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FIFTH SESSION – EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY, 7TH JUNE, 2018

Quarter past two o'clock p.m.

The Acting Speaker in the Chair.

PRAYERS.

Members Present

Bhebehe A;

Budha - Masara

Chabaya B.

Chakona P

Chapfika D

Chidhakwa S

Chigudu M
Chikomba L
Chikuni E
Chikwama B
Chikwinya N
Chimwamurombe A
Chinanzvavana C
Chingosho C.P.M
Chinotimba J
Chirisa F
Chisorochengwe T.
Chitindi C
Chiwa D
Chiwetu J Z
Cross E G
Dhewa W
Dube T.J
Dziva T M
Gabbuza J.G.
Gangarahwe G.
Gezi T
Goche N
Gonese I.T
Gumbo E.
Gumbo J.M
Gumbo S
Gwanongodza E
Guzha N.K.
Haritatos P
Holder J

Hungwa G
Kachepa N
Kadungure D A
Katsiru L.
Kaundikiza M
Khanye N
Khumalo M
Khumalo T
Kuruneri C
Kwaramba G
Labode M R
Mabuwa C
Machingura R
Mackenzie I
Madanha M
Madubeko J
Madzinga P
Mahiya M
Majaya B
Majome F J
Makari Z.
Makoni R R
Makonya J
Makunde T
Makweya M
Mandipaka O
Mangami D
Mangwende S
Maondera W
Mapiki J

Maridadi J
Marumahoko R
Masamvu L
Mashakada T
Masiya D
Masuku P
Mataruse P
Matienga M
Matsikenyerere N
Matsunga S.
Matuke L
Mavenyengwa R
Mawere M D V
Mawere M RN S
Maziwisa P.
Mbwembwe E
Mguni O
Mguni N.
Mhona F T
Mkandla M
Mlilo N.
Mliswa P.T.
Moyo L
Mpala M.
Mpariwa P
Mpofu B
Mpofu M M
Mtingwende T
Muchenje F
Muchenje M S

Mudambo T
Mudarikwa S
Mudau M
Muderedzwa R
Mudyiwa M.
Mufunga A
Mugidho M.
Muguti R.
Muponora N
Musabayana D.
Mukwangwariwa F G
Mukwena R
Munengami F
Murai E
Musundire A L
Musvaire W
Mutseyami P C
Muzenda T M
Muzondiwa E S
Ncube A
Ncube G M
Ncube H
Ndebele A
Ndlovu Alice
Ndlovu Brown
Ndlovu D M;
Ndlovu M S
Ndlovu N
Ndoro L F
Nhema C F.D.;

Nkomo Mail
Nleya L
Nyanhongo M
Nyere C
Pedzisai I
Rudzirwayi J M
Ruvai E
Samkange J T
Sansole T W
Saruwaka T J.L.;
Savanhu T
Shamu W K
Shava J.
Sibanda C C
Sibanda D
Sibanda D P
Sibanda K.
Sibanda M
Sithole G K
Simbanegavi Y
Sindi C
Tarusenga U D
Thembanani S Z
Toffa J
Tshuma B
Tshuma D
Tshuma J.
Tsomondo C
Uta K.
Vutete M

Wadyajena J M

Zemura L

Zhanda P T

Zhou P

Zhou T

Zindi I

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

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Absent with leave

Hon. Ncube Owen.

1. Hon. Matuke, seconded by Hon. Mpariwa, moved: That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 5, for today, stand over until Orders of the Day No. 6 has been disposed of.

Motion put and agreed to.

2. Hon. Mpariwa, seconded by Hon. Maridadi, moved: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Appropriation and Fund Accounts for the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development. (S. C. 3, 2018).

Motion put and agreed to.

3. Hon. Mpariwa, seconded by Hon. Maridadi, moved: That this House takes note of the Second Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Value for Money Report on Land Utilisation and Management of Estates by the Agricultural Rural Development Authority (ARDA) (S. C. 6, 2018).

Motion put and agreed to.

4. Hon. Mliswa, seconded by Hon. Holder, moved: That this House takes note of the Second Report of the Portfolio Committee on Mines and Energy on Diamond Mining Activities between 2009 and 2016, (S. C. 15, 2018)

Motion put and agreed to.

5. Hon. Mliswa, seconded by Hon. Cross, moved: That this House takes note of the Third Report of the Portfolio Committee on Mines and Energy on the Familiarisation Visits to the Zimbabwe Iron and Steel Company, Hwange Colliery Company and Kamativi Mine, (S. C. 17, 2018)

Motion put and agreed to.

6. Hon. T. Dube, seconded by Hon. D. Sibanda, moved: That this House takes note of the End of the Eighth Parliament Report of the Portfolio Committee on Defence, Home Affairs and Security Services.

Motion put and agreed to.

7. Hon. Mudyiwa, seconded by Hon. Mpariwa, moved: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on the State of the Refugees Welfare Programme in Zimbabwe (S.C. 13, 2018).

Motion put and agreed to.

8. Hon. Mudyiwa, seconded by Hon. Mpariwa, moved: That this House takes note of the Second Report of the Portfolio Committee Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on the State of Welfare of Older Persons in Zimbabwe (S. C. 14, 2018).

