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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 12 February, 2014

1. The House met at 11.23 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 February, 2014.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Petition:**
A petition was presented and laid by Hon. Abbas Abdullahi Machika (*Faskari/Kankara/Sabuwa Federal Constituency*) from Muhammad Idris, praying the House to investigate the refusal by the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) to release his land and title deeds on plot No. 247 Cadastral Zone B07 Katampe.

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

4. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance:**
(*i*) Citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Suleiman Aminu (*Fagge Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the House to a publication in the Daily Trust newspaper of Wednesday, 12 February, 2014 where it was reported that about 400 migrant workers were arrested in Bayelsa State by the Nigeria Immigration Authority. He noted that those arrested are people of northern extraction and stressed that such action could undermine the unity of the country. He thus urged the House to consider the matter as one of urgent public importance and to suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) so that the matter could be debated immediately.

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

Question that the House do suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) *to enable it debate the matter forthwith, put and agreed to.*

Renew Onslaught by Security Agencies Against People of Northern Nigeria, Residing in or Traveling to South South or South Eastern Parts of Nigeria:

The House:

Notes with concern recent clampdown, harassment and detention of innocent Nigerians of Northern extraction living or traveling to the South South or South Eastern parts of the country;

Further notes the previous harassment, arrest and detention of these innocent class of people in Imo, Rivers and Bayelsa States within a scope of two months;

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Also notes that in all these arrests, no one has been indicted but only serves as harassment and humiliation of innocent citizens;

Aware that relevant sections of the Nigeria Constitution provide for citizens of Nigeria to move freely throughout Nigeria and to reside in any part without any hindrance;

Worried that this ugly trend is capable of creating tension whose consequence might disrupt our peaceful co-existence;

Notes that all arm of security agencies are now competing among themselves as to whose turn it will be to harass, detain and humiliate some citizens of northern origin as can be seen from the action of SSS in Abuja, Joint Task Force in Imo, Police in Rivers and Immigration in Bayelsa;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Condemn in totality this selective, unwarranted and callous act perpetrated by our security agents;

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Interior, Defence and Human Rights to invite Comptroller General of Immigration to explain the happenings in Bayelsa;

(*iii*) apologize and pay compensation for illegal detention and harassment of involved Nigerian (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out Prayers (*i*) and (*ii*), and *insert* as follows instead thereof:
"Mandate the Committees on Interior, and Human Rights to investigate the incident and report back to the House within 4 weeks" (*Hon. Peter O. Edeh — Ezza North/Ishielu Federal Constituency*).

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

Main Question as amended put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted with concern recent clampdown, harassment and detention of innocent Nigerians of Northern extraction living or traveling to the South South or South Eastern parts of the country;

Further noted the previous harassment, arrest and detention of these innocent class of people in Imo, Rivers and Bayelsa States within a scope of two months;

Also noted that in all these arrests, no one has been indicted but only serves as harassment and humiliation of innocent citizens;

Aware that relevant sections of the Nigeria Constitution provide for citizens of Nigeria to move freely throughout Nigeria and to reside in any part without any hindrance;

Worried that this ugly trend is capable of creating tension whose consequence might disrupt our peaceful co-existence;

Noted that all arm of security agencies are now competing among themselves as to whose turn it will be to harass, detain and humiliate some citizens of northern origin as can be seen from the action of SSS in Abuja, Joint Task Force in Imo, Police in Rivers and Immigration in Bayelsa;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Interior, and Human Rights to investigate the incident and report back to the House within 4 weeks (**HR. 14/2014**).

(*ii*) Relying on Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Irona Alphonsus Gerald (*Ohadi/Egbema/Oguta/Oru West Federal Constituency*) observed that the Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC)'s Live Wire Nigeria programme in its host States is characterized by needless discrimination. He stated that the Programme is aimed at inspiring and supporting young people of the SPDC host communities to start up their own business through provision of finance and training, but regretted that it has excluded Imo and Abia States. He therefore urged the House to consider the matter as one of urgent public importance and to suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) so that the matter could be debated forthwith.

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

Question that the House do suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) *to enable it debate the matter forthwith, put and agreed to.*

Urgent Need to Stop SPDC Discriminatory Policy in Her Live Wire Nigeria Programme in its Host States:

The House:

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

Aware that the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (SPDC), operator of the NNPC/Shell/Total/Agip Joint Venture as part of its corporate social responsibility carry out yearly Shell live Wire Nigeria Programme in the Niger Delta region (its Areas of operation — Rivers, Delta, Bayelsa, Imo, Abia, Akwa Ibom States);

Further aware that the Live Wire Nigeria Programme is aimed to inspire, encourage and support young people aged 18 - 35 years to start up their own business through the provision of finance and training for young entrepreneurs to be self reliant and further create employment opportunities in Nigeria;

Worried that despite the existence of SPDC operations in Oguta and Egbema in Imo State and Ukwa in Abia State for over thirty years, both states were excluded in the Shell Live Wire Nigeria Programme;

Further worried that this said development has occurred at a time when the country is battling with crises of insecurity in oil producing Areas;

Regretted that ever since the revelation of this discriminatory act, the SPDC has not responded in any positive way either by contradicting the allegations or taking any action(s) to redress the allegation;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Petroleum Resources (Upstream) and Gas Resources to investigate the alleged exclusion of Imo, Abia and Akwa Ibom States (SPDC host States) from the Shell Live Wire Nigeria Programme meant for their host States and report back to the House within two weeks (*Hon. Irona Alphonsus Gerald — Ohaji/Egbema-Oguta-Oru West Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion referred to the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream)pursuant to Standing Order VIII, Rule 51 (5) (**HR. 15/2014**).

