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PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The House met at 14:00.

House Chairperson Ms A T Didiza took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayers or mediation.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms A T Didiza): Order! Hon members, yesterday, members raised concerns about the air-conditioning system. We have communicated with Household Services that we need to find a balance – perhaps 22 deg C – to make sure that it is not too cold or too hot in the Chamber. I promised, so I am just giving a report-back on that matter. So, bear with us. The system doesn't kick in immediately. It will take a little time but we will find the right balance. Thank you very much.

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MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

(The Late Mr Laloo Chiba)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Hon House Chairperson, on behalf of the Chief Whip of the Majority Party, I move the draft resolution printed in his name on the Order Paper, as follows:

That the House —

- (1) notes with great sadness the passing of the struggle veteran and stalwart of the ANC, Mr Laloo Chiba, on Friday, 8 December 2017, at the age of 87;
- (2) remembers that Mr Chiba was a selfless freedom fighter, who dedicated his life to the liberation and service of the people of South Africa;

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(3) understands that his interest in politics was sparked by the 1956 Treason Trial, leading him to join the Transvaal Indian Congress and later, the SACP;

(4) further understands that he joined uMkhonto weSizwe, MK, in 1961, was promoted to platoon commander in 1962, and became a member of MK's Second National High Command in 1963;

(5) recalls that, in April 1963, Mr Chiba was arrested with some of his fellow comrades for planning to sabotage a railway line and was detained under the 90-day detention law;

(6) further recalls that, in October 1964, he was charged for his membership of the High Command of MK and sentenced to 18 years' imprisonment on Robben Island, in the prison's B-Section, alongside uTata Nelson Mandela, uTata Walter Sisulu, uTata Ahmed Kathrada, and others;

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(7) acknowledges that, on his release in 1982, he became active in the United Democratic Front and continued to work for the ANC underground ...

Ms E N NTLANGWINI: Chairperson, on a point of order, and I am sorry to interrupt the member's motion: I just want the Whip to indicate to Mr Gwede Mantashe where his seat is. He seems as if he's a bit confused. [Laughter.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms A T Didiza): Order, hon member! Thank you very much. He has, indeed, been assisted by one of the Whips to find his seat. Hon Deputy Chief Whip, you may proceed.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Thank you, hon House Chairperson ...

(8) further acknowledges that, during the democratic dispensation, Mr Chiba continued to serve on the side of the people as a Member of Parliament in the first and second democratic Parliaments, from 1994 and 1999, respectively;

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- (9) realises that, at the time of his passing, Mr Chiba was serving as a board member of the Ahmed Kathrada Foundation, and continued with his lifetime's work of building a united, nonracial, nonsexist, democratic and prosperous society;
- (10) recognises that, in 2004, he had the Order of Luthuli in silver conferred on him by the South African government for his lifetime's work towards the struggle for a nonracial, nonsexist, just and democratic South Africa;
- (11) believes that he will be remembered for his selfless dedication and tireless fight against the tyranny of injustice; and
- (12) conveys its heartfelt condolences to his wife, Luxmi, his three daughters and his grandchildren.

May his soul rest in peace.

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Ms S V KALYAN: House Chair, it is, indeed, a privilege and an honour to pay tribute to the late Laloo Chiba, who passed away in December 2017 at the grand age of 87.

I first got to know him when I got to Parliament, in 1999. At first, whenever I passed him in the corridors, I would look down and walk past. There was no real reason for that. In any event, he was a tall man, with almost white hair at the time, always clad in a white shirt with open neck, and a tweed-type sports jacket.

I felt quite intimidated by his presence but then one day, I decided that I would at least greet him, and I was rewarded with a shy smile. He had the kindest eyes, and he smiled with his eyes. Laloo was of Indian Gujarati origin and, depending on how one pronounced the name - /la:lu/ or /lʌlu/ - it means a beloved or dear one.

I knew that he had had a hearing impairment, but what I didn't know at the time was that he became deaf as a result of the brutal torture by the Security Branch in the apartheid era.

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Laloo was fondly known as Isu, but he also had another title – that of Prisoner 1/5867. He spent 18 years on Robben Island.

Now, I am sure all hon members know of, and have probably read, a book by Nelson Mandela, titled, *Long Walk to Freedom*. Mandela would make copious notes, and Laloo would spend the night transcribing them into microscopic shorthand. He was so meticulous that he could transcribe 10 manuscript pages onto one page. Once he had done that, he would pass it on to Mac Maharaj, who would then smuggle it out.

Laloo's struggle credentials to ensure democracy are many. Yet, he wore his badge with pride and dignity. As hon members have heard, he was awarded the Order of Luthuli in recognition of his struggle for a nonracial, nonsexist, just and democratic South Africa. He served two terms as a parliamentarian, before serving on the Board of the Ahmed Kathrada Foundation, where he did invaluable humanitarian work.

To his wife, Laxmiben and his daughters, Gita, Kailash and Yaswanti, your loss is immeasurable. Thank you for your

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graciousness in sharing him with the people of South Africa. He was a humble, gentle giant, who lived his life with integrity and dignity.

His favourite song, which was sung at his funeral, is a classic Indian ballad, with the title, *Pinjri ke Panchi*. This song is about a bird in a cage, and while the cage is a prison, the bird should not be sad or cry, because freedom will surely come, one day.

I think that was an apt description of his life and ultimate victory. He worked tirelessly for democracy and freedom. I pray that his soul has attained moksha. [liberation.] Thank you.

[Applause.]

Mr N M PAULSEN: Chair, EFF public representatives led by commander-in-chief and president of the EFF Julius Malema, members of the House, Mrs Chiba, the wife of Comrade Laloo, his three daughters, Kailash, Yasvanti and Gita, and South Africans, today we are called upon to pay homage and express our condolences to the nation and the family of the late Comrade

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Laloo Chiba, a member of the 101 stalwarts who not only unleashed the terror that brought about the fall of the apartheid regime but continued to ensure that in their lifetime, no-one will undo what they set to achieve.

In the words of Franz Fanon, "Each generation must, out of relative obscurity, discover its mission, fulfil it or betray it." Comrade Laloo belongs to the generation of gallant fighters who discovered their mission, committed their lives to achieve it, and not to betray it - a commitment which they lived to realise. South Africa, we have a reason to celebrate the life and times of commander Laloo. He never deserted his post in the midst of the worst crimes against humanity, crimes characterised by humiliation, disrespect, degradation and the undermining of a human race.

In fulfilling one of the wishes of his comrade in arms, the late commander Ahmed Kathrada, Comrade Laloo took the EFF leadership on a tour of Robben Island in August last year. During this tour, he shared the painful experience of his journey with political prisoners from Pretoria Central Prison to Cape Town.

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Shackling their legs, the white minority regime's notorious security branch would bungle arrested freedom fighters into the back of a police truck together with a bucket of human waste. They had to eat and sleep with that bucket for the 18-hour-long bumpy ride, which included sudden stops to allow for the bucket to roll from one end to the other. This was meant to demoralise their conviction to the cause of the liberalisation of blacks, Africans in particular.

It is this brave fight of Comrade Laloo and his generation against many unprintable abuses that inspired and continues to inspire the EFF to finish the race started by Hintsa, Sekhukhune, Cetshwayo and other great generals of the wars of resistance against dispossession of land. In the midst of all postliberation challenges, he never folded his arms but chose to confront them. His work in the Ahmed Kathrada Foundation speaks volumes of a fight against state capture, corruption and poor service delivery to our communities.

The lunch we shared with him exposed the difficulties of our stalwarts who are neglected and deserted to fend for themselves

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at a very late age. In honour of Comrade Laloo, the EFF will call on the Fifth Parliament to consider some form of structure to support the frail and elderly stalwarts of our liberation struggle. In addition to support, this Fifth Parliament must rename all buildings of Parliament, including committee rooms, after our stalwarts. We cannot continue to have names of buildings without democratic meaning, called in numbers, or differentiated by "new" and "old" in this day and age.

The real spear of the nation has fallen. This is one spear we have to pick up. We have to continue the fight to the end – until the stolen land is returned to its rightful owners. If we are to be appreciated by generations to come, we shall be judged on how well we looked after the elderly statesmen who fought battles that today most amongst us would never dare consider.

To his family that endured 18 years without his warmth and care, to his comrades in arms, colleagues at the Ahmed Kathrada Foundation and the 101 stalwarts, we bow our heads, lower the red flag in his honour, and declare: *Aluta continua*. Rest in peace, commander Laloo. Thank you, Chairperson. [Applause.]

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Mr N SINGH: Chairperson, just as a follow-up to the hon Paulsen, we would certainly consider supporting the change of name from Old Assembly, New Wing, Marks Building - we don't know who Marks was in any case.

Having said that, the IFP extends its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late decorated struggle hero, Mr Laloo Isu Chiba. The honourable Chiba, as we have heard, was a prominent activist in our struggle for freedom and democracy, which led him into politics at a very young age. As a leader of the struggle, we have heard he was imprisoned by the then state security apparatus and received numerous torturous beatings at the hand of the apartheid government. This however did not weaken his resolve and vision for a free and democratic South Africa. During his further imprisonment on Robben Island, he was active with other leaders in planning for the future South Africa and spent many hours with struggle icons, such as Madiba and Mac Maharaj.

I personally never had the privilege of working closely with him, although we both occupied seats in Parliament. I was in the

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Senate between 1994 and 1996, whilst the honourable Chiba served in the National Assembly. His contribution to our democratic order, together with others such as the late Ahmed Kathrada will always be remembered in the history books of a free South Africa. His award of the Order of Luthuli in Silver in 2004 for his lifetime contribution to the struggle exemplifies the stature and character of the man.

To his family and friends, we say the following: We cannot stop time. We cannot put living on a hold. Even in the face of a terrible loss, everything returns to routine all too soon. We feel the absence, and we feel our grief, but we are not allowed to stop living. It seems cruel to say this, but there is surely a purpose in it. For if we stopped at the point of loss, we would never heal. We would never see a tomorrow in which we can wake up and smile, remembering without pain and speaking without sorrow.

This is the tomorrow we all pray for. We know from the Hindu scriptures, the Bhagavad Gita, that the soul never dies. Some would say the spirit never dies. In the Kshetra-Kshetrajna

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Vibhaga Yoga, the difference between matter and spirit is evident. So, we know that whilst the honourable Laloo Chiba is no longer for you - family members - to touch and to talk to, he will always be with you. He will be in your conversations and your thoughts. He will be in your memories and in your hearts. You will never forget this exceptional individual.

May healing come in the fullness of time, and may his soul rest in eternal peace. I thank you.

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: House Chair, allow me on behalf of the NFP to also add my voice to the call for the names to be changed. I would like the Marks Building to be called the Laloo Chiba Building. That is what we should call it. We are gathered here today in this august House to pay tribute to one of our struggle heroes, a selfless humanitarian who committed his entire life to the struggle and liberation of our people.

