwe.

9. HON. M. S. NDLOVU
HON. MATANGIRA

That this House;

EXPRESSES its profound shock and sorrow at the untimely death of a revolutionary par excellence on Friday 25 November, 2016, the Commandant of the Cuban Revolution, Fidel Castro and places on record its supreme appreciation of the sterling services rendered in support of the just struggle of the African Liberation Forces, inspiration and exemplary leadership.

RESOLVES, that its cardinal sympathy and heartfelt condolence, be conveyed to the family of the deceased and the entire peace loving people of Cuba on this sad loss.

10. HON. M. S. NDLOVU
HON. MKANDLA

That this House:

DISMAYED by the plight of Home owners who are bonded to accommodation at their work places in companies such as the National Railways of Zimbabwe (NRZ), Hwange Colliery, Mashava Mines, Kamativi Tin Mine and Municipalities in various towns;

DISTURBED that after the death of the bread winners who are the employees of such companies their dependents are not accommodated at all and cannot inherit the houses that they may have occupied for the greater part of their lives;

NOTING that the situation is exacerbated by lack of title deeds to the properties making even the married couples vulnerable as they cannot access such properties on the death of their spouses.

NOW, THEREFORE the Government is called upon to enact comprehensive legislation which protects home occupants of such companies from manipulation on the basis that they do not have title deeds to the said properties.

11. HON. S. MPOFU
HON. SEREMWE

That this House takes note of the Report of the Parliament of Zimbabwe delegation to the China International Travel Mart, held from the 11th to the 13th November, 2016.

12. HON. MHLANGA
HON. CHIBAYA

That this House takes note of the Report of the Parliament of Zimbabwe delegation to the 135th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) held in Geneva, Switzerland, from the 23th to the 25th October, 2016.

13. HON. A. MNANGAGWA
HON. MUKWANGWARIWA

That this House takes note of the Report on the Role of the Pan African Parliament in Promoting the Free Movement of People and the African Passport.

14. HON. MASHANGE
HON. CHINANZVAVANA

That this House takes note of the Report of the Delegation of the Portfolio Committee on Environment, Water, Tourism and Hospitality Industry that attended

the United Nations Climate Change Conference that was held in Marrakech, Morocco from the 7th to 18th of November 2016.

15. HON. PARADZA
HON. MISIHAIRABWI-MUSHONGA

That this House takes note of the Report of the Zimbabwe delegation to the 6th International Conference by the Islamic Consultative Assembly of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in support of the Palestinian Uprising, held in Teheran in Iran from the 21st to the 22nd of February, 2017.

16. HON. NYAMUPINGA
HON. MASAMVU

That this House -

CONCERNED at the plight of Women in polygamous matrimony who are denied their social status, property and conjugal rights;

DESIROUS to minimize the suffering of such women as the practice erodes their self-esteem and results in emotional and psychological abuse which results in broken relationships and families;

DISTURBED that the results of such abusive relationships fuels unwanted pregnancies and diseases which lead to untold suffering to the immediate families;

NOW THEREFORE calls upon Government to enact legislation that

- (a) Protects women in polygamous marriages from all forms of abuse;
- (b) Ensures that women are not deprived of their rights to the estate of their spouses at the time of their deaths;
- (c) That the number of wives that a man may enter into marriage union with, be limited to a certain number; and
- (d) Those who pledge women into polygamous relationships be prosecuted

17. HON. NYAMUPINGA
HON. ZINDI

That this House expresses its heartfelt sorrow on the untimely death of an illustrious daughter of Zimbabwe, the first woman Vice Chancellor in post independent Zimbabwe, and educationist par excellence, Professor Primrose Kurasha;

Celebrates the life of an icon and gender activist who advanced the rights of women in the country;

Conveys its profound condolences to the family of the deceased.

