

PARLIAMENT OF ZIMBABWE

Tuesday, 2nd February, 2021

The National Assembly met at a Quarter-past Two O'clock p.m.

PRAYERS

(THE HON. SPEAKER *in the Chair*)

THE HON. SPEAKER: I thank you Hon. Members who have come to this short sitting under the circumstances that are prevailing in our country and throughout the world, in terms of the deadly pandemic that is causing loss of lives each day throughout the world. On that score, I would like to thank Members of Parliament who decided that we have a Special Prayer the whole of yesterday and we should continue beyond yesterday so that the Almighty can give us the necessary scientific knowledge and abundance of resources to be able to conquer this deadly virus.

I am happy that in general, Hon. Members have tried to stick to the World Health Organisation Protocols and Regulations that have been promulgated by the Head of State and Government, Hon. Dr. E. D. Mnangagwa. I am also happy that Members of Parliament have been

interfacing with members of the community, to spread the message of adhering to these regulations. I am aware quite a number have been affected, but fortunately they are now over the hump recuperating. We pray that the Almighty God will continue to protect us, the nation and the Planet as a whole to ensure that the number of those that succumb is reduced dramatically.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. SPEAKER

DEATHS OF HON. DR. ARCH. MATIZA, HON. SEN. DR. GWARADZIMBA AND HON. RETIRED LT. GEN. SEN. SIBUSISO B. MOYO

THE HON. SPEAKER: It is with profound sorrow that I have to inform the House officially, of the death on Friday 22nd January, 2021 of the Member of Parliament for Murehwa South Constituency and Minister of Transport and Infrastructural Development, Hon. Dr. Joel Biggie Matiza and the colleagues in the Senate, Hon. Sen. Dr. Gwaradzimba, Hon. Sen. Dr. Sibusiso Moyo who also succumbed to the disease more or less at the same time.

I now invite Hon. Members here present to rise and observe a minute of silence in respect of the late Hon. Minister and the departed colleagues.

All Hon. Members observed a minute of silence.

RESIGNATION OF HON. I. GONESE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON
STANDING RULES AND ORDERS

HON. SPEAKER: I have to inform the House of the resignation of Hon. I. Gonese from the Committee on Standing Rules and Orders. Section 151 (7) of the Constitution provides that, “Whenever a vacancy occurs in the Committee on Standing Rules and Orders, a Member must be elected or appointed, as the case may be, as soon as possible to fill the vacancy”.

Accordingly, the MDC-T has nominated Hon. Sen. D. T. Mwonzora to fill the vacancy. The nomination complies with Section 151 (1) of the Constitution and Hon. Sen. Mwonzora is duly a Member of the Standing Rules and Orders.

*On the motion of **HON. TOGAREPI**, seconded by **HON.***

***MPARIWA** the House adjourned at Twenty Six Minutes past Two
o'clock p.m. to Tuesday, 16th February, 2021.*