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NORTH WEST PROVINCE****TUESDAY: 26 FEBRUARY 2008****11H00****HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Honourable Members, we will now observe a moment of silent prayer and meditation. You may get seated. Next item.

**SECRETARY: ITEM NO 2:
MINUTES OF THE 21st FEBRUARY 2008****HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Honourable Members, I put before you a set of minutes of the previous Sitting for the adoption, minutes of the 21st February 2008. Are there any corrections from the minutes? In the absence of corrections, does the House adopt the minutes? Next item.

**SECRETARY: ITEM NO.3
MOTIONS**

- a) Motions without notice
- b) Notices of motions

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Mangqo, followed by Honourable Mahlangu, followed by Honourable Mampane.

HON. MEC MANGQO:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. The African National Congress moves without notice that the House needs to note that in our province we have been plagued by incidents of violence against children and women recently.

The first amongst these inhuman incidents relate to 3 year old Boitumelo Maripane whose body was found near her village of Majakaneng in the vicinity of Brits. Boitumelo went missing for about nine days before being found dead, wrapped in a plastic bag in an abandoned nearby farm. It is suspected Honourable Deputy Speaker, that her 43 year old grandfather was behind the abduction and the killing.

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Honourable Deputy Speaker, it is also alleged that he attempted to murder Boitumelo's grandmother, who was also found with stabbed wounds in the bush. The said grandfather has been arrested.

In another episode of this kind, the police retrieved the body of a 10 year old girl Ongezwa Mzamo, from the Hex River at Kroondal on Friday the 22nd of February 2008. It is reported that Ongezwa went missing two weeks ago after she was sent to a spaza shop by her father. Her body was found by women who went to wash their clothes in the river.

The police do not know how she died because her body was found decomposed. Her corpse was taken Honourable Deputy Speaker, to a government mortuary where a postmortem will be performed. We convey our condolences to the bereaved families and condemn in the strongest words these heinous incidents of crime. Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker.

HON. MAHLANGU:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. The ANC rise to place

a motion without notice to condemn the violence in our schools. We are very much concerned about the escalating rate of school violence in our province and it has claimed the life of Karabo Lephadi, a 16 year old Grade 10 pupil at Wonderfontein High School in Carletonville.

What is more baffling is that the murder weapon which was used to assault the pupil was a rugby ball. He was attacked on the school's rugby field during practice and was subsequently admitted to the Lenmed Clinic in Lenasia and he died two days later.

The ANC condemns the violence in our schools and strongly support the initiative of the Pledge to all our schools, which we believe will bring sanity and respect amongst pupils and their responsibility towards their education. I thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker.

HON. MAMPANE:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. The ANC move to place a motion without notice before your august House to join Africa's family in mourning the death of Dinkwetse Africa, a

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sister to MEC Darkey Africa. She passed away on Sunday evening on the 24th February 2008 after a long illness and will be buried on Saturday 1st of March 2008 at 7am in Huhudi.

The ANC extends its warmth to her loved ones, particularly her family. Dinkwetse will be deeply missed by her beloved family and friends, particularly those in Huhudi. May her sole rest in peace. I thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Honourable Baloyi.

HON. BALOYI:
Thanks Honourable Deputy Speaker. The ANC rises to place a motion without notice to the House. We note that 76 year old Raul Castro was unanimously selected on Sunday 24 February 2008 by the Cuban National Assembly to succeed the indomitable Fidel Castro as the commander in chief and President of Cuba.

Deputy Speaker, Raul Castro was the longest serving defence minister in the world. He joined Cuban Revolutionary Movement and it was Raul who met Ernesto "Che" Guevara in

Mexico City in 1955 and brought him into Fidel's circle of revolutionaries. He was married Vilma Espin, the revolutionary and aristocratic daughter of a wealthy rum distiller and had four children.

Deputy Speaker, since 31 July 2006, Fidel Castro provisionally handed over the reigns of Raul Castro while he underwent and recovered from intestinal surgery to repair gastrointestinal bleeding.

We call upon all democrats as said by Venezuelan President Hugo Chaves: "Let us applaud Raul Castro who is a comrade, a companion, a more than a brother to Fidel Castro."

We convey our well wishes and camaraderie to Raul and Fidel Castro, as well as the people of Cuba. Venceremos. I thank you Deputy Speaker.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Any other motion? Honourable Hattingh.

HON. HATTINGH:
Honourable Deputy Speaker, the DA also wishes that this House conveys its sympathy to the Lephadi family after the death of

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15 year old Karabo who attended school in Carletonville. Karabo was injured during a rugby practice on the grounds of Hoërskool Wonderfontein and we await the investigation of the SAPS in this matter.

We also wishes that this House conveys its sympathy to Karabo's father, Samuel Lephadi and the family. Samuel Lephadi is a senior magistrate in Fochville.

Secondly the DA moves that this House registers its concern about the latest farm attack which happened at Boskop near Potchefstroom where the Hardiman family was assaulted, tortured and abused. The family was severely traumatized. This happened in an area in which farm attacks did not occur during the period when the commando system was operational.

The DA moves further that rural security in this area should be stepped up to fill the vacuum left by the disbanding of the commando system. I thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Does the House adopt the motions as tabled?

HON. HATTINGH:

Honourable Deputy Speaker, I wish to indicate that I have got serious objections to the motion put forward by Honourable Dodo Baloyi, in that he referred to a vicious dictator who has caused suffering to millions of people and I wish that it be put on the agenda for a formal motion. So we would like to oppose that motion. I thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Baloyi?

HON. BALOYI:

Deputy Speaker, it is fine. I am requesting that the motion without notice be converted to a motion with notice for debate.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Be converted into notice of motion. Next item.