9. Hon. Machingura, seconded by Hon. Mukwangwariwa, moved: That this House takes note of the Report of the 138th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), held in Geneva, Switzerland from 24th to 28th March 2018.

Motion put and agreed to.

10. Hon. Madanha, seconded by Hon. Chingosho, moved: That this House takes note of the Report of the Portfolio Committee on Local Government, Rural and Urban Development on a Petition on Alignment of Local Government Laws.

Motion put and agreed to.

11. Hon. Madanha, sec by Hon. Majome, moved: That this House takes note of the Portfolio Committee on Local Government, Rural and Urban Development on ZINARA Disbursements to Local Authorities.

Motion put and agreed to.

12. On the motion of Hon. Matuke, seconded by Hon. Mukwangwariwa: The House adjourned at thirteen minutes to five o'clock pm until Tuesday, 31st July 2018 at a quarter past two o'clock in the afternoon.

HON. R. MARUMAHOKO,
Acting Speaker.

TUESDAY, 31ST JULY, 2018

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1. SECOND READING: *Companies and Other Business Entities Bill*, (H. B. 3, 2018) - ***The Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs.***
2. Adjourned debate on motion on the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the conversion of Insurance and Pension Values from the Zimbabwe Dollar to the United States Dollar (*Adjourned 15th May, 2018 – The Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs*)

[Days Elapsed: 9]

Question proposed:

THAT WHEREAS in terms of Section 2 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act [Chapter 10:07], on 24th July 2015, the President through Proclamation No. 8 of 2015 (Statutory Instrument No. 80 of 2015), established a Commission of Inquiry in the Conversion Process used in the Conversion of pensions and Insurance Benefits from Zimbabwean Dollars to United States Dollars to provide the Insurance and Pensions Industry a transparent process for addressing the afore – said conversion;

WHEREAS further to the said Proclamation, the Commission chaired by justice (Rtd) L.G. Smith produced a Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Conversion of Insurance and Pension Values from the Zimbabwe Dollar to the United State Dollar dated March 2017;

WHEREAS the Commission of Inquiry was, in the opinion of the President, for the public welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, the House is requested to take note of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the conversion of Insurance and Pension Values from the Zimbabwe Dollar to the United States Dollar dated March 2017; as tabled by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development. – ***The Minister of Finance and Economic Development.***

3. HON. TOFFA
HON. ADV. CHAMISA

That this House:-

RECOGNISING that the legislature consists of both the National Assembly and the Senate and that the legislative mandate is conferred on both Houses by the Constitution in sections 116 and 131;

AWARE that sections 97, 109, 110(2) (c), 113, 140 and 213(4) of the Constitution require that the two Houses sit jointly to make decisions as a singular entity;

NOTING that section 139 of the Constitution provides for Parliament to make rules called Standing Orders to regulate its procedures and sittings;

NOW THEREFORE, resolves to adopt the Joint Sitting Standing Orders.

4. HON. DUTIRO
HON CHINANZVAVANA

That this House takes note of the Report of the Portfolio Committee on Environment, Water, Tourism and Hospitality Industry on the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Marrakesh, Morocco from the 7th to 18th November, 2016.

5. HON. DEHWA
HON. MLILO

That this House takes note of the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Information Technology, Communication, Postal and Courier Services on the State of the Postal and Telecommunications Sector and the Regulatory Environment.

6. Adjourned debate on motion on the Zimbabwe Election Observer Mission Report of the Russian Federal Presidential Elections held on the 18th March 2018- (*Adjourned 6th June, 2018 - Hon. Matuke*).

[Day elapsed: 1)

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the Zimbabwe Election Observer Mission Report of the Russian Federal Presidential Elections held on the 18th March 2018)- **Hon. Paradza**.

7. Adjourned debate on motion on the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Environment, Water, Climate and Hospitality Industry on the Hwange Water Management Petition (S.C.5, 2018).- (*Adjourned 6th June, 2018 - Hon. Matuke*).

[Day elapsed: 1)

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Environment, Water, Climate and Hospitality Industry on the Hwange Water Management Petition (S.C.5, 2018).- **Hon. Simbanegavi**.

8. Adjourned debate on motion on the Second Report of the Portfolio Committee on Environment, Water, Climate and Hospitality Industry on Wetlands Petitions (S.C.6, 2018). - (*Adjourned 6th June, 2018 - Hon. Matuke*).