The late honourable Laloo Isu Chiba joined the SACP in 1959 as a result of his commitment and leadership. In a very short space of time, he was promoted to platoon commander of uMkhonto we

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Sizwe. He was also one of the accused in the 1956 treason trial. After being released in 1960, he was once again detained, brutally tortured and assaulted, resulting in him being scarred for life. So strong was his commitment and loyalty that he refused to divulge the names of any of his fellow freedom fighters or comrades. He also refused to confess. He was once again arrested, deprived of sleep, and once again charged with sabotage. He was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment on Robben Island.

We are paying tribute to this freedom fighter who sacrificed his adulthood to the struggle for freedom and humanity. He didn't stop there. Even in prison, he was responsible for the late Madiba's manuscript, *The Long Walk to Freedom*. The late honourable Chiba continued to work for the ANC underground and once again was detained under a state of emergency. As a result of his lifetime contribution to a free and democratic South Africa, he was conferred upon by the government of South Africa the Order of Luthuli in Silver. The late honourable Chiba continued to serve the people of his country as a Member of Parliament.

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Let us all remember the honourable Chiba for his commitment, and whatever we do today, however we act, how we serve our people, let us remember him for that. Let not that struggle by the late honourable Chiba and others be in vain. We owe our freedom to the contribution, commitment and loyalty to one honourable Laloo Isu Chiba. To his family, friends and the ANC, your loss is our loss. The NFP extends its deepest condolences. May his soul rest in peace.

Mr M L W FILTANE: House Chair, of all people who have been members of this House, in the case of the late Laloo Chiba, it can never be a case of *ex mente ex conspectu*. It can never be, we will never forget him. On Friday, 8 December 2017, when the sad news of the passing on of the struggle stalwart, Laloo Chiba was released, our spirits were sunken under excruciating pain, credence and grief.

The death of Laloo, who spent most of his 87 years, fighting for and with the people of South Africa, has left decades-long legacy of activism. He was one of the highly disciplined soldiers of uMkhonto weSizwe and a freedom fighter, who loved

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his people. He was prepared to sacrifice his own life fighting for a truly free and united South Africa.

South Africa is united in paying homage to the one who loved his country and its people by making a colossal contribution to the struggle for social emancipation. As a servant of the nation and the democratic state, he will be remembered for his contribution in changing apartheid laws during the first and second term of our democratic Parliament.

Laloo, had serious questions about the pure proportional representation system that we currently assemble our Parliament. He would have considered the adoption of a mixed constituency and PR system, so that Members of Parliament are able to have an independent voice as either nonparty constituent MPs or as representatives of a party directly elected by the people from a specific geographical area.

His monumental contribution to the fight for justice for all was crystal clear until his last day as a mortal being. He lived his

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life to ensure that freedom and democracy are enjoyed by all South Africans.

This House is indebted to the wisdom of this stalwart - the gallant fighter of the people. We must honour him and make sure that we quickly follow up on the findings and recommendations of the high-panel team on the assessment of key legislation and the acceleration of fundamental change.

Laloo, would have looked forward to evaluating whether the work we are doing in this House has any meaning to the daily lives of the people.

The UDM sends its condolences to his wife Luxmi, his three daughters, seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren, the ANC and its alliance partners.

We thank the late Laloo for being a giant in the face of adversity. May his soul rest in peace. I thank you. [Applause.]

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Ms C DUDLEY: House Chair, the ACDP extends its sincere condolences to Mr Chiba's three daughters, grandchildren, his friends and colleagues on their sad loss.

Mr Chiba, we know, was elected as a Member of Parliament in the first and second democratic elections in 1994 and 1999.

During apartheid, Mr Chiba was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment on Robben Island alongside Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu, Ahmed Kathrada and others. I too, didn't know that he had become deaf as a result of interrogation and tortures by the former government when he was arrested after his comrades were caught sabotaging a railway line.

I remember this fascinating man during the time I spent with him on Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Scopa, and I am grateful for the privilege of having worked alongside him. He was one of the ANC members who actually tried but failed to hold Thabo Mbeki's administration to account, particularly with regard to the Arms Deal.

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I associate him with MPs like Mr Feinstein, who recognised the dangers of what he called the autocratic, insulated and deaf-to-criticism-or-dissent style of leadership that has marked the Mbeki era.

It has taken us until now for this legislature to turn the situation around and actually hold the executive to account. I am sure he would be proud of this Parliament today. Thank you.

[Applause.]

Mr L M NTSHAYISA: Hon House Chairperson, on behalf of the AIC, I convey our deepest condolences to the family of the late, Laloo Chiba.

He is our liberation martyr. He had a great discipline of thought and exhibited his personal integrity. His arrest by apartheid police force in 1963 represented the early form of sheer resistance against white minority rule.

His 18 years of imprisonment on Robben Island was a gallant act, which would later free us from the political bondage of

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oppression. We salute him in a great joy. We recognise his contribution in this august Parliament as a former freedom fighter.

He was appointed as a board member of Ahmed Kathrada Foundation. His rise to the occasion demanded public scrutiny over the exercise of public power. Like Uncle Kathy, he would have dismissed personal cult politics, the politics of belly and patronage. He would have said, enough is enough.

South Africans must emulate his larger than life character. They should reincarnate his intellectual, ethical and undying vigour. May his soul rest in peace but he should further stand as a torchbearer to our newly elected ethical President. I thank you.

The MINISTER OF TOURISM: Chairperson, dear friends, comrades and hon members, in recording history, particulars about people and their values sometimes get lost. We hail iconic leaders such as Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu, Albertina Sisulu, Ahmed Kathrada and indeed, Laloo Chiba, but unfortunately we rarely examine the special attributes they have bequeathed us. We inscribe their

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names into our history books but we fail to tell their stories with the depth and emotion required to mobilise and unite the whole of society - all of us - to emulate them in our day to day lives. And when we do pay homage to their values, we sometimes forget to question whether our daily decisions and actions are guided by these same values.

It is a truly humbling experience for me, on behalf of Comrade Laloo Chiba's own organisation, the ANC, to speak about someone who served this House as a Member of Parliament for 10 years. It is a privilege to talk about the particulars of Comrade Isu as he was fondly known. It is a special honour to do so under the Presidency of Cyril Ramaphosa, who himself visited Comrade Isu at his home in Lenasia a short while before he passed away on 8 December 2017.

I have no doubt that if Comrade Isu were alive today, this MK soldier, little Rivonia trialist, sentenced to 18 years on Robben Island in 1964, prisoner number 1/5867, would be amongst the army of South Africans singing thuma mina, send me,

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expecting no special acknowledgement or reward for putting his shoulder to the wheel to end injustice, poverty and inequality.

At his funeral a large banner was put up, describing Comrade Isu as a principled activist, a humble revolutionary and a selfless leader. It could not have captured the essence of the man more aptly.

Comrade Isu embodied principled conduct. On the day of his funeral, his son-in-law Rashid told us that after being elected to Parliament, Comrade Isu sat his three sons-in-law down and told them, "Chaps, I want to thank you for marrying my daughters and for looking after them all these years, but I want to tell you guys something. I'm going to Parliament and if there are any favours that you guys need from me, it won't happen."

This is the man who went on to serve on Parliament's Standing Committee on Public Accounts. Comrade Isu became the feared white-haired man, the moral beacon whose accuracy and impeccable integrity could never be compromised.

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To amplify this, many activists know, but this House and viewers of Channel 408 – which has now become such a popular channel thanks to Mondli over there and a lot of you – may not know something that is less known about Comrade Isu – just listen to this one Minister Nene. This is of particular interest to you – which is that while he was here he did his own calculations about how much tax he was due to pay and he found that he was being undercharged by the SA Revenue Service, Sars. So he immediately contacted them and said he was being undercharged. This is the kind of person he was. He was worried that he was not paying his dues to the cent.

Madam Chairperson, can you imagine the type of government we would have if every public representative and every South African embodied just a fraction of Comrade Isu's integrity?

It is the same consistent commitment to principled conduct that defined Comrade Isu's character under very different circumstances many years before.

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms A T Didiza): Order hon members! Can we please lower our voices as we converse so that we can hear the speaker?

The MINISTER OF TOURISM: Having served in the Transvaal Indian Congress, the SA Communist Party and as a commander of uMkhonto weSizwe, it was inevitable that Comrade Isu would come under the scrutiny of the apartheid state.

He was arrested by the security police on 17 April 1963 and endured the most horrific torture. He was brutally beaten and had electrodes connected over his wet fingers and toes, with the police repeatedly turning a dynamo that sent electric shocks coursing through his body. Yet Comrade Isu, as stoic as ever, refused to divulge anything.

In fact, when he appeared at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, he said he was greatly disturbed by the fact that he had screamed in pain during the torture. He recalled:

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I had screamed out in pain, I had pleaded for mercy from an enemy, a people's enemy, I had asked them to stop torturing me. I had given them the pleasure of listening to my screams and it is something that haunts me up till today. As I repeat this here, I feel a deep sense of shame for the shortcoming. I don't think that a revolutionary should actually give the enemy the pleasure of listening to one's screams. I think I failed in that respect. I hope that you people understand that. It haunts me up until today, and I don't think that I can ever come to terms with that.

He was a brave man. He endured 18 long years on Robben Island away from his wife Luxmi and their three daughters. He came out of prison and continued his political activism, leading to his rearrest and detention in 1985.

In a tribute to Comrade Isu, another one of our dear comrades who himself was a political prisoner and who was also tortured in detention, Raymond Suttner, wrote the following:

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... bravery means something different in 2010 from 1964 or the mid-1980s, and it relates to other qualities of Comrade Isu. To be brave is often to be gentle, to be tender, and to be willing to hug instead of strike a blow. Bravery may be to think one's own thoughts where previously we had to hold the line against the divisions of the enemy. We now need the bravery of those who are willing to renew our thinking on a range of issues. This does not mean that everything is thrown out of the window. But it does mean that even what has been sacred requires the bravery of the enquiring mind.

That was Raymond Suttner who was in prison with our dear friend sitting down there, Deputy Minister. I think we have forgotten so many of our people who have sacrificed so much.

It is this bravery that in later years allowed Comrade Isu to forgive the person who betrayed him and his fellow little Rivonia trialists. It is this bravery that allowed him, as a loyal member of the ANC, to be critical of what was happening inside the organisation. He strongly associated himself with the

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call of the stalwarts and veterans for ANC members to stand up against all forms of corruption.

Again, it was this bravery that allowed Comrade Isu to understand that there are issues that require co-operation across party political lines. Just last year, Comrade Isu, as you heard from the EFF, in fulfilling the wishes of his best friend Ahmed Kathrada who was also a member of this House, took the leadership of the EFF and the DA on a tour of Robben Island. Comrade Isu understood the importance of a country's liberation history being appreciated by all South Africans, irrespective of political identities.

Comrade Isu has been called the activist's activist. The thousands who attended his funeral would attest to it. He would have influenced many of them, guiding their political thinking, either directly through personal interaction or indirectly, being the anti-apartheid icon that he was. The many whom he would have interacted with on a day to day basis will remember him for his fearless grassroots approach to activism. Comrade

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Isu believed firmly in leading by example and never shied away from hard work.