(*iii*) Further citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Gideon Gwani (*Kaura Federal Constituency*) informed the House about the incessant attacks on Moro'a villages in Kaura Federal Constituency of Kaduna State by gunmen. He noted that since 2011, some unknown gunmen have killed and injured many people in various communities in Kaura. He stressed the need to curb the incessant attacks and thus urged the House to consider the matter as one of urgent public importance and to suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) so that the matter could be debated forthwith.

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

Question that the House do suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) *to enable it debate the matter forthwith, put and agreed to.*

Incessant Attacks on Moro'a Villages in Kaura Federal Constituency:

The House:

Notes the provisions of Section 14 (2) (*b*) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as amended, which states *Inter-alia*:

The Security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government;

Further notes that since 2011 various Communities in Kaura Federal Constituency have been targets of attacks by armed gunmen causing deaths, injuries and destructions;

Worried that a week ago a family of 7 were killed while asleep in the comfort of their home and many houses and properties were destroyed with assorted grains of food stolen in a village of Moro'a Community;

Disturbed that these incessant attacks will continue if the relevant authorities of Government and Security agencies do not as a matter of urgency intervene;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Govern ment, Kaduna State and Plateau State Government to take collaborative measures to ensure that there is an increase of security presence in the area;

(*ii*) urge the Security agents to intensify efforts to apprehend the insurgents so as to bring them to Justice;

(*iii*) further urge NEMA to provide relief materials to the affected community (*Hon. Gideon L. Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion referred to Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness (**HR. 16/2014**).

5. **Privilege:**
Citing Order VI, Rule 22, Hon. Kingsley Chinda (*Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*) informed the House about the bribery allegation widely reported in several newspapers, including *ThisDay* and *Daily Trust* of Wednesday, 12 February, 2014 with regard to the defection of some Members. He noted that it was alleged by the All Progressive Congress (APC)'s spokesman, Alhaji Lai Mohammed that some Members of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) who had earlier defected to APC and recently returned to PDP were lured to the PDP with money and automatic nomination tickets by the Presidency. He noted that the statement credited to the APC's spokesman is a breach of privilege of the House, and thus urged the House to refer the matter to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges for investigation.

Matter referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges for further legislative action.

6. **Urgent Need to Investigate the Sale of Non-Core Assets of the Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTEL):**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the guided liquidation of the Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTEL) being carried out by the Federal Government through the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE);

Aware that to achieve the above lofty objective, the Federal Government in year 2005, appointed a Liquidator to take over and sell all the Non-Core Assets of theNigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTEL);

Further aware that the Non-Core Assets of the Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTEL)across the nation amounts to Billions of Naira;

Regrets that the Liquidator had actually commenced the sale of Non-Core Assets of the Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTEL) without remitting the amount realized to the appropriately designated account of the Federal Government of Nigeria;

Concerned that the Billions of Naira realized from the sale of Non-Core Assets of the Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTEL)may have been fraudulently frittered away without proper accountability, to the detriment of the Federal Government of Nigeria;

Convinced that the House will be failing in its duties as a Parliament saddled with the responsibility of ensuring probity and accountability in government transactions, if it does not act now in a matter that involves a national asset like Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTEL);

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Communications to investigate the sale of Non-Core Assets of the Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTEL) and report back to the House within Three weeks (*Hon. Ali Yakubu — Nangere/Potiskum Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion referred to the Committee on Communication pursuant to Standing Order VIII, Rule 51 (5) (**HR. 17/2014**).

7. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Financial and Investment Analysts of Nigeria to Regulate and Control the Practice of Financial and Investment Analysis in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2014 (HB. 295) — *Third Reading*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Financial and Investment Analysts of Nigeria to Regulate and Control the Practice of Financial and Investment Analysis in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2014 (HB. 295) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Immigration Act of 1963 and Enact the Immigration Act of 2014 and for Other Related Matters, 2014 (HB. 61) — *Third Reading*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Immigration Act of 1963 and Enact the Immigration Act of 2014 and for Other Related Matters, 2014 (HB. 61) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

9. **A Bill for an Act to authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦4,642,960,000,000 (Four Trillion, Six Hundred and Forty-Two Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty Million Naira) only, of which ₦399,687,801,891 (Three Hundred and Ninety-Nine Billion, Six Hundred and Eighty-Seven Million, Eight Hundred and One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety-One Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦712,000,000,000 (Seven Hundred and Twelve Billion Naira) only, is for Debt Service, ₦2,430,665,361,597 (Two Trillion, Four Hundred and Thirty Billion, Six Hundred and Sixty-Five Million, Three Hundred and Sixty-One Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety-Seven Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the balance of ₦1,100,606,836,512 (One Trillion, One Hundred Billion, Six Hundred and Six Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Six Thousand, Five Hundred and Twelve Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2014 — *Second Reading*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦4,642,960,000,000 (Four Trillion, Six Hundred and Forty-Two Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty Million Naira) only, of which ₦399,687,801,891 (Three Hundred and Ninety-Nine Billion, Six Hundred and Eighty-Seven Million, Eight Hundred and One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety-One Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦712,000,000,000 (Seven Hundred and Twelve Billion Naira) only, is for Debt Service, ₦2,430,665,361,597 (Two Trillion, Four Hundred and Thirty Billion, Six Hundred and Sixty-Five Million, Three Hundred and Sixty-One Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety-Seven Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the balance of ₦1,100,606,836,512

(One Trillion, One Hundred Billion, Six Hundred and Six Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Six Thousand, Five Hundred and Twelve Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2014 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

Resumption of debate:

Debate adjourned till the next legislative day.

10. Adjournment:
That the House do adjourn till Thursday,13 *February*, 2014 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.45 *p.m.*

Aminu Waziri Tambuwal
Speaker