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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 12 December, 2012

1. The House met at 11.43 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 11 December, 2012.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcement:**

(*ii*) ***Bereavement*:**
Mr Speaker read a communication, from Hon. Akinloye Hazeez Babatunde (*Eti-Osa Federal Constituency*) announcing the demise of his mother on Tuesday, 4 December, 2012.

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

(*ii*) ***Amendment to the Standing Orders of the House*:**
Mr Speaker announced that Members who are willing to propose amendments to the Standing Orders, should submit their proposals to the Committee on Rules and Business for consideration.

4. **Petitions:**
The following petitions were presented and laid by:

(*i*) Hon. Zakari Mohammed (*Baruten/Kaima Federal Constituency*) on behalf of Jubril Usman, praying the House to redress the denial of his reinstatement by the State Security Services;

(*ii*) Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki (*Dala Federal Constituency*) on behalf of Auwalu Muhammed Kaigama, seeking the intervention of the House in his suspension by the Bayero University, Kano, with a view to granting the prayers therein;

(*iii*) Hon. Mohammed Sani Idris Kutigi (*Lavun/Edati/Mokwa Federal Constituency*) on behalf of Aliyu Alhasan, praying the House to investigate his removal from service by the National Cereals Research Institute, Badeggi, with a view to reinstating him;

(*iv*) Hon. Innocent Z. Tirsel (*Mikang/Qua'an/Pan Federal Constituency*) on behalf of Stephen Dilpe, praying the House to intervene in the refusal by the Nigerian Army to pay his retirement benefits.

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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5. Presentation of Bills:
The following Bills were presented and read the *First Time*:

(*i*) Nigerian Institute of Translators and Interpreters Bill, 2012 (HB. 290).

(*ii*) National Research and Development Council (Establishment) Bill, 2012 (HB. 378).

(*iii*) Commercialization of Research Products Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2012 (HB. 363).

(*iv*) Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2012 (HB. 382).

(*v*) Industrial Training Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2012 (HB. 354).

(*vi*) Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2012 (HB. 356).

6. Presentation of Reports:

(*i*) *Committee on Interior*:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Interior on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Prisons Act, Cap. P29 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and to Make Comprehensive Provisions for the Administration of Prisons in Nigeria; and for Related Purposes" (*Hon. Umar Bature — Sokoto North/Sokoto South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(*ii*) *Committees on Interior, Police Affairs and Justice*:
Motion made and Question proposed, " That this House do receive the Report of the Committees on Interior, Police Affairs and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of a National Convict and Criminal Records Registry and for Other Matters Connected Therewith" (*Hon. Umar Bature — Sokoto North/Sokoto South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(*iii*) *Committees on Interior and Justice*:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committees on Interior and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for and Regulate Community Service for Offenders in certain cases and to Provide for Related Matters" (HB. 29)" (*Hon. Umar Bature — Sokoto North/Sokoto South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

7. Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly:
***Police Act* (*Amendment*) *Bill*, 2012:**

Order read; by leave of the House, deferred.

8. Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly:
(*Discrimination of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS* (*Prohibition*) *Bill*, 2012):

Order read; by leave of the House, deferred.

9. **Deplorable Condition of the Ewossa-Ekpon Axis of the Uromi-Agbor Road in Igueben Local Government Area of Edo State:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the frequent vehicular movement along Uromi-Agbor Road in Edo and Delta States;

Aware that the Uromi-Agbor road is an exit route for commuters from the Northern part to the Eastern part of the country;

Further aware that the Edo State House of Assembly had on 24 September, 2012 passed a Resolution on the same deplorable condition of the road and requested the National Assembly to in similar Resolution urge the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA), to rehabilitate the failed portions of the road;

Concerned that the bad portions result in undue delays, damages and loss of man hours and thus negatively affecting the National economy;

Further concerned that the volume of traffic on the road will increase in this yuletide period;

Desirous of the need to address the hazards posed to commuters plying this road and residents along the road.

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to rehabilitate the failed portions of the Uromi-Agbor Road by the Ewossa-Ekpon Axis (*Hon. Friday Itulah — Esan North East/South East Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Resolution referred to the Committee on FERMA pursuant to Standing Order VIII, Rule 51 (5) (**HR. 199/2012**).

10. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Economics Intelligence Committee (Establishment, etc.) Act, Cap. N31 LFN, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 386) — *Second Reading*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Economics Intelligence Committee (Establishment, etc.) Act, Cap. N31 LFN, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 386) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

Debate:

Question that the Bill be now read a Second time, put and agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Justice.

11. **A Bill for a Supplementary Provision to the Appropriation Act, 2012 to Authorize the Issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total additional sum of ₦161,617,864,911 (One Hundred and Sixty-One Billion, Six Hundred and Seventeen Million, Three Hundred and Sixty-Four Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eleven Naira) only to provide for a Supplemental Subsidy Provision for the rest of 2012 (HB. 423) — *Second Reading*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for a Supplementary Provision to the Appropriation Act, 2012 to Authorize the Issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total additional sum of ₦161,617,864,911 (One Hundred and Sixty-One Billion, Six Hundred and Seventeen Million, Three Hundred and Sixty-Four Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eleven Naira) only to provide for a Supplemental Subsidy Provision for the rest of 2012 (HB. 423) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

Debate:

Debate adjourned.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Institute for Labour Studies Act, 1990, Cap. 261 LFN and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 302) — *Second Reading*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Institute for Labour Studies Act, 1990, Cap. 261 LFN and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 302) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Abubakar Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question that the Bill be now read a Second time, put and agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory College of Agriculture and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 307) — *Second Reading*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory College of Agriculture and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 307) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Emmanuel Jime — Makurdi/Guma Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question that the Bill be now read a Second time, put and agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Federal Capital Territory.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the Review of Penalties in the Acts or Other Enactment by a Person or Authority responsible for enforcing the Penalties and Other Related Matters (HB. 369) — *Second Reading*:**

Order read; by leave of the House, deferred.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Medical Professional Indemnity, to Establish the Medical Negligence Complaints Committee, Repeal Section 45 of the National Health Insurance Scheme Decree No. 35 of 1999 and for Matters Connected Thereto (HB. 248) — *Second Reading*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Medical Professional Indemnity, to Establish the Medical Negligence Complaints Committee, Repeal Section 45 of the National Health Insurance Scheme Decree No. 35 of 1999 and for Matters Connected Thereto (HB. 248) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Robinson Edet Uwak — Oron/Mbo/Okobo/Udung Uko/Urue Offong/Oruko Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question that the Bill be now read a Second time, put and agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Health.

17. **Consideration of Report:**
A Bill for an Act to Amend the Court of Appeal Act, 2005 to Increase the Number of Justices of the Court of Appeal from 70 to 90 and for Related Matters (HB. 266) — (*Committee of the Whole*)" (*Hon. Albert T. Sam-Tsokwa - Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into Committee of the Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE COURT OF APPEAL ACT, 2005 TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF JUSTICES OF THE COURT OF APPEAL FROM 70 TO 90 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Clause 1: **Amendment of Court of Appeal Act No. 23 of 2005.**
The Court of Appeal Act 2005 (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Act") is hereby amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

Question that Clause 1 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 2: **Amendment of Section 1.**
Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the existing section with the following new Section:

The number of Justices of the Court of Appeal, excluding the President, shall not be less than ninety" (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

Question that Clause 2 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 3: **Short Title.**
This Bill may be cited as the Court of Appeal Act (Amendment) Bill, 2012 (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

Question that Clause 1 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Long Title:
A Bill for an Act to Amend the Court of Appeal Act, 2005 to Increase the Number of Justices of the Court of Appeal from 70 to 90 and for Related Matters (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

Question that the Long Title stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Court of Appeal Act, 2005 to Increase the Number of Justices of the Court of Appeal from 70 to 90 and for Related Matters (HB. 266) and approved Clauses 1 - 3 and the Long Title.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole, put and agreed to.

18. **Adjournment:**
That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 13 *December*, 2012 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Leo Ogor — Deputy House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.40 *p.m.*

Aminu Waziri Tambuwal
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 11 December, 2012, page 387, item No. 9's Referral Order, immediately after the words "Petroleum Resources (Upstream)", *insert* the words "and Environment".