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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 19 November, 2013

1. The House met at 11.25 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 Thursday, 14 November, 2013.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Message:**
Mr Speaker read the following Message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

November 18th, 2013

Rt. Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal, CFR
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Your Excellency,

RE*: 2014 *BUDGET

Please recall that I had written requesting the Honourable House of Representatives to grant me the slot of 12 *noon on Tuesday*, 19*th November*, 2013 *to enable me address a Joint Session of the National Assembly on the* 2014 *Budget.*

However, considering the fact that, ***whereas the Distinguished Senate has approved the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) based on a benchmark of $76.5 per barrel, the Honurable House of Representatives has used a benchmark of $79 per barrel,*** *it is infeasible for me to present the budget in the absence of a harmonized position on the MTEF.*

In the circumstance, it has become necessary to defer the presentation of the 2014 *Budget to a Joint Session of the National Assembly until such a time when both respected chambers would have harmonized their positions on the MTEF. It is my hope that this will be in the shortest possible time*

Please accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

4. **Announcement:**
***Bereavement*:**
Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Isiaka Oluwatoyin Suarau (*Ojo Federal Constituency*) informing the House of the death of his mother, Alhaja Safuriat Alake Suarau, which occurred on Friday, 15 November, 2013.

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

5. **Matter Requiring the attention of the House:**
Hon. Ali Wudil Muhammed (*Wudil/Garko Federal Constituency*) recalled that the Golden Eaglets of Nigeria recently won the 2013 FIFA Junior World Cup in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), for which the House promptly congratulated them. He noted that the nation's senior football team — the Super Eagles defeated their Ethiopian counterparts on Saturday, 16 November, 2013 and thus became the first African country to qualify for the 2014 edition of the FIFA World Cup scheduled to hold in Brazil. He prayed the House to equally congratulate the Super Eagles for the achievement.

Question that the House congratulate the Super Eagles for qualifying for the 2014 *edition of the World Cup in Brazil, put and agreed to.*

6. **Consolidation of Bills:**
Motion made and question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Miscellaneous Offences Act, Cap. M17 LFN, 2004 to make Comprehensive Provisions for Miscellaneous Offences, Abolish life Sentence for Miscellaneous Offences and for Other Related Matters (HB. 330) and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Miscellaneous Offences Act and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 532) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Albert T. Sam-Tsokwa — Dunga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Construction and Operation of Slaughter Houses and their Registration in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja to ensure Safe and Hygienic conditions in furtherance of the Public Interest and Related Matters (HB. 344) — *Second Reading*:**

Order read and deferred by leave of the House.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Pension Institute of Nigeria and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 477) — *Second Reading*:**

Order read and deferred by leave of the House.

9. **Adjournment:**
That this House do adjourn till Wednesday, 20 *November,* 2013 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 11.48 *a.m.*

Aminu Waziri Tambuwal
Speaker