18. HON. SHAMU
HON. NDORO

That this House;

MINDFUL that the World Radio Day is celebrated through the bringing together of Community radio enthusiasts to share best practices, exhibit and exchange ideas among professionals of the radio industry;

COGNIZANT that the radio promotes the diversity of cultures and continues to play a pivotal role as it did during the days of our liberation struggle where broadcasts completely defeated enemy propaganda;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the radio is not just a means of communication but is an emotional, spiritual and physical nourishment to the generality of the population all over the world;

FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGING that the World Radio Day was successfully celebrated in Zimbabwe on behalf of the entire SADC Region on 13 February, 2017 under the theme “Radio is You”

NOW THEREFORE, calls upon this House to

- (a) Congratulate the Ministry of Information, Media and Broadcasting Services, ZBC, Star F.M., Zi F.M. and all other stakeholders for successfully celebrating World Radio Day;
- (b) Applaud Government’s progressive policy which encourages 75% local content thereby motivating promoting and empowering our local artists;
- (c) Embrace all modern technology that enhances digitalization.

19. HON. NYAMUPINGA
HON CHIRISA

That this House;

APPRECIATING the work done by women over the years dating as far back as days of the first Chimurenga, as clearly demonstrated by heroines of the calibre of Mbuya Nehanda;

DESIROUS to uphold the values and dignity of women in our day to day lives;

MINDFUL that women are not only the back bone of our economy, but are the role models of successful homes hence the need to give them the honour befitting of their stature;

Now, therefore calls upon this House to:

- (a) Congratulate our women on the occasion of the International Women’s Day;
- (b) Declare the International Women’s Day a public holiday;
- (c) Join hands with all other progressive forces in uplifting the status of our women folk, who until our attainment of independence, were marginalized.

20. HON. GUZAH
HON. PARADZA

That this House -

PURSUANT to the adoption of the SADC Gender Protocol on Gender Development;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Constitution of Zimbabwe envisages full participation of women in political, social and economic spheres on the basis of equality;

NOTING that the current mining legislation is inadequate in its scope and prescription to deal with gender parity;

CONCERNED, that women are incapacitated to actively engage in all mining activities;

DISTURBED that despite government initiatives and programmes to promote participation of women in mining the sector continues to be male dominated despite the fact that this sector is a centre piece for economic development and growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, calls upon Government to:

- (a) Introduce quota systems that obligate mining companies to incorporate women in their system;
- (b) Provide support through training, educational grants and workshops as a strategy to capacitate women in the mining sector;
- (c) Engage in awareness campaigns through the media and affirmative action groups.

21. HON. GUZAH
HON. PARADZA

That this House-

Noting that the country has a soaring unemployment rate of over 85%;

MINDFUL that despite the enactment of Statutory Instrument No. 66 of 2013, indigenous people continue to be side lined by foreigners who get preferential treatment in reserved spheres of the economy;

CONCERNED that there is no monitoring and evaluation mechanism to ensure businesses are compliant with the indigenization law which deals with matters of investment;

ACKNOWLEDGING the initiatives taken by the state to ensure compliance with the law;

DISTURBED that notwithstanding the Statutory Instrument No. 66 of 2013 new companies and firms have entered the reserved areas without due regard for the requirements that are applicable in these areas;

COGNISANT that the reserved areas are less capital intensive for the indigenous Zimbabweans to penetrate, contribute and benefit from the business economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, calls upon Government to

- (a) Establish a task force to monitor, evaluate and follow up on non-compliance and prosecute offenders;
- (b) Train and sensitise the indigenous business people to be conversant with the business environmental laws; and
- (c) Hold awareness symposiums with a view to encouraging the citizens to tap into the reserved areas so that they fully benefit from available resources.

22. HON. MARIDADI
HON. MISIHAIRABWI-MUSHONGA

That this House

NOTING that Zimbabwe is a signatory of the SADC Protocol on Industrialisation and has acceded to the Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap 2015-2063;

ACKNOWLEDGING industrialisation as a champion of economic, technological and social transformation;

REALISING that Zimbabwe is endowed with abundant and diverse natural resources as well as world class human capital;

WORRIED that Zimbabwe is an exporter of raw materials and primary goods;

NOTING that the industrialisation strategy aims at reversing this trend in order to achieve sustainable development for the country through value addition and beneficiation of our products and thus increase returns from the export of our natural resources; and

CONCERNED that the manufacturing sector is suffering as a result of imports that find their way on the local market in contravention of Statutory Instruments that prohibit the importation of such ready-made goods;

NOW THEREFORE resolves that this House calls upon Government to take deliberate steps to:

- (a) To domesticate the SADC Protocol on Industrialisation;
- (b) Craft and implement a value addition and beneficiation policy in line with the SADC Protocol on Industrialisation; and
- (c) Enforce statutory instruments that prohibit the importation of goods that do not require value addition locally.