[Day elapsed: 1)

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the Second Report of the Portfolio Committee on Environment, Water, Climate and Hospitality Industry on Wetlands Petitions (S.C.6, 2018). - **Hon. Simbanegavi.**

9. Adjourned debate on motion on the Report of the Portfolio Committee on Transport and Infrastructural Development on the Operations of the Vehicle Inspection Department and Central Vehicle Registry. - (*Adjourned 6th June, 2018 - Hon. Matuke.*)

[Day elapsed: 1)

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the Report of the Portfolio Committee on Transport and Infrastructural Development on the Operations of the Vehicle Inspection Department and Central Vehicle Registry. - **Hon. Simbanegavi.**

10. Adjourned debate on motion on the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Mines and Energy on the National Solar Project in Gwanda (S.C. 9, 2018) - (*Adjourned 31st May, 2018 - Hon. Rungani.*)

[Days elapsed: 2)

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Mines and Energy on the National Solar Project in Gwanda (S.C. 9,2018)- **Hon. Mliswa**

11. Adjourned debate on motion on the Report of the Portfolio Committee on Transport and Infrastructural Development, on the Enquiry into the Remittances to the Traffic Safety Council from Third Party Insurance payments. -(*Adjourned 30th May, 2018 - Hon. Rungani.*)

[Days elapsed: 18)

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the Report of the Portfolio Committee on Transport and Infrastructural Development, on the Enquiry into the remittances to the Traffic Safety Council from Third Party Insurance payments. (S.C. 5, 2017). -**Hon. Nduna.**

12. Adjourned debate on motion on the Report of the Portfolio Committee on Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs on the Petition by the Election Resource Centre. – (*Adjourned 30th May, 2018 –Hon Rungani.*)

[Days elapsed: 13]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the Report of the Portfolio Committee on Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs on the Petition by the Election Resource Centre. (S.C. 22, 2017).- **Hon. Chasi**

13. Adjourned debate on motion on the need to improve the welfare of war veterans
(Adjourned 30th May, 2018 – **Hon. Rungani**)

[Days elapsed: 5]

Question proposed: That this House;

RECOGNISING that the freedom, peace, equality, prosperity and tolerance that we enjoy today is a result of the supreme sacrifice made by our patriotic war veterans the majority of whom sacrificed their livelihoods to join the Chimurenga/ Umvukela/ national liberation struggle;

AWARE that veterans of the liberation struggle played an important role in liberating Zimbabweans from the racist colonial regime which reduced Zimbabweans to second class citizens in the land of their birth;

COGNISANT that one of the founding values on which our Constitution is based is the recognition of and respect for the liberation struggle and the recognition of the rights of veterans of the liberation struggle;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Government has undertaken to recognize and honour our war veterans by catering for their welfare of including, but not limited to, monthly stipends and payment of school fees for their children;

ALARMED that due to the prevailing budgetary constraints, the Government has not been able to consistently provide for the needs of war veterans as promised;

AWARE that the monthly stipends have been severely eroded by the rising cost of living and inflationary pressures;

WORRIED that this has reduced our war veterans, who ought to enjoy an elevated status, to paupers and resulted in untold suffering for them and their families;

DISMAYED that war veterans have had to bear the indignity of having their children sent away from schools for non- payment of fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, calls upon the Executive to:

- (i) To take urgent measures to improve the welfare of war veterans to a level that recognizes the important contribution that they made to the liberation of Zimbabweans;
- (ii) To mobilize resources to ensure that what is due to war veterans and their families

- is paid on time; and
- (iii) To put in place policy measures that guarantee that the children of war veterans will continue to attend schools where payment of fees is delayed. – **Hon. Zindi**

14. Adjourned debate on motion on the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Health and Child Care on the study visit to Lesotho on the Implementation of the HIV and Aids Prevention package in Prison setting. (S.C.1, 2018) - (*Adjourned 17th May, 2018 - Hon. Mukwangwariwa*).

[Days elapsed: 5]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Health and Child Care on the study visit to Lesotho on the Implementation of the HIV and Aids Prevention package in Prison setting (S.C.1, 2018). – **Hon. P. D. Sibanda**.

15. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

WEDNESDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS.

◆ **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE.**

* **QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE.**

- *1. HON PHIRI F.: To ask the Vice President and Minister responsible for Defence, Security and War Veterans Affairs to inform the House

- a) What the Ministry is doing to assist War Veterans businesses that are facing financial challenges.
- b) How much the Ministry has given to the Tinzweiwo Bus Company (Kadoma).
- c) Which projects are being supported by the Ministry in Kadoma.

[Deferred from 6th December, 2017]

- *2. HON. NDUNA: To ask the Vice President and Minister responsible for Defence and War Veterans

- a) Progress made in demining land mines in the Eastern Highlands and other affected areas throughout the country;
- b) The size of land which still require demining and;
- c) The amount of resources required, human and financial and the contribution of the Zimbabwe government and development partners involved.

[Deferred from 7th February, 2018]

- *3. HON. GONESE: To ask the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning to disclose to The House the findings of the Commission of Enquiry headed by the Retired Judge Smith regarding the erosion of the Insurance Policies and Pension Plans due to the dollarization and demonetization of the Zimbabwean currency.

[Deferred from 6th December, 2017]

- *4. HON MAJOME: To ask the Minister of Finance and Economic Development to explain why the Office of the Auditor General continue to subcontract audit work to small private firms when it has qualified chartered accountants and is financially constrained.

[Deferred from 14th February, 2018]

- *5. HON. MAJOME: To ask the Minister of Finance and Economic Development to inform the House when the Audit Office Board will be constituted more than seven years after Audit Office Act was enacted and to state when the Ministry would review the conditions of service for the Audit Office in the absence of such a Board.

