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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 27 February, 2013

1. The House met at 11.28 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, 26 February, 2013.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcement:**

(*i*) ***Visitors in the Gallery*:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:

(*a*) Staff and Students of Henry Alex-Duduyemi Memorial College, Ile-Ife, Osun State;

(*b*) Staff and Students of Pentecostal Nursery and Primary Academy, Madalla, Niger State.

(*ii*) ***Bereavement*:**
Mr Speaker read a communication, from:

(*a*) Hon. Aminu Hamman Tukur Ribadu (*Fufore/Song Federal Constituency*) announcing the death of his wife, Hajia Zainab Aminu Hamman-Tukur, on Monday, 25 February, 2013 after a brief illness, and had been buried according to Islamic rites;

(*b*) Hon. Samuel Segun Williams (*Abeokuta South Federal Constituency*) announcing the death of his mother on Tuesday, 26 February, 2013.

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

(*iii*) ***Appropriation Act*, 2013:**
Mr Speaker informed Members that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria had assented to the Appropriations Bill, 2013, on Tuesday, 26 February, 2013, and that Mr President had indicated that an Amendment Bill to the Act would soon be forwarded to the House. Mr Speaker stressed the need to treat the Bill expeditiously whenever it is presented. He thanked Members for their diligent efforts and patience during the budget process.

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

(*i*) Hon. Hassan Saleh (*Ado/Ogbadibo/Okpokwu Federal Constituency*) on behalf of:

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(*a*) The National Association of Scrap and Waste Dealers Employers of Nigeria, praying the House to investigate the process of the advertised call for tenders for the sale of scrap metals by the Nigerian Railway Corporation, with a view to protecting the interest of its members;

(*b*) Frederick Onoja, praying the House to intervene in the non-payment of his terminal benefits by the State Security Service (SSS), with a view to ensuring his payment;

(*ii*) Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu (*Aniocha North/Aniocha South/Oshimili North/Oshimili South Federal Constituency*) on behalf of Oteka Rita Nkemakonam, praying the House to redress the unlawful termination of her appointment by Global Search Property Limited.

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

(*i*) Fire Arms Act, Cap. F28 LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2013 (HB. 462).

(*ii*) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Further Alteration) Bill, 2013 (HB. 442).

(*iii*) Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Act (Amendment) Bill, 2013 (HB. 452).

(*iv*) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2013 (HB. 453).

(*v*) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2013 (HB. 457).

(*vi*) Social Development Act (Amendment) Bill, 2013 (HB. 467).

(*vii*) Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2013 (HB. 436).

6. Presentation of Report:
***Committee on Health*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Assisted Reproduction Authority to among Others, Regulate the Practice of Assisted Reproductive Techniques in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 202)" (*Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu — Aniocha North/Aniocha South/Oshimili North/Oshimili South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

7. Need to Establish Earthquake/Tsunami Monitoring Stations in the Country:
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the nation is intensively involved in extractive industry especially onshore/offshore and deep sea oil drilling as well as indiscriminate water borehole drilling, without any facility for early warning information on Seismic occurrences that could lead to Earthquake/Tsunami;

Further notes that enormous activities with seismic implications especially deep sea drilling are advancing with high intensity towards the mid-Atlantic edge where the massive African and South American tectonic plates meet;

Worried that the edge of tectonic plates are usually sites of intense geologic activities raising dangers of possible Tsunami with catastrophic consequences in the Gulf of Guinea and by extension all littoral communities along the Nigerian coastline;

Concerned that climate changes leading to recent unprecedented flood in Nigeria is a pointer to the fact that we must be proactive in disaster and emergency management preparedness;

Further concerned that because Nigeria's economy depends mainly on Petroleum activities, any undetected Tsunami or earthquake with its attendant destruction on oil installations will crumble the economy as cities like Calabar, Eket, Ikot Abasi, Warri, Lagos and others along the nation's coastline will be the worst hit. A typical example is the case of the recent disaster in Japan;

Disturbed that recent scientific findings have proven that "fracking", which is a procedure by which oil companies recover more oil from reserves by pumping millions of liters of water underground to release trapped oil and gas has the capacity to increase tremors and the dangers of earthquake;

