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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 19 September, 2013

1. The House met at 11.38 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 Wednesday, 18 September, 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:

Members of the Official Reporters from the Federal Training Centre, Ilorin, Kwara State.

(*ii*) ***Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the National Automative Design and Development Council (HB. 408):***
Mr Speaker announced the Membership of the Conference Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Ogoshi Onawo Mohammed	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Peter Akpatason	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Aminu Malle Ibrahim	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Murtala Kayode Adewale B.	—	*Member*

(*iii*) ***Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) College of Education (HB. 40):***
Mr Speaker announced the Membership of the Conference Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Raphael Nnanna Igbokwe	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Ali Yakubu	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Jimoh Babatunde	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Ini Akpan Udoka	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Gambo Musa Dan-Musa	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Ben Nwankwo	—	*Member*

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Matter stand over till next Legislative Day.

(*iii*) Further Citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Hassan Saleh (*Ado/Ogbadibo/Okpokwu Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the House to the Biometric Data project proposed by the Nigeria Police for the Management of Motor vehicles in the country. He stated that the proposed biometrics project would be in conflict with the role of the Federal Road Safety Corps. He therefore 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.

(*iv*) Still Citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Abubakar Momoh (*Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*) called 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 thus urged the House to consider the matter as one of urgent public importance.

Mr Speaker ruled that the matter can not be entertained because the same was negatived yesterday as a matter of urgent public importance.

6. **Urgent Need to Preserve the National Monuments in Edo State:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Monuments are architectural or monumental pieces of art that have universal values that are recognized worldwide in History, Art and Science;

Also notes that there are three National Monuments in Edo State namely: the Benin wall moat, Chief Ogiamen Palace and the Palace of the Enogie of Obazagbon;

Aware that the Benin wall moats and the Palace of the Enogie of Obazagbon were both declared National monuments in 1959 and the Palace of Ogiamen in 1961;

Further aware that after their declaration and publication in the Federal Gazette they became universally recognized and accepted as Federal Government monuments. The maintenance and preservation of these monuments became the sole responsibility of the Federal Government;

Worried that the Federal Government since 1986 stopped its yearly subvention for the maintenance and preservation of these monuments;

Further worried that the present condition of the monuments gives cause for concern as they have deteriorated and fallen far below international standards.

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Government to release the arrears of subvention to the National Commission for Museums and Monuments to enable the Commission give a face-lift to these monuments (*Hon. Nosakhare I. Osahon — Ovia North East/South-West Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion referred to the Committee on Culture and Tourism, pursuant to Standing Order VIII, Rule 51 (5) (**HR. 41/2013**).

7. **Need to Stop Employment Scam on the Internet in Nigeria:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the high rate of unemployment in Nigeria especially among graduates and young school leavers;

Aware that the Federal Government of Nigeria is doing its best to confront this situation through various programmes and initiatives;

(*v*) In Prayer (*iii*), line 1, immediately after the word "National Security", *insert* the words "Justice, and Reforms of Government Institutions" (*Hon. Matthew Omegara — Onuimo/Okigwe/Isiala Mbano Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted the high rate of unemployment in Nigeria especially among graduates and young school leavers;

Aware that the Federal Government of Nigeria is doing its best to confront this situation through various programmes and initiatives;

Concerned that many Nigerians, as a result of their desperation for jobs, fall victims to fake recruitment advertisements on the internet;

Disturbed that such advertisements are usually posted by dubious persons purportedly acting on behalf of many public and private organizations;

Further disturbed that these fake recruitment agents extort huge sums of money in the guise of "registration fees" from unsuspecting Nigerians;

Worried that these scammers usually use the names of big organizations such as Oil Companies and Security Agencies to carry out their nefarious activities;

Further worried that the scammers are even adding an international dimension to their operations by offering fake job opportunities outside Nigeria.

Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge unemployed Nigerians to be cautious and confirm the credibility of all internet job offers;

(*ii*) further urge all employers in Nigeria to advertise job vacancies in widely circulated Nigerian newspapers;

(*iii*) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Public Safety and National Security, Justice, and Reforms of Government Institutions to interface with the Police, State Security Service (SSS), Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and other Security Agencies to stop this ugly trend immediately;

(*iv*) also Urge all Government MDAs to cease forthwith from collecting monies under the guise of application and/or processing fees or under names whatsoever, from job applicants;

(*v*) further urge the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to expedite action on the Cybercrime Prevention Bill, in order to put in place the requisite legal infrastructure for the prevention and punishment of cybercrimes (**HR. 42/2013**).

8. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) the total sum of ₦55,852,837,000 (Fifty-Five Billion, Eight Hundred and Fifty Two Million, and Eight Hundred and Thirty-Seven Thousand Naira) only, of which ₦14,667,445,000 (Fourteen Billion, Six Hundred and Sixty-Seven Million, Four Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand Naira) only is for Recurrent Expenditure, ₦7,311,474,000 (Seven Billion, Three Hundred and Eleven Million, Four Hundred and Seventy-Four Thousand Naira) only, is for Transfer to Federal Government of Nigeria, ₦10,521,740,000 (Ten Billion, Five Hundred and Twenty-One Million, Seven Hundred and Forty Thousand Naira) only, is for Transfer to Universal Service Fund, while the Balance of ₦19,317,457,000 (Nineteen Billion, Three Hundred and Seventeen Million, Four Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand Naira) only, is for Capital and Special Projects for the Year Ending on the 31st day of December, 2013 (HB. 559) — *Second Reading*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) the total sum of ₦55,852,837,000 (Fifty-Five Billion, Eight Hundred and Fifty Two Million, and Eight Hundred and Thirty-Seven Thousand Naira) only, of

(*ii*) deduct the expenses incurred by the Company in respect of his wife from his emolument.

(*iii*) refrain from victimizing him directly or indirectly in respect of this matter" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Abia North/Abia South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (b):
On Prince Dateme Gilbert Case:
"That the House do urge the Management of Chevron Nigeria Limited to tamper justice with mercy and reconsider the case, as Prince Dateme Gilbert had no fraudulent intent in his action" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Abia North/Abia South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Okirka Timmy Okeoghene, Mateme Prince Gilbert and Omodaye Godwin Bafor against Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL) on Alleged Unlawful Termination of Appointment and approved Recommendations (*a*) and (*b*) of the Report.

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

(*ii*) ***Committee on Public Petitions:***
Report of the Petition by L/CPL Sidimon Emmanuel:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by L/CPL Sidimon Emmanuel against the Nigerian Army on Alleged Malicious Prosecution and Unlawful Dismissal from the Nigerian Army and approve the Recommendation therein" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Abia North/Abia South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

Recommendation:
"Urge the Chief of Army Staff to review the petitioner's case and consider converting the dismissal of the petitioner from the Nigerian Army to retirement with effect from the date of dismissal with full benefits of retirement" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Abia North/Abia South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by L/CPL Sidimon Emmanuel against the Nigerian Army on Alleged Malicious Prosecution and Unlawful Dismissal from the Nigerian Army and approved the only Recommendation.

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