[Deferred from 14th February, 2018]

- *6. HON MAJOME: To ask the Minister of Finance and Economic Development to explain why the Office of the Auditor General is not independent in terms of its operational budget in line with best regional and international practices.

[Deferred from 14th February, 2018]

- *7. HON MANGAMI: To ask the Minister of Finance and Economic Development to state when the Justice George Smith Commission Report on Insurance and Pension funds will be published and to advise on its findings on insurance and pensions pay out.

[Deferred from 14th February, 2018]

- *8. HON. NDUNA: To ask the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Enterprise Development to inform the House on the impact of S.I. 64 of 2016 in terms of promoting local production and enhancing capacity utilisation.

[Deferred from 6th December, 2017]

- *9. HON. NDUNA: To ask the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Enterprise Development what progress has been made towards the disposal of IDC's loss making units and reversal to its core function of venture capitalist.

[Deferred from 6th December, 2017]

- *10. HON: CHIKOMBA L. To ask the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Enterprise Development to explain to the House, Government's position regarding prosecution of companies such as Ok Mart in Bulawayo which have two different pricing system, e.g. the shelf price and the till price.

[Deferred from 6th December, 2017]

- *11. HON. MHONA: To ask the Minister of Lands, Agriculture and Rural Resettlement to state the Ministry's plans to provide infrastructure and equipment to the following irrigation schemes in Chikomba Central Constituency in line with what is envisaged in the ZIMASSET;

- a) Chikwezvero Irrigation in Ward 23;
- b) Nyahoni Irrigation in Ward 20; and
- c) Sachipiri Irrigation in Ward 18.

[Deferred from 14th February, 2018]

- *12. HON. MAJOME: To ask the Minister of Home Affairs to provide statistics on prosecution of crimes related to traffic accidents in Harare West Constituency from 2013 to date.

[Deferred from 14th February, 2018]

- *13. HON. UTA: To ask the Minister of Health and Child Care to provide statistics of HIV positive Persons with Disabilities.

[Deferred from 22nd March, 2018]

- *14. HON. UTA: To ask the Minister of Health and Child Care to explain whether Government is considering adopting free medical services for all non-curable diseases given their impact on human capital.

[Deferred from 22nd March, 2018]

- *15. HON GWANETSA: To ask the Minister of Lands, Agriculture and Rural Resettlement to state when the people of Masvingo province would start utilising Tokwe – Mukorsi Dam for irrigation purposes.

[Deferred from 16th May, 2018]

- *16. HON. GWANETSA: To ask the Minister of Lands, Agriculture and Rural Resettlement to state whether the Ministry has plans to increase hectrage under irrigation in the area around Manyuchi Dam.

[Deferred from 16th May, 2018]

- *17. HON GANGARAHWE: To ask the Minister of Energy and Power Development when transformers for the following schools will be repaired in Mhondoro Mubaira Constituency:

- a) Makaure Primary School Ward 5
- b) Mufuka Primary School Ward 9
- c) Mutukwa Secondary School Ward 10
- d) Chipashu Primary School Ward 4

[Deferred from 16th May, 2018]

THURSDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 2018

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1. 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 (*Reinstated 6th February, 2018 – Hon. Col. (Rtd) T. Dube*)

[Days elapsed: 45]

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**

2. 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. (*Reinstated 6th February, 2018 – Hon. Madanha*).

[Days elapsed: 64]

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**.

3. Adjourned debate on the Second Report of Portfolio Committee on Lands, Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development on Agricultural Colleges and Command Agriculture -(Adjourned 30th November, 2017 - **Hon. Rungani**).

[Days elapsed: 24]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the Second Report of Portfolio Committee on Lands, Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development on Agricultural Colleges and Command Agriculture. [S.C. 11, 2017]) –**Hon. Chitindi**.

4. Adjourned debate on motion on the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Health and Child Care on the Fact Finding Mission to Zambia on Cancer Management and Blood Services -(Adjourned 5th December, 2017 – **Hon. Rungani**).

[Days elapsed: 25]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Health and Child Care on the Fact Finding Mission to Zambia on Cancer Management and Blood Services (S.C.23, 2017)-**Hon. Mahiya**.

5. Adjourned debate on the Report of the Portfolio Committee on Women Affairs, Gender and Community Development on the Women Development Fund (WDF) projects. (Adjourned 29th November, 2017 – **Hon. Rungani**)

[Days elapsed: 26]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the Report of the Portfolio Committee on Women Affairs, Gender and Community Development on the Women Development Fund (WDF) projects. (S.C. 16, 2017). – **Hon. Misihairabwi-Mushonga**

6. Adjourned debate on motion on the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Media, Information and Broadcasting Services on the Operations of Local Commercial Radio Stations in Zimbabwe. -(Adjourned 10th April, 2018 - **Hon. Rungani**).

[Day elapsed: 5)

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Media, Information and Broadcasting Services on the Operations of Local Commercial Radio Stations in Zimbabwe. –**Hon. Dhewa**.