Further disturbed that seismic monitoring devices for early warning signals have already been installed in the Republic of Cameroun, drawing from their experience on what happened at Lake Nyos in 1984 and 1986, including parts of Nigeria, Kastina-Ala in particular which was affected adversely.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Environment, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, to liaise with the Ministry of Environment and other relevant Agencies of Government to facilitate the establishment of such stations in the country and report to the House within 4 weeks (*Hon. Akpan Micah Umoh — Ikot Abasi/Mkpat Enin/Eastern Obolo Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the nation is intensively involved in extractive industry especially onshore/offshore and deep sea oil drilling as well as indiscriminate water borehole drilling, without any facility for early warning information on Seismic occurrences that could lead to Earthquake/Tsunami;

Further noted that enormous activities with seismic implications especially deep sea drilling are advancing with high intensity towards the mid-Atlantic edge where the massive African and South American tectonic plates meet;

Worried that the edge of tectonic plates are usually sites of intense geologic activities raising dangers of possible Tsunami with catastrophic consequences in the Gulf of Guinea and by extension all littoral communities along the Nigerian coastline;

Concerned that climate changes leading to recent unprecedented flood in Nigeria is a pointer to the fact that we must be proactive in disaster and emergency management preparedness;

Further concerned that because Nigeria's economy depends mainly on Petroleum activities, any undetected Tsunami or earthquake with its attendant destruction on oil installations will crumble the economy as cities like Calabar, Eket, Ikot Abasi, Warri, Lagos and others along the nation's coastline will be the worst hit. A typical example is the case of the recent disaster in Japan;

Disturbed that recent scientific findings have proven that "fracking", which is a procedure by which oil companies recover more oil from reserves by pumping millions of liters of water underground to release trapped oil and gas has the capacity to increase tremors and the dangers of earthquake;

Further disturbed that seismic monitoring devices for early warning signals have already been installed in the Republic of Cameroun, drawing from their experience on what happened at Lake Nyos in 1984 and 1986, including parts of Nigeria, Kastina-Ala in particular which was affected adversely.

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Environment, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, to liaise with the Ministry of Environment and other relevant Agencies of Government to facilitate the establishment of such stations in the country and report to the House within 4 weeks (**HR. 45/2013**).

8. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Directorate of Employment Act, Cap. N28 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, by creating Specific Functions and Objectives for the Directorate to specifically cater for Unemployed Graduates of Tertiary Institutions and Related Matters (HB. 342) — *Second Reading (Adjourned Debate)*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do resume debate on the general principles of a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Directorate of Employment Act, Cap. N28 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, by creating Specific Functions and Objectives for the Directorate to specifically cater for Unemployed Graduates of Tertiary Institutions and Related Matters (HB. 342) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Arunsi Arua — Arochukwu/Ohafia Federal Constituency*).

Debate resumed:

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

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission Act (National Road Traffic Regulation), Cap. F19 LFN 2004, to further Regulate and Prohibit the covering of Vehicle Identification Number Plates and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 334) — *Second Reading*:**

Order read; by leave of the House, deferred.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Consumer Protection Council Act, Cap. C25 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to modify its Composition, widen the scope of its Functions and Powers in order to Provide for a Broader and more effective Council and for Related Matters (HB.72) and a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Consumer Protection Council Act, Cap. C25, of the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 and to Re-Enact the Consumer Protection Agency Bill, to Provide for the Establishment of an Investigation Unit, ensure Effective Civil Action for Damages and Other Unfair or Deceptive Practices, ensure Discontinuance of Prohibited Acts, among Other Things Complement Other Laws Governing Restraints of Trade, Unfair Competition and Unfair, Deceptive and Fraudulent Acts or Practices in Order to Protect the Public and Foster Fair and Honest Competition and for Other Related Matters (HB. 95) — *Second Reading*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Consumer Protection Council Act, Cap. C25 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to modify its Composition, widen the scope of its Functions and Powers in order to Provide for a Broader and more effective Council and for Related Matters (HB.72) and a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Consumer Protection Council Act, Cap. C25, of the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 and to Re-Enact the Consumer Protection Agency Bill, to Provide for the Establishment of an Investigation Unit, ensure Effective Civil Action for Damages and Other Unfair or Deceptive Practices, ensure Discontinuance of Prohibited Acts, among Other Things Complement Other Laws Governing Restraints of Trade, Unfair Competition and Unfair, Deceptive and Fraudulent Acts or Practices in Order to Protect the Public and Foster Fair and Honest Competition and for Other Related Matters (HB. 95) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Daniel Orutse Gbubemi Reyenieju — Warri South/Warri West 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 Committees on Commerce, and Justice.

11. **Adjournment:**
That the House do now adjourn till Thursday, 28 *February*, 2013 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.02 *p.m.*

Aminu Waziri Tambuwal
Speaker