23. HON. MLILO
HON. MPALA

That this House;

MINDFUL that Section 35 of the Constitution of Zimbabwe provides for, citizenship by birth, descent or registration;

AWARE that Zimbabwean citizens are entitled to the rights, privileges and benefits of citizenship and are equally also to the duties and obligations of citizenship;

COGNISANT that provisions of the Constitution entitle citizens to dual citizenship, which they easily circumvent national obligations such as National Service and the evasion of taxation by simply raising foreign nationality in such circumstances and yet benefit from the protection, travel documents and any other primary documents whenever it suits them;

DISTURBED dual citizenship can be abused;

NOW THEREFORE, calls upon:

- (a) The Executive to put in place a law regulating dual citizenship by descent and registration; and
- (b) The Registrar General to explain to citizens the benefits of obligations of acquiring citizenship.

24. HON. DR. SHUMBA
HON. ZINDI

That this House takes notes of the Report of the 45th Session of the African Caribbean and Pacific Parliamentary Assembly (ACP) and Intercessional meetings of the ACP – EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly held in Brussels, Belgium from 21 to 24 March 2017.

25. HON. MAJOME
HON. MAONDERA

That this House -

RECALLING THAT on 5 February 2014 I moved a motion for stiff mandatory sentences for rape and other gender based violence crimes, scientific investigation of rape and the implementation of the National Gender Based Violence Strategy.

DISMAYED that only the Ministers of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs and Women Affairs, Gender and Community Development responded to the motion, while the Ministers of 1) Health and Child Care, 2) Home Affairs, 3) Finance and Economic Development and 4) Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development did not respond to the motion, causing me to move to re-instate it on the Order Paper upon its lapse with the prorogation of 2 sessions.

NOTING THAT the 16 days of activism against gender based violence began on 25 November and ended on 10 December 2015, the International Human Rights Day whose theme was '*From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World: Make Education safe for all*';

STILL DISTURBED by the high rate of gender based violence in Zimbabwe, i.e. against women and girls who have been raped from 2013-2015;

STILL CONCERNED by the low rate of apprehension, conviction and sentencing of perpetrators of gender based violence;

STILL CONCERNED by the absence and lack of crime forensic experts in Zimbabwe, as well as the lack of forensic rape investigation kits;

COGNISANT that at the launch of the 16 days of activism campaign of 2012 government launched the National Gender Based Violence Strategy 2012-2015 whose four key result areas are Prevention, Service Provision, Research,

Documentation, Evaluation and Coordination;

Now therefore resolve that;

- a. There be legislated a mandatory sentence for rape, including statutory rape, of not less than thirty years and appropriate sentences for other forms of gender based violence.
- b. The government immediately engages adequate services of forensic scientists for purposes of investigating rape.
- c. The government immediately and continually equip all police stations with forensic investigation rape kits.
- d. The government immediately implements with stakeholders the "Zimbabwe National Gender Based Violence Strategy: 2012-2015".

26. Adjourned debate on motion on the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Lands, Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development on the Utilisation of the Brazilian Mechanisation Facility and Livestock Situation in Zimbabwe. (S.C. 2, 2017). (*Adjourned 6th June, 2017- Hon. Matuke*)

[Day elapsed: 1]

Question proposed: First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Lands, Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development on the Utilisation of the Brazilian Mechanisation Facility and Livestock Situation in Zimbabwe. (S.C. 2, 2017). - **Hon. Chitindi**)

27. Adjourned debate on motion on the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Land, Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development on Cotton Sector Production (*Reinstated 2nd May, 2017-Hon. Chitindi*)

[Days elapsed: 16]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Land, Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development on Cotton Sector Production (S. C. 16, 2015- **Hon. Chitindi**).

28. Adjourned debate on motion on the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Lands, Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development on the operations of the Agriculture and Rural Development Authority (ARDA) and Cold Storage Company (C. S. C.) (*Reinstated 2nd May, 2017- Hon. Chitindi*).