7. HON. MISIHAIRABWI-MUSHONGA
HON. MLISWA

ENCOURAGED by the spirit of nationalism that was demonstrated in the historic people’s march of the 18th November, 2017;

ACKNOWLEDGING the Preamble of the Constitution of Zimbabwe which among other endeavours to commit ourselves to build a united, just prosperous nation, founded on the values of transparency, equality, freedom, fairness and the dignity of hard work;

NOTING the unfinished business of national healing and reconciliation which can now be fully pursued with vigour in the spirit of a new beginning and a united front in national consensus building.

NOW THEREFORE, resolves that this House;

- (a) congratulate the people of Zimbabwe for their conduct before and during the transition to the new government;
- (b) Applaud the people of Zimbabwe for demonstrating their support for a democratic change;
- (c) Implore the new President of the Republic of Zimbabwe to inculcate a tone of a reconciled nation and that he personally espouses the principle of reconciliation, unity and the value of Ubuntu;
- (d) Thank the Speaker of the National Assembly for steering the transition and respecting the Constitution; and
- (e) Invoke Section 140 (3) of the Constitution of Zimbabwe and invites the new President to attend Parliament to answer questions relating to the transition.

8. HON. NDUNA
HON. MAPIKI

That this House:

COGNISANT that Section 77 of our Constitution provides that “Every person has the right to safe, clean and potable water” thus making the right to water an inalienable right for all citizens of Zimbabwe;

AWARE that Zimbabwe is a signatory to and has committed itself to attaining the Sustainable Development Goals and in particular, SDG 6 “Clean Water and Sanitation”;

RECOGNISING that one of the key drivers and assumptions of ZIMASSET is increased investment in water and sanitation infrastructure;

DEEPLY CONCERNED that the majority of the urban Zimbabwean populace in general either do not have access to clean water at all or are accessing unclean and unsafe water;

ALARMED that a National level water bodies have not been fully utilized;

WORRIED that the current sewer reticulation system in towns and cities has outlived its lifespan and has been overtaken by the population balance;

MINDFUL that during the period 2009 to 2011 over 700 people were hospitalized and more than 274 lost their lives due to the cholera epidemic nationally;

COGNISANT that clean and safe water is a prerequisite for the realization of other fundamental human rights such as the right to health and the right to a clean and safe environment.

FURTHER COGNISANT that Section 77 enjoins the State to take reasonable legislative and other measures to achieve the progressive realization of the right to safe, clean and potable water;

NOW THEREFORE, calls upon the relevant Ministries to:

- a) Prioritize investment in water and sanitation infrastructure countrywide;
- b) Take appropriate measures to ensure that every citizen in Zimbabwe has access to safe, clean and potable water;
- c) Remove and replace most councils which have continued to charge exorbitant rates to citizens for water which is not readily supplied and continually abuse such funds at the expense of the health of unsuspecting citizens; and
- d) Immediately take advantage of the copious amount of water bodies around the country which require minimum amount of chemicals to treat, in order that they provide portable.

9. HON. DR. KHUPE
HON. MGUNI N.

That this House takes note of the Report of the delegation to the World Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development held in Bali, Indonesia from 6th to 7th September 2017.

10. HON. NDUNA
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.

11. 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".

12. HON. NDUNA
HON MUDARIKWA

That this House;

COGNISANT of Section 77 of the Constitution of Zimbabwe which accords every Zimbabwean the right to sufficient food and obliges the State to take reasonable measures to achieve the progressive realization of this right;

APPRECIATING Government efforts towards realization of this right through the highly successful Command Agriculture Programme which delivered a bumper maize harvest of over two million metric tonnes in the 2016/ 2017 cropping season;

APPLAUDING the initiative by Government to extend the Command Agriculture Programme to wheat and cattle production to ensure food security and self – sufficiency in the country;

CONCERNED that the prolonged dry spell and erratic rainfall being experienced in most parts of the country may result in depressed yields under the Command Agriculture Programme and thus, compromise food security;

AWARE that Zimbabwe has over 36 dams and water reservoirs which can be used for water harvesting for irrigation purposes;

REALISING that Zimbabwe has great prospects of water harvesting, particularly during periods of good rains, for instance, the 2016 / 2017 rainy season which is not being fully exploited in our communities;

AWARE that community based water harvesting initiatives have provided successful mitigatory strategies in countries that experience intermittent rainfall patterns such as India;

NOW, THEREFORE, this House calls upon the Executive to:

- a) Effectively implement water harvesting initiatives in communities to avoid a reversal of the successes of the Command Agriculture Programme;
- b) To urgently utilise water in dams and water reservoirs such as Tokwe – Mukorsi for irrigation purposes; and
- c) To raise awareness among communities on the importance of water conservation for sustainability development.

13. HON. CHIBAYA
HON. MACHINGURA

That this takes note of the Report of the 137th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), held in St. Petersburg Russia from the 14th to the 18th October 2017.