During his term in detention in the 1980s, despite his age he joined younger political prisoners on a ten-day hunger strike. In May last year, he convinced his doctor to allow him to conduct a 24-hour hunger strike in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners. However, this was only after he had to be emphatically told that, being well in his eighties at this stage, he could not do a three-day hunger strike.

I had the privilege of serving on the board of the Ahmed Kathrada Foundation with Comrade Isu. He would spend almost every day at the foundation's offices, interacting with the staff and young leaders who form part of the foundation's youth leadership programme. These young people will always remember Comrade Isu's commitment to their annual Operation Winter Warm campaign. Not only did he encourage others to participate but made sure he carried the heavy plastic bags of clothing and other items collected for the underprivileged himself, loading

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the Gift of the Givers' truck for distribution. No job was too big or small for Isu Chiba.

We should be asking ourselves today what type of country we would have if everyone, and most importantly, public representatives, were as humble as Comrade Isu Chiba. What if we took it upon ourselves to not only do the bare minimum required of us but to go the extra mile, doing simple tasks just to serve humanity?

As much as Comrade Isu was loved by young activists, his strict sense of discipline often contrasted with the free-spirited attitude usually associated with the youth. During his term in detention, young activists would complain about how Comrade Chiba woke up at 5:00am to exercise; how he chastised them for sleeping in; and made them wash prison blankets.

So, to cut myself a little short, I think I do owe it to his family members, who are unfortunately unable to be here today, to express a word of thanks and appreciation to all the members for their beautiful tributes that they paid to such a remarkable

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and wonderful person, as you said the dear one, the one everyone loved. He's made such a profound mark in the lives of millions of people, and may I say if we can just adopt a little fraction of Comrade Isu into our own lives we will be the great country that we should be. Thank you very much [Applause.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms A T Didiza): Thank you hon Minister. That concludes the Speaker's List on this matter. I take it that there are no objections to the motion being adopted. Will members please rise to observe a moment of silence in memory of Mr L Chiba?

Please be seated. The presiding officers associate themselves with the motion. The condolences of the House will be conveyed to the Chiba family.

The second motion on the Order Paper is also in the name of the Chief Whip of the Majority Party. Deputy Chief Whip?

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(The late Ms B T Ngcobo)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: House Chairperson, on behalf of the Chief Whip of the Majority Party, I move the draft resolution printed in the name of the Chief Whip of the Majority Party on the Order Paper, as follows:

That the House –

- (1) notes with sadness the death of the ANC Member of Parliament, Ms Beatrice Thembekile Ngcobo, on Sunday, 17 February 2018, at the age of 74, after undergoing an operation earlier in February;
- (2) understands that at the time of her passing she was the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Tourism and had been an ANC Member of Parliament since 2004;
- (3) further understands that she previously served as a commissioner for gender equality from 1997 to 2004 and worked tirelessly to see that an African woman and an

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African child are free from abject poverty,
unemployment, inequality and oppression;

- (4) remembers maNgcobo, who held a Masters degree in Social Sciences and a Diploma in Advanced Nursing Education from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, as a respected activist across various sectors, including the disabled people of South Africa;
- (5) realises that she provided consistent leadership and excellent oversight as a Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Tourism;
- (6) acknowledges that maNgcobo's passing away is a great loss to Parliament and the tourism sector, especially at this time when government is preparing to work with all role players in the industry to aggressively increase the number of visitors to South Africa and employment in the sector;

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- (7) recalls that maNgcobo worked tirelessly to ensure that domestic tourism flourished in the country, and was instrumental in ensuring that the department was restructured so that its programmes focused on growing tourism and its potential;
- (8) further recalls that her resolute and collaborative leadership, which guided the portfolio committee and the tourism sector at large, was itself a manifestation of the positive national brand which South Africa presented to the world with integrity and innovation;
- (9) believes that she leaves a legacy in ensuring that township tourism is realised and that tourists also get to visit the townships, and that townships get to benefit within the tourism value chain;
- (10) further believes that her passing leaves a significant gap in a portfolio committee devoted to promoting

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tourism as an economic driver, and showcasing South Africa as a desirable tourist destination; and

- (11) conveys its heartfelt condolences to her family, friends and colleagues, may her soul rest in peace.

Debate concluded.

Agreed to, members standing.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms A T Didiza): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Chief Whip. I would like to welcome the family of mama Beatrice Ngcobo who are here with us in the gallery. [Applause.]

Mr G R KRUMBOCK: House Chairperson, seldom has anyone so short in stature been such a big individual. Rarely has anyone confined to a wheelchair for decades so emphatically conquered the limitations of mobility.

Very rarely has a member of this House earned as much unqualified respect by members from all sides of this House.

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Such a member was Beatrice Ngcobo, our former Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Tourism. Many people would have had their spirit crushed by a debilitating paralysis. The hon Ngcobo turned this supposed disability into the locomotive force of her unrelenting crusade to champion the cause of disabled people in South Africa.

I believe this campaign in the latter half of her life was not only due to her personal circumstances, but also because a burning sense of justice and fair play was the foundation stone of her character. And so, Beatrice threw her heart and soul into reaching out to the most marginalised in our society. She fought, and won, important victories for disabled students at her old university, the then University of Natal.

She fought for disabled people in rural areas, and established nongovernmental organisations to carry their torch further. She started the Commission for Gender Equality and served as a Commissioner from 1997 to 2004. Her sense of justice demanded nothing less.

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I got to know the hon Ngcobo well when she became Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Tourism. Tourism has assumed increasing importance in the past few years, and, as a key portfolio, needed a strong, neutral and intelligent chairperson who would put our country and portfolio ahead of any partisan interests. Beatrice's capacity, and above all her character, met this threshold.

Her sincerity, courageous sense of fair play and dedication to the task at hand meant that all parties felt they could make an equal contribution to the tourism committee and that such contribution would be valued. She allowed each member to specialise in their chosen field of expertise and interest, but made sure that every contribution became the success of the committee as a whole. As such, almost from the beginning, every member of the committee felt they were part of a team, and the sterile and cheap debate that sometimes characterises our work in this House seemed very far away.

It was characteristic of Beatrice to personally congratulate opposition members as part of her opening remarks at committee

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meetings when an issue they had been pursuing met with success. This was the case when the Department of Tourism commissioned its pilot econometric study to establish the optimal level of funding to advertise our country overseas, or when South African National Roads Agency, SANRAL, conceded the need for a so-called "brown sign" on the N3 to promote the Mandela Capture site near Howick. Her generosity of spirit demanded nothing less.

I never once saw a flight attendant on the BA flight from Cape Town to Durban turn down Beatrices's request for an extra mini-bottle of Amarula for her handbag to take home. It is very hard to say "no" to such a gentle and kind person.

But her sense of humour did fail her on one memorable occasion. In one committee meeting it so happened that my colleague, the hon James Vos, I, and the hon Ngcobo were the only members left in the room. I suggested light-heartedly that this was an appropriate point to table the DA's motion to effect "committee capture" Beatrice was horrified and immediately called me to order. Tourism, you see, was so much more important. Her sense of purpose demanded nothing less.

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Beatrice has slipped the surly bonds of earth and touched the face of God. It falls to us now to continue on the path she charted for us with such stellar luminosity and clarity. Knowing the hon Ngcobo' unwavering sense of purpose, she will be urging us with her customary steely determination to extend domestic tourism to every corner of our country and help develop people excluded from the well-beaten tourist tracks.

She would tell us she has not left us, because she is the mist that caresses the brow of Table Mountain, she is the early morning rays of sunlight illuminating the splendour of the Blyde River Canyon, the spirit of early humanity at the Cradle of Mankind, the companion soul to every tourist seeing Madiba's cell at Robben Island for the first time, or the drop of dew on the Fynbos before sunrise at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.

We cannot consecrate the hon Ngcobo's work better than she did herself, because the great scorer has already recorded that she has given our country the full measure of her devotion. But, what we can do is consecrate her legacy by emulating those aspects of her character that we have come to admire so much and

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what our body politic needs so desperately, her depth of humanity, her generosity of spirit, her unrelenting sense of purpose and fairness, and her remarkable courage, triumphant over personal adversity. The Democratic Alliance would like to salute a grand old lady who will be sorely missed, and who was a beacon of hope and a credit to our young democracy. Quite simply, she was a wonderful woman. May her soul rest in peace.

[Applause.]

Ms N V MENTE: Chairperson, to the family, friends and colleagues of the late hon Beatrice Ngcobo, on behalf of the EFF, I would like to pass our deepest sympathy and condolences.

IsiXhosa:

Akuhlanga lungehliyo, sililisana nani.

English:

To the family, we also thank you for donating hon Ngcobo to the service of the nation. For this she sacrificed quality time she ought to have spent with her family. We honour her for these sacrifices and the nation is eternally grateful to her. And to

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you, as a family, we are grateful as well. To her colleagues in the ANC, may you be inspired by her life and rededicate yourselves to serve our people with as much commitment as hon Ngcobo did. To all of us as members of this House, may we continue to honour her memory by doing what she did best for the advancement of our people. In her honour, Your Highness Commissioner for Gender Equality, this Parliament must pass the complete decriminalisation of sex work and this Parliament must end the scourge of violence against vulnerable groups and give them the dignity that they deserve.

IsiXhosa:

Lala ngoxolo mama.

Inkosi R N CEBEKHULU: Chairperson, the IFP extends its deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Ms B T Ngcobo. Her passing indeed came as a great shock and we certainly mourn the loss of a great soul who touched the lives of so many during her long and fruitful lifetime. Ms Beatrice Ngcobo's life was a life of service to her people and her country. She was a deputy chairperson for Community on Gender

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Equality. She was also a disability rights activist for Disabled People South Africa.

Ngcobo participated in SA NGO Coalition, SANGOCO National Poverty Hearings in 1988. She also served as chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Tourism, a committee, I served on myself. Suffice it to say that, I had the distinct honour and privilege to work with her in close proximity. I will always remember her as a stern yet benign and benevolent leader. We often engaged in good-natured banter in the corridors about frivolous topics and laughter often ensued. Indeed a very lovely woman she was. Ms Ngcobo had a magnanimous disposition of character which endeared her to many and which easily allowed her to have a lasting effect to those she encountered. A great light has left our midst, but her memory shall live on in our hearts and minds, for we loved her but God loved her more.

IsiZulu:

Egenjini abe yilungu lalo uMama uNgcobo, siyazwelana kakhulu nani ngokulahlekelwa ngelinye lamalungu aleNdlu ebeli nokuzinikela. Ngiyathokoza. [Ihlombe.]