[Days elapsed: 18]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Lands, Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development on the operations of the Agriculture and Rural Development Authority (ARDA) and Cold Storage Company (C. S. C.) (S. C. 3, 2016) - **Hon. Chitindi**.

29. Adjourned debate on motion on the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Mines and Energy on the Consolidation of Diamond Mining Companies (S. C. 9,

2017). (*Adjourned 2nd May, 2017- Hon. Matuke*).

[Days elapsed: 9]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Lands, Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development on the operations of the Agriculture and Rural Development Authority (ARDA) and Cold Storage Company (C. S. C.) (S. C. 3, 2016) - **Hon. Dr. Shumba**.

30. Adjourned debate on motion on the closed Shabani – Mashava Mines (SMM) (*Adjourned 12th April, 2017 –Hon. Matuke*).

[Days elapsed: 10]

Question proposed: That this House:

RECALLING that the Shabani – Mashava Mines (SMM) closed more than 15 year ago and prejudiced over two thousand employees due to non-payment of salaries and wages, poor service delivery as well as deteriorating living standards as a result of poor maintenance of basic facilities such as sanitation, sewer and water reticulation system, roads and infrastructure among others;

NOTING that the credit status of the company has been getting worse since the closure of the mine;

COGNISANT that the company was a big contributor to the economy and that it is deteriorating;

CONCERNED at the consequences of not been reopened

WORRIED that the workers may never get what is due to them and also that the prospects of the re – opening of the mine may never dawn;

NOW, THEREFORE, this House resolves that:

- (a) Through the government, a board be set to run the affairs of the Mines through a properly structured administration;
- (b) The board secures a new investor to resuscitate the Mines and that it be revived in line with dictates of the ZIMASSET Blueprint;
- (c) The welfare of the Mining community and the workers of these mines be improved.
- (d) The flagship of the town be raised- **Hon. Holder**.

31. Adjourned debate on motion on the State of Harare and other urban roads (*Adjourned 28th March, 2017 –Hon. Matuke*).

[Days elapsed: 14]

Question proposed: That this House;

CONCERNED that the state of the capital city Harare's and other urban roads are in an appallingly dilapidated state that is not only car-worthy but is hazardous to life, limb and property.

RECALLING that the Zimbabwe National Roads Administration (ZINARA) took over from Harare City Council and other municipalities the collection of termly vehicle licensing fees, 10% of which revenue would be retained by municipalities for road maintenance.

FURTHER recalling that municipalities were able to fund the maintenance of roads then, but disconcerted that the state of municipal roads deteriorated steadily since ZINARA took over the revenue collection, and even more sharply in the last four years.

CONCERNED that ZINARA fails to disburse to Harare City Council sufficient money to maintain roads, despite the bulk of the nation's vehicle fleet being domiciled in Harare.

FURTHER disturbed by the lack of transparency, inequity in disbursement and misappropriation of revenues from motorists by ZINARA, which is not in the national interest, as exemplified by the recent purchase of snow ploughs.

AFFIRMING and encouraged by the imperative in Section 264(f) of the Constitution to *'transfer responsibilities and resources from national government in order to establish a sound financial base for each provincial council and local authority'* and

MANDATED by the duty of Parliament in Section 119(2) of the Constitution to, *'ensure that the provisions of this Constitution are upheld and that the State and all its institutions and agencies of government at every level act constitutionally and in the national interest'*

NOW THEREFORE this house resolves that;

(a) ZINARA ceases to collect termly motor vehicle licence fees thereby restoring that function to Harare City Council and all other respective municipalities and local authorities.

(b) Harare City Council and the respective municipalities and other local authorities

retain 100% of the resultant revenues from termly motor vehicle licences and suspend remittances to ZINARA until all their roads are in a demonstrably recovered state.

(c) ZINARA disburses to Harare City Council by July 2017 all the arrears it had

undertaken to pay, and by December 2017 to all other local authorities.