14. 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 accruing from them being citizens;

RECOGNISING that there are duties and obligations that go with being citizens;

COGNISANT that provisions of the Constitution that entitle citizens to dual citizenship, can be easily circumvented by citizens claiming their foreign nationality and yet benefitting from the protection, travel documents and any other primary documents accorded to them through citizenship;

DISTURBED that dual citizenship can be abused;

NOW THEREFORE, calls upon;

- (a) The Executive to amend the Constitution so that dual citizenship by descent and registration is completely abolished; and
- (b) The Registrar General to sensitize the Nation on the compelling need to amend the provisions of the Constitution so as to do away with dual citizenship altogether and to further explain the implications and benefits of such actions to the majority of Zimbabwean nationals who do not have dual citizenship status and allegiance to other countries.

15. HON. MISHAIRABWI - MUSHONGA
HON. MANGWENDE

That this House takes note of the Second Report of the Portfolio Committee on Women's Affairs, Gender and Community Development on the Living Conditions of Female Prisoners at Chikurubi Female Prison (S. C. 17, 2017).

16. HON. MAJOME
HON. MPALA

That this House takes note of the Report of the Zimbabwe delegation on the bilateral visit to Cuba held from 22nd to 20th October, 2017.

17. HON. MAJOME
HON. MARIDADI

That leave be granted to bring in the Zimbabwe Sign Language Bill

That leave be granted to bring in a Zimbabwe Sign Language Bill which seeks to promote and maintain the use of Zimbabwe Sign language by providing for –

- a) development, promotion and use of the Sign language in Zimbabwe and advance its status in relation to other official languages; and
- b) Use of Sign language as one of the officially recognized languages in Zimbabwe and uphold its use in all State and private institutions.
- c) regulations setting competency standards for the interpretation of Zimbabwe Sign Language; and
- d) Principles to guide State and private institutions and other organisations in the promotion and use of Zimbabwe Sign Language.

18. HON. MAJOME
HON. MAONDERA

That this House;

ACKNOWLEDGING that Section 48 of the Constitution of Zimbabwe provides for right to life and restricts death penalty to persons convicted of committing murder in aggravating circumstances, and that the penalty must not be imposed on women, men who are less than 21 years old and men who are more than 70 years old.

AWARE that Zimbabwe commemorated the World Day Against the death penalty on 10th October 2015;

ALSO AWARE that Zimbabwe acceded to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Right (ICCPR) in 1991, which abolished the death penalty, but is yet to sign the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR;

CONCERNED that Zimbabwe is one of 16 countries in Africa, which have retained the death penalty and currently has 80 men on the death role, whilst the last execution was undertaken in 2005;

DISMAYED that prisoners on death row are being denied their freedom from cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment which is guaranteed in Section 53 of the Constitution;

SHOCKED with the dilapidated state of correctional facilities in which prisoners and prison offices alike face which are characterized by inhabitable; crowded conditions; and shortages of food and clothing, and inadequate medical attention;

NOTING WITH CONCERN the inadequate reintegration and rehabilitation programme of convicts as after they are released, they soon return to the life of crime and mostly commit worse offences.

NOW, THEREFORE, resolves that:

- a) Parliament passes a law to abolish the death penalty in Zimbabwe;

- b) Government commutes all convicts on death sentences to life in prison;
- c) The Judicial Service Commission sensitise judicial officers on the requirements of Section 48 (2) of the Constitution which frees them of the burden of having to pass the death penalty even for murder in aggravating circumstances;
- d) Zimbabwe ratifies the Second Optional Protocol to the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights;
- e) Government provides adequate resources for the programme on rehabilitation and reintegration of offender into the society; and
- f) Government ensures the protection of prisoners from torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and improves the living conditions of prisoners as well as of babies incarcerated with their mothers by providing sufficient clothing, food and health care.

19. Adjourned debate on motion on the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development on the projects funded by Zimbabwe Manpower Development Fund (ZIMDEF) in Tertiary Institutions. - *(Adjourned 15th March, 2018 - Hon. Rungani)*.

[Days elapsed: 5]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the First Report of the Portfolio Committee on Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development on the projects funded by Zimbabwe Manpower Development Fund (ZIMDEF) in Tertiary Institutions. –*Hon. Dr. Mataruse*.

20. Adjourned debate on motion on the Report of the delegation to the 136th Assembly of the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU), held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, from 1st to 5th April, 2017. *(Adjourned 14th March, 2018 – Hon. Rungani)*

.[Days elapsed: 5]

Question proposed: That this House takes note of the Report of the delegation to the 136th Assembly of the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU), held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, from 1st to 5th April, 2017. – *Hon. Chakona*

21. Adjourned debate on motion on the hardships affecting orphans and vulnerable children *(Adjourned 15th February, 2018 – Hon. Rungani)*

[Days elapsed: 8]

Question proposed: That this House;

DEEPLY CONCERNED with the hardships affecting orphans and vulnerable children in institutions and in Zimbabwean society in general;

APPLAUDING the great efforts that some Children’s Homes are doing, given the prevailing difficult socio-economic environment;

NOTING WITH CONCERN the cultural barriers that discourage the practice of adoption of orphans and vulnerable children in Zimbabwe, and the apparent lack of clear policies and legal framework for adoption of these children;

COGNISANT that Zimbabwe is a signatory to regional and international instruments (African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child; and the UN Convention for the Rights of the Child) that recognises the right to a name and identity as one of the fundamental human rights;

FURTHER COGNISANT that these rights are also enshrined in Section 81 of the Constitution of Zimbabwe;

DISAPPOINTED that in spite of the existence of these instruments, that protect and uphold the rights of the children, orphans and vulnerable children in Zimbabwe continue to face challenges in the acquisition of birth certificates; and

DISHEARTENED that the withholding of birth records by hospitals due to outstanding maternal user fees, coupled with the prohibitive provisions in the current outdated Birth Registration Act, inhibit acquisition of birth certificates for children in difficult circumstances.