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IsiZulu:

Mnu S C MNCWABE: Ngibonge Sihlalo ngaphambili, ngibingelele amalungu wonke aleNdlu, noNgqongqoshe abakhona, ngokukhethekile ngibingelele oMapholoba umndeni kaMama u-B. Ngimangele wukuthola ukuthi uSisi-B noma uMama u-B unendodana okugama lwayo linguQhawe ngoba emuva kokufunda umlando wakhe ngicabanga ukuthi wuye obekufanele abe nguQhawekazi igama lakhe. Ngibe nenhlanhla-ke ngesonto eledlule ukufunda iphepha *i-Sunday Times* ngathola ikhasi labekhuluma khona ngempilo yakhe uMama u-B. noma bengimazi ngoba isikhathi esiningi desigibela naye uma siza lana emsebenzini noma sigoduka, ebengumama kakhulu kumina. Izinto abazishilo ezinye zazo zingimangazile wukuthi esimweni abekuso kukhulu akwenzelaabantu bakithi ikakhulukazi abantu abangomama basemakhaya.

Emzabalazweni wokuthola amanzi bengasawalanda kude, ukuzimela, amathuba omsebenzi, sonke lezo zinto uMama u-B ebezilwela ikakhulukazi kubantu basemakhaya. Siyawabonga kakhulu amagalelo akhe awenzile ezwensi lakithi futhi simuthatha njeneqhawe ngoba seke ngasho. Okwaze nokuhlula ngisho isimo sempilo abekuso, wasebenzela isizwe sakithi nenhlango yakhe. Siyabonga kakhulu

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emndenini ukuthi bamvumele noma ebekusiphi isimo ukuthi okufiswa yinhliziyoyakhe yokusebenzela izwe akwenze ikakhulukazi ukulwela amalungelo abantu laphaya kwi-Gender Commission. Sizwile amagalelo akhe ikakhulukazi futhi nokuthuthukiswa kwezokuvakasha ezweni lakithi kwezokuvakasha, siwazwile amagalelo akhe

Ukusebenzela ukuthuthukiswa kwezwe ikakhulukazi kwezokuvakasha kuwukufaka imali ezweni lakithi. Siyabonga ukuthi ukwazile ukuwenza lowo msebenzi ngokuzinikela. Okokugcina esikufundile mhlawumbe okungafundwa ngabantu abasha - mfowethu uQhawe - ngomawakho wukuthi imfundo uyithande noma isimo sakhe sinjani futhi wazinikela, wafunda konke obekufisa wakwenza wakuthola. Sizwile ukuthi uhamba nje emhlabeni ubematasatasa neziqizakhe zobudokotela okuyinto ekuthazayo kakhulu leyo kuthina njengabantu abasha namaLungu ePhalamende asemasha ukuthi, noma ungaba lana kodwa imfundo yona isabalulekile ukuthi uyiqhube. Siyabonga kakhulu ngendlela asifundise ngayo. Ewumama onamancoko, othule kodwa enenhloniphonothando. Siyabonga sithi, alale ngokuphumula uMapholoba, uMashiyamahle ngathi azoshumayela. Ulale ngoxolo Mama wethu. Ngiyabonga. [Ihlombe.]

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MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

(The late Beatrice Thembekile Ngcobo)

Mr N L S KWANKWA: Thank you very much, House Chair. Today we say: Hamba Kahle to a respected activist for Gender Equality, People with Disability, Tourism, Human Rights and Social Justice. Umam'uNgcobo was always ready with her boots on when a call was made to free an African woman and African child from abject poverty, unemployment, inequality, and gender oppression.

Through her work here in Parliament in particular, ...

IsiXhosa:

... sifanele sifunde ukuba ukukhokela abantu kunjani na.

English:

... and what is important is that, we should know that she was one of those leaders ...

IsiXhosa:

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... abakhokele apha...

English:

... serving the people with selflessness.

IsiXhosa:

Mna ndifuna ukuthetha ngomama uNgcobo ebendidibene naye apha endleleni nalapha kwiNdlu yoWiso-mthetho yeSizwe.

English:

I remember after I was defeated in our elective congress the UDM won in 2015, she was among the few mothers who actually took the trouble to talk to me and she said:

Son, such experiences they knock you into shape. They make you a better person in life. What you need to do now is to tune up and focus on building a better South Africa for all because that's the big agenda.

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And, one of them actually was Mam' uMajeke who was sitting there at the back. The other thing that she used to say, almost on a consistent basis, she would say:

IsiXhosa:

Uyabona wena mntanandini uyahlupha ngoku nawe ungenwe yile nto kaBantu. Yiza apha. Ndiza kukhe ndinibethe futhi...

English:

... but she would also say...

IsiXhosa:

... kwayena ukuba...

English:

...but I understand you have a role, an important role to play as the opposition in this Parliament, and therefore you are doing your job; but I think one of the things that we should learn maybe as sister opposition colleagues from the ANC in this instance ...

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IsiXhosa:

... kukuzama ukuqiniseka ukuba...

English:

... people with disabilities...

IsiXhosa:

... babakhona kwaye bangapheleli kwicala lasekunene kuphela.

English:

We should learn that from them. [Applause.] Under her dynamic leadership, the Portfolio Committee on Tourism discharged its work with diligence.

IsiXhosa:

Sime kule ndawo namhlanje sisithi makalale ngoxolo umama uNgcobo. Sithi kusapho lwakhe siyabulela ngokuba niye namnikela kuMzantsi Afrika namenza idini lokuba akwazi ukusebenzelaabantu. Ndifuna ukuthi xa ndiza kuhlala phantsi...

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English:

On behalf of the UDM, ...

IsiXhosa:

... menze Thixo aphumle ngonaphakade, umkhanyisele ngokhanyiso olungacimiyo. Siyabulela. [Kwaqhwaywa.]

Mr M G P LEKOTA: Thank you, Chairperson. May I start off by extending our condolences to the family of the late Comrade Beatrice Ngcobo. We will remember each other from the days when we campaigned against apartheid in Lamontville and other townships of Durban when the Deputy Speaker Lechesa Tseleni was still younger than what he is at the present moment.

She was one of the comrades who familiarised us with the conditions of our people at Wema hostel in Lamontville when we came back from Robben Island - because the gap that had grown since we had last played soccer at Wema, the townships had taken different shapes and the cultures were different.

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It's a very interesting thing that in periods of strife people often deposit a lot of information with disabled people knowing quite well that even the enemy forceful find it very difficult to attack the disabled people. Whilst we look many of us thought well, these people are disabled but actually they were an asset of a very important character and played a critical role in those conditions.

Speaker, I know you were much younger at that time but - I mean Deputy Speaker. Oh sorry. Oh, no, no, no here is the Deputy Speaker that was there. They would run away and hide and I could get information from Comrade Beatrice of what had happen, and who was where, etcetera. She was a very brave woman, and very creative.

Sesotho:

Basotho ba na le lenseswe ...

English:

... and I'm sure it must be backed in other Bantu languages in the Southern Africa.

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Sesotho:

Ba re, ha ho tume di melala le ba basesane ba a e kalla.

English:

Which means: When you fight war, you fight with all your people, the brave, the cowards, the tall and the short. So every one of us has a role in war; and she epitomised that in the struggles that were waged around against apartheid at that time.

I often looked at her sitting there in the House on her wheelchair, now and then I passed there and so on; but I knew that there was the spirit of steel in a comrade like that, because I had seen her in the battlefield. May her soul, rest in peace. Thank you. [Applause.] [Time expired.]

Mrs C DUDLEY: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. The ACDP was very sad to hear of the death of hon Beatrice Ngcobo. As chair of the parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Tourism she worked tirelessly to ensure that domestic tourism flourished in the country and was instrumental in ensuring that the department was

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restructured so that its programmes focused on growing tourism and its potential.

She particularly leaves a legacy involving township tourism, enabling tourists to visit the townships and ensuring that communities benefit. Beatrice Ngcobo was born in 1943. She held an MA degree in Social Sciences and a Diploma in Advanced Nursing Education from the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

She was an activist for people living with disabilities and for gender equality. To me she was a respected colleague who I had the honour of learning from as we sat in committees together over the years. We also travelled together at times on domestic flights where I had the opportunity of getting to know a little more about this amazing woman and courageous colleague.

The ACDP extends heartfelt condolences to family, friends and comrades. Rest in peace hon Ngcobo; you will be missed.

[Applause.]

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Mr L M NTSHAYISA: Hon Deputy Speaker, co-incidentally the name of my first born is Thembekile, I did not know that she was also Thembekile. However, I just wish that she does not die before me so that she can be in a position to bury me.

On behalf of AIC, I convey our deepest condolences to the family of the late Ms B T. Ngcobo. Cadre Ngcobo is a testament that disability is no barrier to imparting one's skills towards the liberation of a country. She has indeed thrown a gauntlet to the executives, especially in her involvement in the Portfolio Committee on Tourism. We have lost a woman of a unique calibre. This is a loss to the entire nation.

Her ethics, leadership skills, prowess and determination to advance the rights of women and the disabled will go down in the annals of history as the most noble humane traits that have ever visited our nation.

We are, however, not despondent. Her legacy lives on because she loved life; she was not scared to die. Her legacy will indeed inspire hope and confidence, and reminds us of the great country

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she has bequeathed this great nation.

As the chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Tourism, her contribution was palpable in tourism gross domestic product contribution. It is this legacy of selfless love to one's country that her unflinching patriotism will forever be etched at the back of our memories.

Her sheer love for both women and children including the vulnerable and the poor cannot go unnoticed. We shall remember her for her sterling work, commitment, determination and love for her country.

May her soul rest in peace. I thank you.

Dr C Q MADLOPHA: Hon Deputy Speaker, colleagues, Qumbisa and Ngcobo family, the ANC has been extremely shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Comrade Ngcobo, who passed on, on 18 February 2018.

IsiZulu:

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Singumbutho wabantu siphatheke kabi kakhulu ngokudlula emhlabeni kukaMam' uB ...

English:

...who was a true servant of the people of South Africa and a dedicated champion for gender equality.

IsiZulu:

Ubengushampeni lokho kubonakaliswa kakhulu ukuthi esehamba emhlambeni uhambe enza iziqu zobudokotela kwezokulingana ngobulili ngoba efuna ukuqinisa amaxhama okuthi kube khona ukulingana nokuhloniphana ngobulili kukwazi ukuthi kuqatshelwa lapha eNingizimu Afrika.

English:

Her Selfless and unwavering commitment to the struggle for gender equality was strengthened by her appointment by former President Nelson Mandela, in 1997, to be one of those who were to establish the Commission on Gender Equality from scratch. She fought tirelessly to break the disempowering gender divide in

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our society and further contributed her entire life to a fight against racial segregation and class exploitation.

It was difficult to change Sisi B to what she believed in. She never believed that any person should be discriminated because of race, gender or disability.

IsiZulu:

Lokho ukubonisile nangenkathi esebenza lapho khona wabhodwa ngenxa yokuthi usekhubazekile. Waphuma ngaphandle wakha izinhlangano zabantu abakhubazekile. Ezinye izinhlangano azenza zilaphaya Esikhawini lapho aholwa ngubaba uMthembu. Lapho khona babelwisana nokubandlululwa kwabantu abakhubazekile.

