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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 18 September, 2013

1. The House met at 11.51 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read the Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 17 September, 2013.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcement:**
Bereavement:
Mr Deputy Speaker read a communication from Hon. Uche Ekwunife (*Anaocha/Njikoka/Dunukofia Federal Constituency*) announcing the demise of her mother, Mrs Lucy Okoli-Ogudebe, who died on Friday, 9 August, 2013.

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

4. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**
Citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Abubakar Momoh (*Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the House to a recent incident whereby a 13 year old boy stowed away on an Arik airliner from Benin to Lagos. He underscored the safety implication of the incident and thus urged the House to consider the matter as one of urgent public importance.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance, put and negatived.

5. **Need to Check Frequent Clashes Amongst Various Security Agencies in the Country:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That Prayer (*ii*) of the motion be amended, pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 56" (*Hon. Kingsley Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

Question put and negatived.

Motion withdrawn, pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 55 (1).

6. **Impact of Border Routes on the Nation's Security System:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) was established since independence with a Legal framework enacted in 1963, which empowers the service to among other functions address the proliferation of illegal aliens and reported cases of illegal border routes;

Further notes that the Immigration Service in conjunction with the National Boundaries Commission in carrying out their functions to ascertain Nigeria's borders and routes leading to other countries had in the process identified 84 regular borders and over 1,487 illegal routes into Nigeria as revealed by the Minister of Interior, Abba Moro and reported on page 3 of Punch Newspaper of February 6, 2013, Vol. 17, No. 20,331 and on page 41 of the Leadership Newspaper of February 8, 2013;

Worried that despite the existence of the Nigerian Immigration Service and maintenance of Nigeria Border Security, an astonishing discovery of over 1,487 illegal Border routes pose further security challenge to the government;

Further worried that this sad development has occurred at a time when the country is battling with crises of insecurity;

Regrets that ever since the revelation, the Nigerian Immigration Service has not responded in any positive way either by contradicting the story or taking any action in response to the menace.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Interior, and Public Safety and National Security to interface with the Nigerian Immigration Service, State Security Service, and the National Intelligence Agency to establish the veracity or otherwise of this sad revelation and come up with appropriate recommendations to address the lingering border insecurity (*Hon. James Abiodun Falake — Ikeja Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) was established since independence with a Legal framework enacted in 1963, which empowers the service to among other functions address the proliferation of illegal aliens and reported cases of illegal border routes;

Further noted that the Immigration Service in conjunction with the National Boundaries Commission in carrying out their functions to ascertain Nigeria's borders and routes leading to other countries had in the process identified 84 regular borders and over 1,487 illegal routes into Nigeria as revealed by the Minister of Interior, Abba Moro and reported on page 3 of Punch Newspaper of February 6, 2013, Vol. 17, No. 20,331 and on page 41 of the Leadership Newspaper of February 8, 2013;

Worried that despite the existence of the Nigerian Immigration Service and maintenance of Nigeria Border Security, an astonishing discovery of over 1,487 illegal Border routes pose further security challenge to the government;

Further worried that this sad development has occurred at a time when the country is battling with crises of insecurity;

Regretted that ever since the revelation, the Nigerian Immigration Service has not responded in any positive way either by contradicting the story or taking any action in response to the menace.

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Interior, and Public Safety and National Security to interface with the Nigerian Immigration Service, State Security Service, and the National Intelligence Agency to establish the veracity or otherwise of this sad revelation and come up with appropriate recommendations to address the lingering border insecurity (**HR. 40/2013**).

7. **Closed Session:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do resolve into a Closed Session" (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

House in Closed Session — 12.47 *p.m.*

8. **House in Open Session — 1.10 p.m.**

9. **Adjournment:**
That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 19 *September*, 2013 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.26 *p.m.*

Aminu Waziri Tambuwal
Speaker