NOW THEREFORE, this House calls upon;

- a) The Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs to urgently review the legislation relating to child adoption and acquisition of birth certificates;
- b) The Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare and the Juvenile Courts to remove all bureaucracy associated with child adoption procedures.
- c) The Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare to ensure timeous disbursement of grants to Children's Homes;
- d) Churches, Traditional Leaders and Members of Parliament to champion the child adoption cause by making efforts to change people's attitudes and mind sets.
- e) The Ministry of Health and Child Care to stop forthwith the withholding of birth records for non-payment of maternity fees;
- f) The Ministry of Home Affairs and Culture to closely monitor and supervise the operations Registrar General's Office to ensure effective and diligent service delivery to the nation and to replicate the Electronic Queue Management System, currently found at the Registrar General's Office in Harare, to other centres especially the remote areas.
- g) Government to consider amnesty for birth certificate registration for all children in Zimbabwe without birth certificates for various reasons. – **Hon. A. Mnangagwa.**

22. Adjourned debate on motion on the funding for students on Bilateral Scholarships. (Adjourned 14 February, 2018 – **The Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs.**)

[Days elapsed: 9]

Question proposed: That this House-

DEEPLY CONCERNED by the failure of Government to timeously disburse funding for the 460 students on Bilateral Scholarship in Algeria as well as for other students in Russia and Cyprus;

ALSO CONCERNED that the former Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development, after making an undertaking to pay \$3000.00 per student per year to respective universities, had failed to do so with only 25% having been paid in 2015;

DISCONCERTED that the students are currently starving and living in destitution since their semester break starting from 19th December 2017;

WORRIED that the students have no means of returning back home and some were arrested after engaging in demonstrations against their poor living conditions;

DISAPPOINTED by the lack of response by the relevant government departments;

NOW, THEREFORE, resolves that;

- a) The Ministry of Finance and Economic Development in liaison with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other relevant government departments disburse funds for the stranded students as a matter of urgency;
- b) The Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development report to the House how his ministry intends to rescue the stranded students;
- c) The Portfolio Committee on Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development urgently inquire into the status and living conditions of Zimbabwe Students on bilateral scholarships in Algeria, Russia, Cyprus and other destinations and report its findings to the House. – **Hon. Majome.**

23. Adjourned debate on motion on the protection of wetlands (*Adjourned 13th February, 2018 – Hon. Rungani*)

[Days elapsed: 9]

Question proposed: That this House;

WHEREAS the Constitution of Zimbabwe in Section 73 establishes “Environmental Rights” as part of the “Fundamental Human Rights and Freedoms” which form Part Two of Declaration of Rights in Chapter Four of the country’s governing Chapter;

WHEREAS several statutes among them the Water Act (Chapter 20:24), and Environmental Management Act (Chapter 20:27), were brought into existence for the protection of the environment of which wetlands are arguably the most important as they are a source of drinking water hence life itself;

CONCERNED that very little regard is given by those in authority to protect wetlands and thus preserve the ecosystem that generates water for the livelihoods of both flora and fauna;

WORRIED that Zimbabwe in general, and Harare in particular, has no other natural sources of drinking water except wetlands.

ALARMED at the rate at which wetlands are being destroyed for agricultural purposes and for the construction of brick and mortar structures that permanently destroy ecosystems which generate water;

NOW THEREFORE resolves that this House calls upon the Executive and all agencies of Government and the State at every level to;

- (a) Stop construction and development on Wetlands;
- (b) Stop using wetlands for agriculture purposes; and
- (c) Put in place mechanisms for the protection and preservation of wetlands – **Hon. Maridadi**

24. Adjourned debate on motion on the State of Harare and other urban roads (*Reinstated 6th February, 2018 – Hon. Majome*)

[Days elapsed: 40]

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*

25. Adjourned debate on motion on the high cost of sanitary wear – (*Adjourned 9th January, 2018- Hon. Rungani*)

[Days elapsed: 21]

Question proposed: That this House-

ALARMED by the high cost of sanitary wear which has made it almost inaccessible to the majority of girls and women;

CONCERNED that the main producer of sanitary wear is faced with imminent closure;

FURTHER CONCERNED that schools are about to open and parents have to buy sanitary wear for their girl children;

NOW THEREFORE, calls upon the Executive;

- (a) To immediately and urgently give a directive to the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe to provide the required foreign currency to the main producer of sanitary wear so as to avert the closure;
- (b) To allow traders to import sanitary wear duty free as a short term solution;
- (c) To allow the dispensation for duty free importation of the material used to produce sanitary wear as provided for in the last budget; and
- (d) To implore upon the Non-Governmental Organisations and the donor community to assist in provision of sanitary wear to the less privileged womenfolk- **Hon. Misihairabwi -Mushonga.**