English:

As the ANC, Parliament and the people of South Africa, bid farewell to people's servant, Comrade Thembekile B Ngcobo, whose life and contribution to the struggle for political, social and economic emancipation of the black majority and Africans in particular, should always and forever be celebrated. Sisi B pioneered women's struggle and people with disability right. She

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refused to allow people to take decisions on behalf of vulnerable groups in particular people with disability without their involvement. Nothing about us without us, was a key saying, which she always emphasised, which meant no, no to taking decisions on behalf of the vulnerable groups especially the people with disability.

Sisi B despite being disabled she was always positive and optimistic in life as she managed to obtain so many achievements in the education as it has been outlined in this House.

This is a living testimony that living with disability and age does not prevent anyone from furthering his or her studies. Hon. T B Ngcobo joined Parliament in 2004, served in different portfolio committees as it has been outlined; to mention the few health, women and children and was called to rest while she was a chair of the Portfolio Committee on Tourism. She served in all committees with distinction. The leadership we saw in her dates back to early years when she became a prefect in Inanda Seminary School. She was an activist in her own right, representing the rights of the students where she was. She was also involved in

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different sports such athletes, a singer, a talent identifier
15:12 and a person who was a nurturer to other people,
especially the women, people with disability and the young
people.

IsiZulu:

Ussisi B ubengumama osithandayo futhi ohlakaniphile noma eqala
ukubeka inkulumo yakhe bekuthi lalela uyeke okwenzayo. Umama u-B
...

English:

... was always a special woman and completely dedicated to anything she puts her mind to. She was an incredible leader. While the family has lost the daughter, a mother, a grandmother the ANC and the country has lost an incredible leader whose whole life has been dedicated and committed to the service of all the people of South Africa, black and white.

We wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Qumbisa and Ngcobo family and the people of South Africa for the loss of the caring mother, a servant of the people, an epitome

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of morale values, human dignity, respect and revolutionary discipline.

In this difficult time to the family, and to the ANC and the whole country, we must find comfort in knowing that her sacrifice and kind deeds have contributed immensely in the creation of a better life for all our people. A very dedicated and committed servant will be missed by all of us.

Mama Beatrice was a carrying mother; I think Mama Beatrice is coming from the capital streets of this National Assembly where I am coming from, where we were sitting with the colleagues and where Ranto is sitting.

IsiZulu:

Umama uBeatrice bekuthi noma sekufanele ukuthi sesilambile njengoba singayanga kusidlo sasemini athi hlalani phansi. Abe esekhipha oswidi asinikeze sonke laphaya ku-Capital Street of the National Assembly.

English:

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Ranto we will miss uMama uB.

Isizulu:

Ubewubeka umthetho laphaya uMama uBeatrice. Uma ngabe sekufanele ukuthi kuhawulishwe athi: hhayi, uma uhlala kuCapital awubangti umsindo.

English:

You must listen. That is why we were disciplined.

Isizulu:

... kuleya ndawo ebesihlala kuyo ...

English:

... because Mama B was maintaining discipline where were sitting. We will miss Mama B. I think also the other thing Mama B ...

Isizulu:

... bengumhlengikazi ubesihlenga sonke laphaya.

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English:

So, my team from the capital street they said I must put a motion to the Presiding Officers that they must deploy another nurse there. That is why you see Mama Dlomo sitting there because she was the one who was tutoring Mama B.

IsiZulu:

Ngakho ke siyomkhumbula usisi uBeatrice . Uma simkhumbula usisi Beatrice besingajabula ukuthi leliPhalamende laseNingizimu Afrka likwazi ukuthi lithathi isinqumo sokuthi kube nomthetho ozoba emthethweni wokuthi kuzo zonke izinhlaka zomphakathi kube khona ukumeleleka kokulingana njengoba ebeyisishoshovu ye Gender equality. Siyafisa abasihlalelayo laphaya kuKhabinethi kube ukuthi iyasheshiswa leyo nto ukuze kube yindlela esihlonipha ngayo umama uBeatrice ekusebenzeni kwakhe.

English:

A very dedicated and committed servant will be missed by all of us. Sis B, as she was called, will remain a monument in many people's hearts.

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IsiZulu:

Uyohlala njalo eyisikhumbuzo ezinhliziyweni zethu ngokusebenza kwakhe ngokuzikhandla, nangokusebenza kwakhe ezinikele. Ungeze wamuzwa esho umsindo kodwa uma esebe ka iphuzu lakhe ubengahlehli kalula ukuya emuva. Sibonga kakhulu emndenini kamama uBeatrice ngokuthi banikele ngaye ukuthi abe ngumnikelo wokusebenzela u-African National Congress. Abe ngumnukele wokusebenzela isizwe. Sithi kulobu buhlungu enikubona aninodwa.

Sengiphetha umbutho kaKhongolose ufisa ukubonga wonke amaqembu akwazile ukuza la ngaphambili azokhalisana kanye nathi azokhalisana nomndeni. Lokhu kukhombisa kakhulu ukuthi njengamaLungu ePhalamende singumndeni futhi impokophelo yethu yimpokophelo eyodwa yokuthi abantu bakithi bahlale kahle futhi abantu bakithi bahlale ngokuphepha. Sibonga kakhulu ningadinwa nangomuso.

English.

Thank you very much. The ANC is passing its condolences to the family. [Applause.]

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Mr M L W FILTANE: Hon Chair, May I address you on something. I will take less than 30 seconds. I think hon Mantashe will make a good Member of Parliament. He is consulting very extensively and is always absorb reading and consulting. I think we look forward to having . [inaudible.] him as a Member of Parliament.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Out of order, hon member. Hon members the previous speaker concluded the speaker's list on this matter. I take it there are no objections to the motion being adopted. Am I right? No objections agreed to. Will members please rise to observe a moment of silence in memory of Ms B T Ngcobo.

There are presiding officers associate themselves with the motion the condolences of the House will be convey to the Ngcobo family

**TINASHE CHIPAKO WINS THE 2018 SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTION OF CIVIL
ENGINEERING NATIONAL INVESTIGATIVE PROJECT**

(Draft Resolution)

Mr Z S MAKHUBELE: The ANC moves without notice:

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That the House -

- (1) congratulates Tinashe Chipako for winning the 2018 South African Institution of Civil Engineering National Investigative Project Showdown for South African universities;
- (2) notes that he won the competition for his project, which investigated the feasibility of implementing waterless urinals on University of Cape Town, UCT's, upper campus;
- (3) further notes that the competition is described as a showcase of the country's best emerging engineers;
- (4) understands that Chipako was among a quartet of final year students working on urine research projects as part of Dr Dyllon Randall's newly established urine research field in the Department of Civil Engineering;

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(5) realises that the assignments demonstrated the benefits of waterless urinals, not only to save vast quantities of water, but to recover valuable sustainable resources from what is referred to as liquid gold; and

(6) wishes Tinashe Chipako more success in his future endeavours.

Agreed to.

JUDGEMENT GRANTED IN FAVOUR OF ADVOCATE GLYNNIS BREYTENBACH

(Draft Resolution)

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, I hereby move on behalf of the DA without notice:

That the House -

(1) notes and I really hope that Mr John Jeffery is listening, that the judgement was granted in favour of

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Member of Parliament, Advocate Glynnis Breytenbach, on 28 February 2018. [Applause.] The judgement given by Magistrate Brian Nemavhidi of the Pretoria Magistrate Court found that Advocate Glynnis Breytenbach had broken no law and that the charges relating to unauthorised access and changing of her laptop contents while she was still at the National Prosecuting Authority, NPA, had absolutely no basis in law;

- (2) further notes that this judgement is a victory for Advocate Glynnis Breytenbach as it has long been in her position the charges against her without basis in law or fact;
- (3) acknowledges that this judgement is further proof that South Africa's judiciary remains champions of upholding the law and the Republic;
- (4) recognises that there are still thousands of cases in which justice must be seen to done; and

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(5) further commends the hard work about judges, magistrates and other legal professionals that uphold the law of the Republic. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: We object to the motion, because the hon Chief Whip of the Opposition mentioned the Deputy Minister in the motion and the circulated motion that we have doesn't have that name.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, hon members.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Yes, that is the only reason for our objection.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, we can't engage in a debate. There is an objection, so you know what happen. Let us not debate this.

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The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: But Deputy Speaker, it is a point of procedure. I said that before I move the motion. I said these words before I here by move. If that is the case, then I would like to repeat the line that we have negotiated ...
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, no.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: ... condemns the abuse of the criminal justice system ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Steenhuisen, no, it is not acceptable, it falls off.

WATER CRISIS IN KWAZULU-NATAL

(Draft Resolution)

Ms V KETABAHLE: I rise on behalf of the EFF without notice:

That the House -

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- (1) notes the water crisis of Hlobani, Cliffdale, Ngokolwane, kwaMnyathi , Shoba, Coronations and other communities of Vryheid in KwaZulu-Natal;
- (2) further notes that those communities are poor and found in the Abaqulusi municipality;
- (3) acknowledges that the water coming from the taps in these communities is extremely dirty and is not treated or purified;
- (4) further acknowledges that despite this water being dirty, the communities in question have no choice but to drink the dirty water as they cannot afford purified or bottled water;
- (5) recognises the countless health risks that come from dirty water that they are drinking;

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(6) further recognises, that for years the municipality has failed to address this problem despite the community bringing it to their attention over and over again;

(7) resolves that this matter requires the urgent attention of Parliament; and

(8) further resolves that the Portfolio Committee on Water and Sanitation investigate the water crisis in the Abaqulusi municipality.

**CASSPER NYOVEST AND JASON DERULO CREATES A SOUNDTRACK FOR THE
2018 FIFA WORLD CUP CAMPAIGN**

(Draft Resolution)

Ms N R BHENGU: I move on behalf of the ANC without notice:

That the House -

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- (1) welcomes an announcement by Coca-Cola that the multiaward winning artist, Cassper Nyovest, together with a global music superstar Jason Derulo will be creating a sound track for the 2018 FIFA World Cup campaign;

- (2) notes that Nyovest will work with Derulo and other African artists from Tanzania, Ethiopia and Mozambique to create a uniquely African anthem for each of their countries;

- (3) further notes that the song is called Colours, celebrating all the vibrancy and excitement that comes with the world's biggest football tournament;

- (4) understands that Colours will become the sound track that will excite fans across the world in the build-up to the kick-off of the tournament;

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- (5) believes that the FIFA World Cup is a global, cultural and social phenomenon, intrinsically linked to music by the passions they both evoke;
- (6) further believes that this anthem will be well received by fans getting ready for the 2018 FIFA World Cup; and
- (7) thanks Cassper Nyovest for always pushing the boundaries and flying the South African flag high and South Africans are fully behind him.

Agreed to.

**CHARLES SEGAL CONGRATULATED FOR BEING THE MOST RECORDED PIANIST
IN THE GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS**

(Draft Resolution)

Mr N SINGH: I hereby move on behalf of the IFP without notice:

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That the House -

- (1) congratulates South African jazz musician Charles Segal, who holds the record for being the most recorded pianist in the Guinness Book of World Records;
- (2) notes that the Grammy Award-winning pianist and producer became a record holder in March 2017, for recording the most songs in a piano;
- (3) further notes that, based in the United States of America, the 88-year-old jazz pianist has collaborated with a number of musicians such as Tony Bennett, Duke Ellington, Marilyn Monroe and Frank Sinatra; and
- (4) finally, wishes that the elderly Segal continues to compose beautiful musical compositions and continue to inspire young upcoming musicians in South Africa and the world over.