(d) ZINARA accounts be audited for the past 5 years for its revenues and comparative disbursements to local authorities and its expenditure, and such audit be tabled to the Public Accounts Committee. – **Hon. Majome**

32. Adjourned debate on motion on the Second Report of the Portfolio Committee on Transport and Infrastructural Development on the Inquiry into the Aviation Industry in Zimbabwe (S. C. 3, 2017). (*Adjourned 28th March 2017- Hon. Matuke.*)

[Days elapsed: 14]

Question proposed: That this House adopts the Second Report of the Portfolio Committee on Transport and Infrastructural Development on the enquiry into the Aviation Industry in Zimbabwe (S. C. 3, 2017).- **Hon. Nduna.**

33. Resumption of debate on motion on the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Defence, Home Affairs and Security Services on Service Delivery by the Registrar General's Department (*Interrupted 21st February, 2017*)

[Days elapsed: 17]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Defence, Home Affairs and Security Services on Service Delivery by the Registrar General's Department (S.C. 18, 2016)- **Hon. A. Mnangagwa**

34. Adjourned debate on motion on the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Transport and Infrastructural Development on the Familiarisation Tour of Victoria Falls and Harare Airports and the Plumtree-Mutare Road Project. (*Adjourned 21st March 2017- Hon. Matuke*)

[Days elapsed: 18]

Question proposed: That this House adopts the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Transport and Infrastructural Development on the Familiarisation Tour of Victoria Falls and Harare Airports and the Plumtree-Mutare Road Project (S.C. 25, 2016)- **Hon. Nduna**.

35. Adjourned debate on motion on the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Health and Child Care on the Deployment, Roles and Responsibilities of the Village Health Workers/ City Health Promoters in the Provision of Primary Health Care in Zimbabwe, (S. C. 21, 2016) (*Adjourned 16th March 2017–The Minister of Small and Medium Enterprises Development and Cooperative Development*).

[Days elapsed: 19]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Health and Child Care on the Deployment, Roles and Responsibilities of the Village Health Workers/ City Health Promoters in the Provision of Primary Health Care in Zimbabwe (S. C. 21, 2016))- **Hon. Dr. Chimedza**.

36. Adjourned debate on motion on the Second Report of the Portfolio Committee on Transport and Infrastructural Development on the Operations of the National Railways of Zimbabwe (*Reinstated 1st December, 2016 –Hon Nduna*).

[Days elapsed: 60]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the Second Report of the Portfolio Committee on Transport and Infrastructure Development on the Operations of the National Railways of Zimbabwe, (S.C. 21, 2015)- **Hon. Nduna**.

37. Adjourned debate on motion on the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Defence, Home Affairs and Security Services on the Immigration Department at the Forbes Border Post (S.C 20, 2015). (*Reinstated 28th February, 2017 – Hon. Chiwetu*)

[Days elapsed: 61]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Defence, Home Affairs and Security Services on the Immigration Department at the Forbes Border Posts (S.C 20, 2015) **Hon. C.C Sibanda**

38. Adjourned debate on motion on the Second Report of the Portfolio Committee on Defence, Home Affairs and Security Services on the Attempted Jail Break from Chikurubi Maximum Prison (S.C. 22, 2015) (*Reinstated 28th February, 2017- Hon. Chiwetu*).

[Days elapsed: 53]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the Second Report of the Portfolio Committee on Defence, Home Affairs and Security Services on the Attempted Jail Break from Chikurubi Maximum Prison (S.C. 22, 2015) –*Hon. Chiwetu*

39. Adjourned debate on motion on the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Local Government, Public Works and Urban Development on Service Delivery by Local Authorities. (*Adjourned 5th April, 2017–Hon. Rungani*)

[Days elapsed: 12]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Local Government, Public Works and Urban Development on Service Delivery by Local Authorities. (S.C. 23, 2016)–*Hon. Zindi*.

40. Adjourned debate on motion on the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Local Government, Rural and Urban Development on Service Delivery by City of Harare (S. C. 5, 2015). (*Reinstated 12th April, 2017- Hon. Zindi*)

[Days elapsed: 12]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Local Government, Rural and Urban Development on Service Delivery by City of Harare (S. C. 5, 2015).) - *Hon. Zindi*.

41. Adjourned debate on motion on conditions in Zimbabwe's prisons (*Reinstated 28th February, 2017 – Hon. Musundire*).

[Days elapsed: 21]

Question proposed: That this House –

AWARE of the important role played by the prison services in correcting behaviour and rehabilitation of offenders;

NOTING the high unemployment rate which results in people resorting to criminal activities;

CONCERNED that the living conditions in Zimbabwe's prisons do not meet the minimum international standards;

FURTHER CONCERNED by the riotous situation that prevailed at Chikurubi Maximum Prison on the 13th of March 2015 which resulted in the loss of life.