26. Adjourned debate on motion on appreciation and support for the measures being taken by H.E. the President E.D. Mnangagwa to rebuild Zimbabwe. (*Adjourned 11th January 2018 – Hon. Matuke*)

[Days elapsed: 19]

Question proposed: That this House:

INSPIRED by His Excellency, The President E. D. Mnangagwa's sterling inaugural address to the nation on Friday 24 November 2017 at the National Sports Stadium, envisaging a new dispensation;

ACKNOWLEDGING the measures already taken such as:

- (a) Efforts to stamp out corruption at all levels as demonstrated by the 90-day moratorium on those who externalized cash and assets, and
- (b) the meetings held with Permanent Secretaries and Public Service Commission highlighting the need to downsize government structures and appoint a lean cabinet, and retiring civil servants who have reached their retirement age.

FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGING the need to strengthen institutions of governance through separation of powers among the three arms of the State namely; the Judiciary, the Legislature and the Executive;

COGNISANT of the call by His Excellency to shun any forms of retribution and divisions as a way of fostering unity among Zimbabweans regardless of colour, creed, gender and ethnicity;

MINDFUL of His Excellency, the President's desire to revive the economy leading to the creation of jobs;

APPLAUDING the sentiments expressed towards restoration of international relations through engaging the international community;

NOW, THEREFORE, expresses its unequivocal and deepest appreciation and support for the measures being taken to rebuild Zimbabwe. - **Hon. Zindi**

27. Adjourned debate on the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Ministry of Health and Child Care on the 2015 Appropriation and the 2011 to 2014 Fund Accounts - (*Adjourned 6th February, 2018 - Hon. Rungani*).

[Days elapsed: 12]

Question proposed: That this House adopts the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Ministry of Health and Child Care on the 2015 Appropriation and the 2011 to 2014 Fund Accounts (S.C. 20, 2017). -**Hon. Mpariwa**.

28. Adjourned debate on motion on working towards objective Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and meeting requirements of the 2030 Agenda for SDGs and the Paris Climate Agreement (*Adjourned 31st October, 2017 - Hon. Matuke*)

[Days elapsed: 29]

Question proposed: That this House-

DISTURBED by under representation and deprivation of women in socioeconomic issues and decision making;

FURTHER DISTURBED by the Executive has failed to implement gender equality and equitability on access to energy services and supplies;

NOTING WITH CONCERN that the Executive has failed to conduct an analysis on gender sensitive strategies and mobilisation of resources for purposes of boosting energy renewal and combating Climate change.

COGNISANT that the country as a member state that participates in International and Regional forums is a signatory and has ratified most instruments and Protocols at that level and is therefore obligated to provide basic services such as energy, water, roads and infrastructure to marginalised communities.

NOW THEREFORE, calls upon the Executive;

- (a) To work towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and meeting requirements of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris climate agreement which emphasise the acceleration of private public cooperation under the deployment of new technology on Gender Inclusion in Renewable Energy;
 - (b) To make available equal opportunities to both men and women in their involvement in government policies and programmes related to Gender Inclusion Renewable Energy;
 - (c) To explore further advancement of technology on Gender Inclusion Renewable Energy; and
 - (d) That the Executive works closely with organisation and institutions responsible for renewable energy so that they share best practices. - **Hon. Chirisa**
29. Adjourned debate on motion on regional and gender imbalances in society-(*Adjourned 3rd October, 2017-The Minister of State in the Vice President and Minister of National Healing, Peace and Reconciliation*).

[Days elapsed: 39]

Question proposed: 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. – ***Hon Misihairabwi-Mushonga.***

30. Adjourned debate on motion on the closed Shabani – Mashava Mines (SMM) (*Re - instated 3rd October, 2017 –Hon. Holder*).

[Days elapsed: 68]

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
- (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; and

(d) The flagship of the town be raised- **Hon. Holder**.

31. Adjourned debate on motion on stiffer custodial sentences for people who start veld fires-
(Adjourned 5th October, 2017– **Hon. Rungani**)

[Days elapsed: 36]

Question proposed: That this House:

AWARE that the veld fire season runs from the end of July to the end of October;

MINDFUL that frequent burning has serious implications on the environment, wildlife habitat, human health and livelihoods;

RECALLING that the impacts of veld fires range from severe environmental degradation to loss of property and life;

COGNISANT that Zimbabwe has received normal to above normal rainfall during the 2016/17 season;

NOTING that the growth of vegetation countrywide translates to high fuel load with a high probability of veld fire outbreaks during the dry season;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the fire prediction for 2017 season indicates 80% of high to extreme fire risk;

CONCERNED that human activities increase the frequency, extent and pattern of veld fires;

NOW, THEREFORE, calls upon the Executive to-

- (a) Amend the legislative framework that deals with veld fires so that it provides for stiffer custodial sentences for people who start fires; and
 - (b) Take steps to ensure that court cases on environmental crimes are resolved speedily – **Hon Mudyiwa**.
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