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Agreed to.

MEETING AFRICA CONFERENCE

(Draft Resolution)

Prof N M KHUBISA: I move without notice:

That the House -

- (1) notes the conference called Meeting Africa that met in Johannesburg to discuss and showcase what Africa possesses in arts and crafts and other business opportunities, particularly those promoting women and youth businesses;
- (2) congratulates this African business and entrepreneurial endeavour; and

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- (3) encourages other organisations to emulate this attempt as it helps to encourage, revive, improve, showcase African art, talent and contribute to economic growth.

Agreed to.

UNAIDS ZERO DISCRIMINATION DAY

(Draft Resolution)

Mr Z S MAKHUBELE: The ANC moves without notice:

That the House –

- (1) notes that 1 March is Zero Discrimination Day, an annual worldwide event that promotes diversity and recognises that everyone counts;
- (2) further notes that the United Nations first celebrated Zero Discrimination Day on 1 March 2014, after United Nations Programme on HIV/Aids, Unaids, launched its

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Zero Discrimination Campaign on World AIDS Day in December 2013;

- (3) remembers that the United Nations actively promote the day to celebrate everyone's right to live a full life with dignity regardless of age, gender, sexuality, nationality, ethnicity, skin colour and beliefs;
- (4) further remembers that Zero Discrimination Day is an opportunity to highlight how everyone can be part of the transformation and take a stand for a fair and just society;
- (5) believes that states and individuals have a legal obligation not to discriminate; and
- (6) calls for everyone to join Unaids campaign to speak up and prevent discrimination from standing in the way of achieving ambitions, goals and dreams.

Agreed to.

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HEINRICH ROUSSEAU TRAGIC DEATH

(Draft Resolution)

Mr M L W FILTANE: I move without notice:

That the House -

- (1) notes with sadness the death of Heinrich Rousseau, a 29-year old athlete who played for Booysens Pride Rugby Club;
- (2) further notes that he died after making a tackle on a player of the Missionvale Rugby Club, which went horribly wrong, in Port Elizabeth on 24 February 2018;
- (3) acknowledges that Andile Sebe's paramedics on their way to hospital as well as doctors at Livingstone Hospital tried their best to resuscitate Rousseau, sadly, with no success; and

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- (4) conveys its heartfelt condolences to Heinrich Rousseau's wife; Roslyn, his 14-year old daughter, family, teammates, the Booysens Pride Rugby Club and the rugby fraternity at large.

Agreed to.

JUDGEMENT AGAINST COMPENSATION FUND GRANTED

(Draft Resolution)

Mr M BAGRAIM: Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House -

- (1) notes that judgement was granted against the compensation commissioner of the workmen's Compensation Fund in February this year;

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- (2) the judgment granted by the acting Judge Manamela granted the disabled applicant ... [Inaudible.] the sum of R1,7 million plus interest in March 2017;
- (3) further notes that there are many outstanding cases against the workman's compensation fund who as opposed to continued maladministration on behalf of the fund official;
- (4) takes cognisance of the fact that it took the applicant more than six years with enormous expenses employing attorneys to obtain this fair judgment against the fund;
- (5) acknowledges that the current compensation commissioner Mr Vuyo Mafata, is faced with the unenvied task of undoing almost of 20 years of neglect of some claims against the fund;
- (6) recognise that there are still thousands of cases against the workmen's Compensation Fund which has been languishing for years;

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- (7) further recognizes that the most vulnerable members of our working class have been abused by the workmen's Compensation Fund;
- (8) recognizes that there has been an undertaking by the current leadership to fund that this abuse will be tackled;
- (9) further notes that the Democratic Alliance will keep close watch on the fund; and
- (10) ensure that maladministration will be pointed out and talked on a daily basis.

Motion objected.

EFF HAILS SISTER MOTSHWENI

(Draft Resolution)

Ms N V MENTE: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

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That the House -

- (1) notes that the EFF has declared 2018 as the year of public healthcare;
- (2) further notes that we will not only highlight the collapsed public healthcare system but will also celebrate our nurses, doctors, community healthcare workers and all other workers in the healthcare sector;
- (3) acknowledges Sister Motshweni at Tambo Memorial Hospital Emergency Department in Boksburg, who on Saturday after a family came in following an accident with a three-month old baby, in doing her job she went over and above her duties to carry the restless young baby on her back while attending to the injured mother and other patients;
- (4) recognises that it is such spirited passion and dedication to the job under difficult circumstances which as a nation we must cherish;

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- (5) further celebrates Sister Motshweni and all other health practitioners, supports them and continues to demand that they are better rested and well capacitated;
- (6) realises that it is people like her who understand that nursing is a calling, a sanctified calling, which those that are called must serve; and
- (7) send words of encouragement to her and her colleagues.

Agreed to.

ATHLETE AND OLYMPIC MEDALIST

(Draft Resolution)

Ms P BHENGU-KOMBE: Deputy Speaker, I moved without notice:

That the House -

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- (1) notes the legendary deaf athlete and Olympic medallist, Mr Terence Parkin, has successfully completed her unbelievable challenging 902km of cycling, swimming, running and canoeing on Wednesday 21 February 2018;
- (2) further notes that the 37-year old Parkin completed this incredible test of strength and stamina between Johannesburg and Durban all in support of fundraising for the deaf children to learn how to swim and for the water safety programme;
- (3) understands that Parkin made this a challenge to remember by making it as punishing for himself as possible;
- (4) further understand that he was cycling for 5 days across 723 km on both a mountain and road bike, on steep terrain through the Sani Pass and then swam a further 13km at the Midmar mile as part of the eight

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mile followed by the completion of a 33km run to the start of the Dusi Canoe Marathon;

- (5) recognises that his aim is to help children in South Africa to reach their full potential;
- (6) believes that this commitment will also motivate children with hearing difficulties and other challenges to share in his experience; and
- (7) congratulates him on this wonderful journey and his achievements.

Agreed to.

IRANIAN COMMERCIAL AIRPLANE CRASH IN SEMIROM TEHRAN

(Draft Resolution)

Mr Z S MAKHUBELE: Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

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That the House -

- (1) notes with sadness the passing of 66 people in Iran following a commercial airplane crash on Sunday, 18 February 2018, which killed all in the flight including one child and six crew members;
- (2) understands that the ATR-72, a twin-engine turboprop used for short-haul regional flying, went down near the remote mountain town of Semirom, some 620 kilometres (390 miles) south of the capital, Tehran;
- (3) further understands that the plane was flying from Tehran to the southern Iranian city of Yasuj, some 780 kilometres (485 miles) south of the Iranian capital;
- (4) recalls that under decades of international sanctions, Iran's commercial passenger aircraft fleet has aged with air accidents occurring regularly in recent years;

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- (5) remembers that following the 2015 landmark nuclear deal with world powers, Iran signed deals with both Airbus and Boeing to buy scores of passenger planes;
- (6) believes that due to foggy conditions, rescue helicopters could not reach the crash site in the Zagros Mountains; and
- (7) conveys its condolences to the Islamic Republic of Iran and all families of the deceased.

Agreed to.

CRIME PREVENTION OPERATIONS ARRESTED 20 SUSPECTS FOR NUMEROUS CRIMES

(Draft Resolution)

Ms N R BHENGU: Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House -

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- (1) notes that 20 suspects were busted during crime prevention operations that took place between Monday and Tuesday, 25 and 26 February 2018;
- (2) further notes that the alleged culprits were busted for numerous crimes including malicious damage to property, shoplifting, theft, possession of drugs and robbery;
- (3) understands that the most hideous of the reported crimes involves a 40-year-old man who was nabbed last night for allegedly robbing a 19-year-old teenager of his Huawei P8 Lite cellphone on Monday;
- (4) recognises that all these arrested suspects have appeared in the Pretoria Magistrates Court on Wednesday;
- (5) encourages concerned citizens to report unknown and suspicious persons hanging around or frequenting neighbourhoods to the police; and

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(6) congratulates the police on a job well done.

Agreed to.

FRUSTRATED ARMED EX-COMBATANTS OCCUPY ALOE RIDGE HOUSING COMPLEX

WESTGATE GRANGE

(Draft Resolution)

Mr M R BARA: Hon Deputy Speaker, I moved without notice:

That the House –

- (1) notes that the residents of Pietermaritzburg's flagship housing project, Aloe Ridge in Westgate Grange, are living in fear after heavily armed uMkhonto weSizwe ex-combatants invaded the complex on Monday;
- (2) further notes that close to 200 armed uMkhonto weSizwe, Azanian Peoples Liberation Army and Azanian National Liberation Army took over more than 200 units at the

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complex after overpowering staff and seizing keys on Monday morning;

- (3) acknowledges that on the same afternoon, they then allocated these units amongst themselves. The reason that they advanced is that they took over these units due to the failure of the KwaZulu-Natal provincial government to deliver on its promises to provide them with free houses;
- (4) recognises that the project is designed to help low income groups to access rental accommodation within the city;
- (7) further acknowledges that this is another instance of the ANC government failing to deliver on its promises, the slow delivery on housing for military veterans has resulted in ordinary citizens not getting decent accommodation; and

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- (8) calls on the relevant authorities to take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of the residents and to speed up the delivery of housing.

Agreed to.

TWO MINE WORKERS DIE AT SIBANYE STILLWATER'S KLOOF GAUTENG

(Draft Resolution)

Mr Z S MAKHUBELE: Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House –

- (1) notes with sadness the passing of two mine workers at Sibanye Stillwater's Kloof in Gauteng on Wednesday, 7 February 2018;
- (2) understands that operations have been suspended at the shaft pending an investigation into the incident;

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- (3) believes that the deaths occurred as a result of a seismic event at the mine;
- (4) understands that the death of the two miners was shocking, particularly in light of the incident a week ago when over 950 workers were trapped underground at Sibanye Gold Mine, FreeState;
- (5) calls for more investment into researching new technologies to improve and strengthen health and safety of mineworkers; and
- (6) conveys condolences to the families of deceased mineworkers.

I so move.

Agreed to.

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WARD 14 IN SOWETO EMERGED VICTORIOUS

(Member's Statement)

Xitsonga:

Nkul X MABASA (ANC): Xandla xa Xipikara, tolo hi ti28 ta Nyenyenyani 2018, vaaki va Wadi 14 eProtea, eSoweto, va hlurile eka nhlawulo wo pfala xivandla. [Va phokotela.] Nhlawulo wo pfala xivandla wu vile kona hikokwalaho ka ku hundza emisaveni ka Mukhanselara Jabu Khanyile. Moya wa yena a wu etlele hi ku rhula.