**SECRETARY: ITEM NO. 4,
INTERPELLATIONS AND
QUESTIONS**

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

There are 7 questions on the Question Paper. Honourable Members would recall that in the last Sitting I requested that Question 1 on the Question Paper be rephrased so that it is

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specific, and just to recall, that I made ruling in this regard on this question, and that ruling stands. Any person responding to the question?

HON. HATTINGH:

Honourable Deputy Speaker, I recall that you made a request. May I then also perhaps be informed of your ruling on the issue on Question 1.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

My ruling on Question 1 was and still is, the question is too general, is not specific, and therefore the Premier would be expected to provide a general answer to that question, unless otherwise the question is rephrased to indicate specific position that the question is referring to, because as it stands it does not indicate the level of position the question is intending to address, and I can see that Honourable Premier is not here to respond to that question. We proceed to Question 2. Honourable Thibedi?

HON. MEC THIBEDI:

Honourable Deputy Speaker just for the record, the Premier indicated to myself and the Chief

Whip that the question will be responded to next week. Thank you.

HON. HATTINGH:

Honourable Deputy Speaker, my recollection, and it is not minuted otherwise, and certain not as a ruling, is that I was requested and I agreed to interact with the Premier to rephrase the question. You then indicated that it is still a question of the House. So the Premier, there was interaction between myself and the Premier and as you have heard the Premier will respond to the rephrased question which was as per agreement, myself, you and the Premier as was agreed upon. I will solely not submit the question because that was not your ruling.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

You see, it would be proper Honourable Hattingh, that the rephrased question is forwarded to the Office of the Speaker because the response of the Premier will be to a rephrased question, but the question that we have now on the Question Paper is not the rephrased one.

HON. HATTINGH:

Honourable Deputy Speaker,

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now that I have heard your request I will certainly comply. Thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

A respond to Question 2?

HON. MEC SERFONTEIN:

Deputy Speaker, it will be answered in the next Sitting.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Anybody standing in for Honourable Vilakazi? Question 4?

HON. MEC THIBEDI:

Question 4 Deputy Speaker, question directed to the MEC responsible for Health is tabled. I am informed that copies are already being circulated in the House.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Question 5.

HON. MEC THIBEDI:

Question directed to the MEC responsible for Education, Moruti O.J. Tselapedi. The response is tabled before your House.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Question 6?

HON. MEC SERFONTEIN:

Deputy Speaker I table it and it is already distributed to the Members.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Distributed and tabled. Question 7, question of Honourable Groenewald to the Member of Executive Council for Education.

HON. MEC THIBEDI:

Le yona ke tla e baya fa lebat-ing Motlatsa Mmusakgotla.

SECRETARY: ITEM NO. 5, STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members, is there any statement? Honourable Groenewald?

HON. GROENEWALD:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. The DA is very worried about the violence in some of the communities in the North West Province. The outbreak of the continuing misbehavior of people who are not satisfied with the service in the province is not good for the moral of the people of the North West Province.

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The latest revolt at Tshing near-by Ventersdorp should be taken seriously by the Legislature, and especially by the Department of Local Government. The province cannot afford this kind of service delivery by municipalities and government should address the MEC and his Department of Local Government very seriously. I thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Next item.

SECRETARY: ITEM NO. 6, ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PREMIER**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Next item.

SECRETARY: ITEM NO. 7, ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Next item.

SECRETARY: ITEM NO. 8, TABLING OF REPORTS AND PAPERS**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Honourable Members, let me now invite the MEC for Finance,

Honourable Modiselle to table the progress report on performance of municipalities.

HON. MEC MODISELLE:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. I rise to table the consolidated statement on the performance of municipalities in the province for the 2nd quarter ending the 31st of December 2007 as prescribed in terms of the MFMA 2003, Section 71(7) and copies for circulation have been made available. I thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members, this report is referred to the Portfolio Committee on Finance, Economic Development and Tourism. Next item.

SECRETARY: ITEM NO. 9, PROCEEDINGS ON BILLS: NCOP BUSINESS**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Honourable Members, the Office of the Speaker received the following NCOP Bills, which I now table.

(a) The Appropriation Bill [B3 2008]

(b) Division of Revenue Bill [B4

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2008].

These Bills stands referred to Finance, Economic Development Tourism Portfolio Committee.

Honourable Members, I now take this opportunity to invite the Chief Whip of the majority party to announce the name of special delegation to the Joint Sitting of the 28th of February 2008 in Cape Town, in terms of Rule 112.

HON. CHIEF WHIP:

Mr Speaker, the Speaker of the National Assembly in conjunction with the Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces have convened a Joint Sitting on Thursday, which will be addressed by His Excellency the Prime Minister of France, Honourable Nicolas Sarkozy, in line with the Rules of this House, together with relevant individuals who have come to a determination that Honourable Groenewald together with Honourable Mosetsanagape Mokomele-Mothibi will attend

that Sitting on behalf of the North West Provincial Legislature. I thank you very much.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members, I wish to draw your attention about a concern raised yesterday in a working committee regarding long outstanding business on the Order Paper. MECs, Chairpersons of affected Portfolio Committees are urged to dispose of all outstanding business before the budget cycle of 2008/009. The announcement is reminded to all Members that the NCOP will be visiting the North West Province from the 10th to the 14th of March 2008. Tlokwe Municipality has been identified as the hosting municipality and arrangements are at an advanced stage.

Honourable Members, this brings us to the end of today's Sitting. The House is adjourned until Tuesday the 4th of March 2008 at 10h00.

THE HOUSE IS ADJOURNED