SHOCKED by the deterioration of prison infrastructure for projects that used to generate food for the prisoners;

APPALLED by the lack of alternative prison system facilities in Zimbabwe to decongest Zimbabwean prisons.

NOW THEREFORE resolve that the Executive must;

- (a) Improve the diet in all prisons so that it meets the minimum international standards.
- (c) Expand open prison system to decongest prisons.

Further resolves that Parliament must direct the respective Portfolio and Thematic Committees to inquire into the disturbances that transpired on the 13th of March 2015 at Chikurubi Maximum Prison – **Hon. Musundire**.

42. Adjourned debate on motion on the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Information Communication Technology, Postal and Courier Services on the Mobile Telecommunications Sector in Zimbabwe. (*Reinstated 28th February, 2017-Hon. Chamisa.*)

[Days elapsed: 35]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Information Communication Technology, Postal and Courier Services on the Mobile Telecommunications Sector in Zimbabwe. (S.C. 7, 2016). -**Hon. Chamisa**.

43. Adjourned debate on motion on the First Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the findings by the Auditor General on the 2014 and 2015 Appropriation Accounts for the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and Funds Accounts under its purview. (S.C. 24, 2016). (*Adjourned 20th, December 2016- Minister of Finance and Economic Development*).

[Days elapsed: 34]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the findings by the Auditor General on the 2014 and 2015 Appropriation Accounts for the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and Funds Accounts under its purview. (S.C. 24, 2016). - **Hon. Mpariwa**.

44. Adjourned debate on motion on the Draft SADC Model Law (*Adjourned 29th November 2016 – The Minister of Finance and Economic Development*).

[Days elapsed: 39]

Question proposed: That this House –

NOTING the unanimous adoption of the SADC Model Law on eradicating Child Marriage and Protecting Those Already in Marriage at the 39th Plenary Assembly of the SADC PF in Ezulwini, Swaziland on the 3rd of June 2016;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Model Law addresses all the issues and matters related to, and incidental to rights and concepts relating to the Child, prohibition of child betrothal and marriage, as well as measures and interventions to mitigating the effects of child marriage, offences and enforcement;

RECOGNISING that the Draft Model Law can be adopted with minimal changes to constitute a holistic, comprehensive and all –embracing legislation dealing with the subject matter,

DESIROUS that child marriages must be ended as a matter of urgency.

NOW, THEREFORE, calls upon the Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs to forthwith introduce this Model Law to Parliament so that it becomes part of Zimbabwean law with suitable changes. – **Hon. Gonese.**

45. Adjourned debate on motion on the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Youth, Indigenization and Economic Empowerment on Marange-Zimunya Community Share Ownership Trust. (*Adjourned 24th October, 2016 –Hon. Matuke*).

[Days elapsed: 40]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Youth, Indigenization and Economic Empowerment on Marange-Zimunya Community Share Ownership Trust (S.C. 22, 2016). – **Hon. Wadyajena.**

46. Adjourned debate on motion on the First Report of the Committee on Public Accounts on the examination of the Grain Marketing Board (GMB) Value for Money Audit Report. (S.C. 1, 2015). (*Reinstated 1st December, 2016 - Hon. Mpariwa*)

[Days elapsed: 76]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Public Accounts on the examination of the Grain Marketing Board (GMB) Value for Money Audit Report and Audited Accounts for the Financial years ended March 2011/ 2012, 2012/ 2013 and 2013/ 2014. (S.C.1, 2015). – **Hon. Mpariwa**

47. Adjourned debate on motion on the prohibitive cost of blood in both public and private hospitals (*Reinstated 1st December, 2016 –Hon. Nduna*).