English:

The African National Congress is humbled by the trust, the confidence and the love which the people of Soweto have shown to the ANC in retaining Ward 14. The people have spoken, they are saying that the ANC lives and leads. This shows the continued confidence in the ANC and its programme of fundamental socioeconomic transformation.

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The ANC wishes to thank all the voters who turned out to vote in Ward 14 by-election. As the ANC, we will do everything possible to ensure that the ward of Protea in Johannesburg Municipality delivers much needed services to the community. To my fellow comrades in Johannesburg, comrades have given us clear orders that we continue with our mandate to build a nonracial and nonsexist society. To the newly elected Councillor, Comrade Makapane Mokwena, we hope you are saying "Thuma mina". To the opposition ...

Xitsonga:

... a mi ya kwihi? Vandla ra ANC ri tekile hinkwaswo.

English:

This is a prelude of what is going to happen in 2019 elections. Therefore, you may as well practice how to lose and how to cry.
[Time expired.]

DAMNING ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE INDIAN STATE-OWNED BANK

(Member's Statement)

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Ms N W A MAZZONE (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker, on Tuesday the Organised Crime and Corruption Project released the report which contains damning allegations against the Indian state-owned bank. It found that officials at the bank's South African branch deliberately suppressed employees' reports of questionable Gupta-related transactions so that the regulators would not be made aware of them. Some transactions and deposits lacked required documentation, and where information was provided, it was either inconsistent or incorrect.

There were also millions of back-to-back loans with no legitimate or legal purposes, in what seems to have been an attempt to disguise the origins of the money. Most worryingly is that some of these funds supposedly originated from Eskom and Transnet. The cash flowing through Gupta family accounts was so large that it dominated the transactions of the entire Bank of Baroda branch in Johannesburg. To this end the DA will lay criminal charges of money laundering and corruption against the Bank of Baroda following allegations that the bank deliberately loaded money on behalf of the Gupta family. If these allegations are true, it is a clear violation of the Financial Intelligence

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Centre Act 38 of 2001, which means that there are grounds for criminal charges.

The DA will continue to fight those who directly or indirectly facilitated state capture in both the public and private sector and we will ensure that they are held accountable for all or any wrongdoing. [Applause.]

ASSMANG BEESHOEK MINE CAUSES DISASTER

(Member's Statement)

Mr N M PAULSEN (EFF): Hon Deputy Speaker, I rise before this House today to speak of the disaster's impact mining - at the Assmang Beeshoek Mine in Postmasburg in the Northern Cape - is having on the surrounding communities, while Assmang has become one of the biggest individual exports of iron ore in South Africa. The mining operation has reduced the quality of the air and general environment in Postmasburg. Postmasburg residents suffer from pleural and pneumatic related diseases caused by inhaling the mining dust.

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While destroying the health, the mine also does not benefit the community in any way as those employed at the mine are from outside the province and are often cheap exploited labour. This is despite mining companies being required to submit social and labour plans to explain how the mining activities will benefit the community and create jobs. I therefore call under the Portfolio Committee on Mineral Resources to interrogate the social and labour plan of the Assmang Beeshoek Mine in Postmasburg to determine exactly how the mine is benefiting the community and creating local jobs. The Portfolio Committee on Mineral Resources and Environmental Affairs investigate environmental impact of the mine and the consequences of its operations on the surrounding environment and the people in the community. Thank you very much.

SCHOOLGIRLS EXTORTED FOR SEX IN EXCHANGE FOR PASSING THEIR

SCHOOL YEAR

(Member's Statement)

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Ms N R MOKOTO (ANC): The ANC is deeply disturbed by the allegations in which schoolgirls were extorted for sex in exchange for passing their school year at the Flagstaff Comprehensive High School in the Eastern Cape. We consider these allegations of this nature as very serious. It is alleged that angry parents shut down a school in the wake of this scandal, which left one schoolgirl pregnant. It is believed that six teachers have been accused of demanding sex from schoolgirls, and those who did not give in to their demands were subsequently not successful in passing their school year.

The ANC commends the Department of Basic Education for organising a school-based support task team consisting of: A psychologist, school governing body members and circuit managers to attend to the school and investigate the matter and encourage pupils to speak out. We believe that if the teachers are found responsible they must be punished, not just banned from teaching but be locked up in jail. Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

HIGH PORT CHARGES PUNISHES EXPORT INDUSTRIES

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(Member's Statement)

Mr J A ESTERHUIZEN (IFP): Hon Deputy Speaker, high port charges in respect of the export of the value-added goods compounded by serious inefficiencies and violent port freights logistics are hurting our export industry. The cost of export of value-added tradable goods for some time has been higher than both the cost of export or primary commodities and the import of tradable goods. It is common knowledge that South Africa's port charges are amongst the highest in the world. The regulator recently found tariff for both the port of Durban, for example, to be 874% above the global average in respect of container handling fees.

Not too long ago Transnet Port Authority called for tariff hike to fund its R2,4 billion capital expenditure plan and a further R57 billion to expenditure for terminal. Astronomically high tariff do not force to grow in already struggling economy. What is government intend doing to assist export driven business in South Africa? Thank you.

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THE MISMANAGEMENT OF THEIR PENSION FUNDS

(Member's Statement)

Adv A de W ALBERTS (FF Plus): Deputy Speaker, the FF Plus would like to make Minister Gordhan and Minister Nene aware of a matter that requires their immediate attention. We understand that the Ministers have a daunting task ahead of them to fix their departments. Having said this, we need to focus your attention on a matter of grave importance, from both a financial and a human rights perspective.

You may have heard of the Transnet pensioners court case where Transnet pensioners are claiming the amount of R80 billion for the mismanagement of their pension funds and the nonpayment of historical debt. The claim of R80 billion is now, with interest, more than R100 billion – the largest in our country's history.

Afrikaans:

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Die meriete van die saak is baie sterk en ons glo dit gaan nog sterker word wanneer die Grondwetlike Hof 'n uitspraak lewer oor 'n tegniese beswaar geopper deur Transnet.

English:

I have spoken to Minister Brown about this matter and she indicated that she was looking for funds to settle the matter. I would like to urge you, Ministers, to continue with this endeavor, as these impoverished pensioners are passing away at a rate of 400 persons per month. This makes the matter urgent from a human rights point of view. These people are suffering due to their poor pensions that, in monetary value, will soon be eclipsed by the government Old Age Pension grant.

Afrikaans:

U sal verstaan dat die eis ook 'n geweldige risiko vir die staat skep wanneer die eis slaag sal Transnet en sy aandeelhouers aanspreeklik wees vir 'n bedrag wat die land nie kan bekostig nie. Waar gaan die Tesorier meer as R100 miljard kry?

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We therefore request Ministers Gordhan and Nene to take note of this injustice, to take note of the financial risk to the state and to settle this matter immediately. Thank you.

ARREST OF THE DRIVER'S LICENCE SYNDICATE

(Member's Statement)

Ms N K BILANKULU (ANC): Deputy Speaker, the ANC welcomes the arrest of the driver's licence syndicate. As the ANC, we view corruption as a broad societal problem prevalent in both the public and the private sectors, and it requires the commitment of all citizens in society to eradicate it. Thus, the ANC welcomes the arrests of 14 suspects, aged between 29 and 66. The arrests by the Hawks in the North West on Monday, 19 February 2018 for alleged driver's licence fraud include seven traffic examiners, four driving school owners and three driving school instructors.

The suspects were arrested in Potchefstroom and Mogwase following an investigation, which started in 2017, aimed at

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addressing fraudulent and corrupt activities at traffic stations and driving schools.

The investigations followed various reports about driving school owners allegedly colluding with examiners at testing stations, to issue learner's and driver's licences to undeserving applicants in exchange for a bribe.

The ANC congratulates the investigating team who ensured that corrupt traffic examiners and driving school owners are brought to book. We also commend the members of the public for reporting corruption, and once again appeal to the public to continue to do so. I thank you.

CONCERNS ABOUT THE POSITION OF TRADITIONAL LEADERS

(Member's Statement)

Mr N T GODI (APC): Deputy Speaker, the African People's Convention would like to express its grave concern about the following.

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Firstly, we are concerned about the fact that head men and head women in Umzimkhulu are not paid. After a protracted fight, they started to pay head men and women in KwaZulu-Natal properly in January 2017, but for some very strange, unexplained reasons the head men and women in Umzimkhulu have been excluded. The Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Cogta, district officials just do not want to entertain their grievances.

Secondly, secretaries to amakhosi in KwaZulu-Natal had to march to Cogta in Pietermaritzburg and engage in go-slows. We had to get the Public Service Commission to hear them out, in order for Cogta KwaZulu-Natal to start engaging them seriously on their conditions of employment.

This is not just isolated to KwaZulu-Natal, but in all provinces, traditional leaders are bitterly dissatisfied. They are treated like stepchildren in this democracy – this freedom in the land of their forbearers. All things liberal or Eurocentric take precedence and all things African are, at best,

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tolerated. That is why Africans are a numerical majority, but a cultural minority.

I call on all traditional leaders to rise against this position of subordination, for they have nothing to lose but their position of subservience. I thank you.

CONFISCATION OF 1,6 TONS OF ABALONE

(Member's Statement)

Ms M A MOLEBATSI (ANC): Deputy Speaker, we welcome the news that on Wednesday, 21 February 2018, the Hawks' Eastern Cape Serious Organised Crime members confiscated 1,6 tons of abalone at the Port of Durban, estimated to be worth more than R2,6 million.

The seizure emanates from information received from a similar case, which occurred on 26 January 2018 at the Port Elizabeth Harbour in the Eastern Cape when 8,6 tons of abalone, valued at R18 million was seized.

The ANC believes that, despite arrests in cases of this nature in the past, this is a recurring problem. We commend the South

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African Police for acting swiftly and arresting the suspects. We hope that those involved will be punished and the warning is sent to all smugglers that such criminal activity will not be tolerated.

OFFICIALS SUSPENDED FOR MORE THAN 60 DAYS.

(Member's Statement)

Ms H S BOSHOFF (DA): Deputy Speaker, the Mpumalanga Provincial Government has used over R14 million of the people's money to pay salaries of officials who had been suspended for more than 60 days.

According to the 2016-17 annual report of the Mpumalanga Provincial Government, eight government departments spent a combined total of R14 million on only 91 officials who have been sitting at home doing nothing.

Having officials suspended well over 60 days is a violation of the disciplinary codes and procedure for public service policy

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and the Department of Public Service and Administration, DPSA, guide.

It is concerning that the cost of precautionary suspension has increased from R3,4 million in January 2016 to the R14 million currently. The biggest contributor was the Department of Health at close to R8 million.

Considering the financial crisis, the provincial government needs to eliminate the unnecessary expenditure and run government in a way that benefits our people.

Public Service employees should stick to the disciplinary procedures prescribed in the DPSA guides and ensure that effective systems are in place to prevent protracted suspensions. They should use precautionary suspension only when all other avenues have proven fruitless.

This would not happen if the ANC practiced accountable and accountable governance.