[Days elapsed: 52]

Question proposed: That this House;

COGNISANT that due to the prevailing economic challenges and high levels of unemployment the vast majority of Zimbabweans have very limited disposable income;

AWARE that Section 76 of the Constitution makes access to health care a fundamental and inalienable right of every Zimbabwean and obliges the State to ensure that no person is refused emergency medical treatment in any health-care institution;

ALARMED at the prohibitive cost of blood in both public and private hospitals with a pint going for USD 140 on average which has made access to blood a preserve of the rich;

CONCERNED that the majority of Zimbabweans who require blood transfusions, particularly in district hospitals and clinics, are succumbing to avoidable deaths owing to their inability to afford blood;

FURTHER CONCERNED that though emergency medical treatment is a fundamental human right, health institutions are refusing to give needy patients' blood without prior payment yet the cost is beyond the reach of many;

DISTRESSED that blood transfusion in district hospitals and clinics is only available for expecting mothers and is not extended to victims of accidents and trauma who account for 35% of the national blood requirements;

MINDFUL that blood distribution by the National Blood Service Zimbabwe in 2014 marginally increased by 0.7% primarily due to depressed demand owing to the harsh economic conditions;

DISTURBED that the price of blood in Zimbabwe does not compare favourably with the price of blood regionally;

NOW THEREFORE, call upon the Executive to:

- (a) Subsidize the cost of blood to save lives by ensuring that it is available for all needy patients at private and public hospitals;
- (b) To de-centralise the blood bank by establishing a blood bank at all district hospitals and clinics;
- (c) To raise awareness on the importance of donating blood particularly among adults who account for only 20% of the national blood donations yet use 80% of the blood so donated- **Hon. Nduna.**

48. COMMITTEE: To resume on consideration of the Adverse Report by the Parliamentary Legal Committee on Statutory Instrument No. 86 of 2016: Plumtree Town Council (Clamping and Tow away By- Laws published in the Gazette during the month of September 2016- *progress reported 6th December 2016*)– **Hon. Samukange.**
49. Adjourned debate on motion in reply to the Presidential speech. (*Adjourned 21st March, 2017*– **Hon. Matuke**)

[Time elapsed: 4 hours 48 minutes]

Question proposed: That a respectful address be presented to the President of Zimbabwe as follows:-

May it please you, your Excellency the President:

We, the Members of Parliament of Zimbabwe, desire to express our loyalty to Zimbabwe and beg leave to offer our respectful thanks for the speech, which you have been pleased to address to Parliament. - **Hon. Nyamupinga.**

50. Adjourned debate on motion in reply to the State of the Nation Address (*Adjourned 2nd May 2017*– **Hon. Matuke**)

[Days elapsed: 18]

Question proposed: That this House conveys its profound gratitude to His Excellency, the President R.G. Mugabe for addressing a Joint Sitting of Parliament on the State of the Nation.

Expresses its commitment to and support for the views contained in his address; and that a respectful address be presented to His Excellency, the President, informing him of the sentiments of the House. - **Hon. Simbanegavi.**

51. THE MINISTER OF MINES AND MINING DEVELOPMENT

That the *Minerals and Exploration Marketing Corporation Bill* (H.B. 11, 2015) which was superseded by the end of the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament be restored on the Order Paper at the stage it had reached in terms of Standing Order No. 161 (1).

52. COMMITTEE: *Estates Administrators Amendment Bill*, (H. B. 8, 2016) - **The Vice President and Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs**)

53. Adjourned debate on motion on the SECOND READING of the *Constitution of Zimbabwe Amendment (No. 1) Bill*, (H.B. 1, 2017) (Adjourned 9th May, 2017- **The Vice President and Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs**)

(Days elapsed: 4)

Question proposed: That the *Constitution of Zimbabwe Amendment (No. 1) Bill*, (H.B. 1, 2017) be now read a second time. – **The Vice President and Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs.**

54. Adjourned debate on motion on the SECOND READING of the *National Peace and Reconciliation Commission Bill*, (H.B. 2, 2017) (Adjourned 16th May 2017– **Hon. Matuke**).

(Days elapsed: 5)

Question proposed: That the *National Peace and Reconciliation Commission Bill*, (H. B. 2, 2017), be now read the second time. – **The Vice President and Minister of National Peace and Reconciliation.**

55. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.

BILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE PARLIAMENTARY LEGAL COMMITTEE

Mines and Minerals Amendment Bill, (H. B. 19, 2015)- **The Minister of Mines and Mining Development** (Referred 11th May, 2017).