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EFF WORRIED ABOUT APPALLING STATE OF HEALTH CARE IN HOSPITALS

(Member's Statement)

Ms E N NTLANGWINI (EFF): Deputy Speaker, today we stand before this House to announce that the year of public health care has begun. Yesterday, 28 February 2018 the EFF led by the Commander-in-Chief marked the launch of the campaign by marching to 53 hospitals and health care facilities throughout the country handing over a list of demands.

These were not unreasonable as we simply ask government to do what is mandated to do – provide quality health care. Quality health care is a fundamental right and a necessity for this exercise of other rights. The Cubans achieved this with a lot less and have arguably the best health care system in the world.

All that is required by government is commitment, good governance, funding and the desire to help one's people. But what we have today in South Africa, health care is neglected,

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mismanagement, overworked staff, corruption and disregard for the needs of our people.

Our health care system is broken and everyday South Africans suffer because of this. We know that if this campaign is to have any meaningful impact, it will require us to work with doctors, nurses, community health care workers and communities so that we can put a spotlight on issues that the Department of Health and the Minister need to address. We are not going to wait to be in government so as to ensure that government delivers. It is the reason we will push for service delivery and quality health care. I thank you.

HISTORY TO BE REWRITTEN ABOUT TWO LOCAL HEROES

(Member's Statement)

Ms L N MJOBO (ANC): The ANC commends the Harry Gwala District Municipality on their commitment to rewrite history about two local heroes Dr Margaret Mncadi and Alan Paton, who made major contributions in the struggle against apartheid. We understand

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that two major prizes in the annual Harry Gwala district marathon will be named after them. Margaret Mncadi from Umzimkhulu led a group of defiant women to flatten cattle dip tanks around the area to prevent further livestock deaths caused by poisoned water which was the attempt by the apartheid government to force black men to sell their labour to white men's farms.

Paton is author of the internationally acclaimed novel, "Cry The Beloved Country" set in the lush valleys of Ixopo. The top prizes for the female and male categories will be named after the two. This announcement was made during the media launch of the fourth edition of the Harry Gwala Marathon, in Umzimkhulu on Wednesday 21 February 2018. Mncadi and Paton played crucial roles in the fight against the system with Paton telling international communities about the story of a poor youth suffering at the hands of apartheid masters. This year's marathon will take place on 4 March 2018. I thank you.

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(Member's Statement)

Mr M P SIBANDE (ANC): House Chair, the ANC is concerned of the recent taxi violence at Langa township, which claimed the lives of three people with nine others wounded recently. We learned that the conflict resulted from the Athlone taxi route causing tension between the Langa-Athlone group and Langa-Township group. We are pleased that a suspect is arrested in relation to the murders by a specialised Task Team who had been assigned to the case.

The ANC calls upon the taxi operators, Taxi Associations and taxi owners to find ways to resolve their disputes without resorting to violence. We are concerned about the innocent commuters and bystanders who might be caught in the crossfire. Many citizens depend on the use of taxis to get to work and school. If this problem recurs, many workers will be forced to stay at home, losing income, which will in turn negatively impact on the lives of their families. Taxi bosses and all the stakeholders involved must urgently find ways to communicate constructively to find solutions to their problems.

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Setswana

Ke a go leboga Motlotlegi Motlatsha Mmusakgotla.

LEPHALALE MAYOR TO BE SUBJECTED TO LIFESTYLE AUDIT

(Member's Statement)

Ms D VAN DER WALT (DA): Last week President Ramaphosa announced in this House that the lifestyle audits will be done on all Members of the Executive. I proposed that he starts with the Mayors and Municipal Managers in the Waterberg District of Limpopo, specifically, with the Mayor of Lephalale, Jack Maeko. He is under the impression that he owns Transnet and Medupe. He completely ignores democratically elected Ward Councillors and prescribe procedures when opportunities are created from which communities can benefit.

Recently, Transnet announced project in Ward 3. Firstly, they did not do a presentation to the Lephalale Council and no Standard Operating Procedure, SOP, was signed. Then the ANC

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Mayor instructs that all Curriculum Vitae, CVs, of applicants be submitted to him and all interviews be held in his office.

Investigations need to be done to verify whether this Mayor has any legal power to interfere with recruitment of contractors working at this national key point of Medupe and whether he has any right to determine who should be retrenched and who should not when about 3000 workers will be retrenched this month.

R18 MILLION DRUG BUST AT OR TAMBO AIRPORT

(Member's Statement)

MS R C ADAMS (ANC): The ANC seriously notes the growing syndicate networks of drug trafficking and abuse crimes in their reach and sophistication across national boundaries. We therefore commend the customs officials of the SA Revenue Service, Sars, for using also sophisticated technology to stamp out drug trafficking. This became evident when Sars customs officials confiscated two large shipments of crystal meth at O R Tambo International Airport worth over R18 million. Sars customs

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HIGH PORT CHARGES PUNISHES EXPORT INDUSTRIES

(Minister's Response)

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY: Deputy Speaker, on the hon Esterhuizen's point about port tariffs, let me just assure him as he probably ought to know: This has been an ongoing matter of concern for us in terms of our industrial policy. Our port tariffs have been incorrectly structured so that there is more

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of an incentive for the export of primary products and imports as opposed to value-added products.

We have however over the years been interacting with the port regulator as well as with the Transnet National Ports Authority. Tariffs are applied for by the port authority and agreed to or not agreed to by the regulator. I think on a number of occasions we won a few cases. On a number of other occasions we haven't achieved exactly what we want.

So, I think we can say it is a work in progress. I am hoping that the new team in charge of Public Enterprises will also address this matter because having a structure of tariffs in ports as well as other administrative prices is a key tool to ensuring that we have a more effective industrial policy. That's our objective; that what we have been pushing for years. I think that the circumstances might be more favourable for us to make a bigger breakthrough in the future. Thank you very much.

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(Minister's Response)

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Deputy Speaker, I just want to say that the concern about the cost incurred on suspended officials is welcome. We are all concerned about that in as much as we are interested in having more people employed. It must be a concern when there are people that are in positions and they are paid for not doing their task, whether it is in the public sector or the private sector.

That is the reason why the President has committed in us building capacity within the state and ensuring that the capacity of the state is strengthened, its professional nature is maintained, and that recruitment is done correctly. Thus, so that you don't incur challenges into the future where you have to suspend somebody because he doesn't do his job and there is no system to actually monitor as to whether they are doing their jobs or not. Thank you.

ASSMANG BEESHOEK MINE CAUSES DISASTER

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(Minister's Response)

The MINISTER OF MINERAL RESOURCES: The question on associated manganese in the Northern Cape, the pollution of water and the environment is adding to the list of issues that we'll still go into, adding to optimum and so forth. There are quite a number of them. We will attend to it and we will come back and report to the House. [Applause.]

INVASION BY MILITARY VETERANS

(Minister's Response)

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Deputy Speaker, I want to thank the member who raised the invasion by military veterans. I have just one day being a Minister. I will investigate and come back. Thank you.

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(Minister's Response)

The MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION: Deputy Speaker, I think we would all welcome the attention to the provision of quality health care as the EFF has asserted, but we recognise the efforts and strides that have been by the ANC-led government to provide quality health care to the people of South Africa. We record the milestones that have been made since the advent of democracy in public health care provision in South African. Any efforts to add to the progress that our country has recorded are of course welcome efforts.

With respect to recognition of heroes in our country, I think the steps taken by Harry Gwala District Municipality are absolutely important. They are part of the process of entrenching social cohesion in our country and ensuring that all those who made a contribution to shaping the character of South

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Africa, and to advancing justice and human rights, are recognised.

Finally, we all uproar crime! Particularly, taxi violence in our communities is not only a threat to those who run taxi services, but also to ordinary commuters. So, all of us would call on the security services to ensure that greater protection is provided to communities to ensure that they are not victims of violence and crime. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, may I address you in terms of Rule 91(4) of the Constitution of the Republic? I think that the hon Pandor would make an exceptional leader of government business and I wondered who we could lobby in this regard. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

NOTICES OF MOTION

Xitsonga:

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Mr X MABASA: Xandla xa Xipikara, hi ku yimela vandla ra ANC ndzi tivisa leswaku eka siku ra ntshamo leri landzelaka ndzi susumeta:

Leswaku Yindlu yi va na njhekanjhekisano hi...

English:

...an integrated approach to address substance and alcohol abuse as substance and alcohol abuse is destroying the nation. [Applause.]

Xitsonga:

Ndza khensa.

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Deputy Speaker, I am grateful that hon Pandor is here in the House.

Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the DA:

That the House –

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- (1) debates the challenge posed by the limited options that are currently available to the more than 60% of learners that leave the school system without a matric certificate and to afterwards resume their studies up to Matric Senior Certificate level; and
- (2) also debate the possibility to fast-track the roll out of the National Senior Certificate for Adults as a possible solution. I thank you.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the EFF:

That the House debates the decriminalisation of cannabis for industrial application.

Ms N K BILANKULU: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

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That the House debates sustainable forest management and its contribution to sustainable development, poverty eradication and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals. I thank you. [Applause.]

Mr J A ESTERHUIZEN: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the IFP:

That the House debates the steadily escalating theft of electric cable in South Africa which now cost this country over R4,5 billion per annum, that is more than R4 000 million per annum and the measures that can be put in place by local and provincial governments to address those impediments to infrastructure development which is very critical to the country's economic growth.

IsiZulu:

Mnu S C MNCWABE: Sekela Somlomo ngokuhlala kwaleNdlu okulandelako ngiyo phakamisa egameni le-NFP:

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Ukuthi leNdlu ikhulumo kabanzi ngokusebenziswa
kwezidakamizwa nobugebengu obudlangile ezikoleni zethu,
kwimfundu esemazingeni aphansi.

Ms M A MOLEBATSI: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House debates empowering vulnerable groups through social development programmes. [Applause.]

Ms C N MAJEKE: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the UDM:

That the House debates the manner in which border control exercises its diplomacy at all borders especially Swaziland.

Ms D KOHLER: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the DA:

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That the House debates the continued slaughter of our rhinos by poachers crossing our borders illegally, with purported links to politicians and even police members, and how the SA police Service, SAPS, could best deal with this critical situation that threatens this heavily endangered species. [Applause.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the EFF:

That the House debates the responsibility of the state in providing free, quality, health care to all South Africans.

Dr C Q MADLOPHA: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House debates the data breach involving the personal details of an estimated 33 million South Africans and thus compromising their privacy and safety, its impact on identity theft and other criminal activities.

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Ms R C ADAMS: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House debates encouraging community participation in parole boards and corrections, rehabilitation and reintegration initiatives. I thank you. [Applause.]

Ms N R MOKOTO: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House debates dealing with sexual harassment, bullying and violence at public schools. Thank you.
[Applause.]

Ms C V KING: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the DA:

That the House debates the readiness of South Africa to incorporate the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

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Setswana:

Mr S G MMUSI: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House –

eganetsane ka kotsi yabo rhwene rhwene jwa godirisa
mafarathlathla adi komputa go utswa tshedimosetso yaditheo
tsedingwe.

The House adjourned at 16:17.