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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 19 March, 2014

1. The House met at 11.31 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, 18 March, 2014.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

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

(*i*)

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

March 12, 2014

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

Your Excellency,

BILL FOR THE ENACTMENT OF THE NIGERIAN METALLURGICAL INDUSTRY BILL, 2014

I hereby introduce for formal consideration and passage into Law by the Honourable House, the Nigerian Metallurgical Industry Bill, 2014.

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While I hope that the Bill will receive the usual prompt attention of the Honourable Members of the House of Representatives, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

(ii)

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

March 17, 2014

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

Your Excellency,

***NATIONAL FERTILIZER BILL*, 2014**

I hereby introduce for formal consideration and enactment into law by the House of Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the National Fertilizer Bill, 2014.

While I hope that the Bill will receive the usual expeditious attention of the Honourable Members of the House of Representatives, please accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

4. Announcement:

(i) ***Visitors in the Gallery*:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the Students' Representative Assembly, Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, Sokoto State.

(ii) ***Bereavement*:**
Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Cyril Egwuatu (*Onitsha North/Onitsha South Federal Constituency*) announcing the death of Hon. E. C. Emekekwue, a former member of the House who represented Onitsha South Federal Constituency (1979 - 1983) on Thursday, 9 January, 2014.

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

(*iii*) ***Appropriation Bill*, 2014:**

Mr Speaker read a communication from the Chairman, Committee on Appropriations to inform the House that the under-listed Sub Committees of Appropriations Committee missed their allotted date (Tuesday, 18 March, 20-14) for the defence of the budget proposals of their respective MDAs, and enjoined them to endeavour to appear before the Committee not later than Thursday, 20 March, 2014, failing which the Committee would have no other options than to adopt the Executive proposals on the affected MDAs:

1.1 Sub Committee on Defence
1.2 Sub Committee on National Security
1.3 Sub Committee on Police
1.4 Sub Committee on FERMA
1.5 Sub Committee on Power
1.6 Sub Committee on Code of Conduct
1.7 Sub Committee on Information and National Orientation
1.8 Sub Committee on Science and Technology
1.9 Sub Committee on Sports
1.10 Sub Committee on Anti-Corruption, National Ethics andValues
1.11 Sub Committee on MDG
1.12 Sub Committee on Fiscal Responsibility Commission
1.13 Sub Committee on Loans and Debt
1.14 Sub Committee on Public Accounts
4.15 Sub Committee on Land Transport
4.16 Sub Committee on Aviation
4.17 Sub Committee on Communication
4.18 Sub Committee on Works
4.19 Sub Committee on Housing and Habitat
4.20 Sub Committee on Environment
4.21 Sub Committee on Youth Development
4.22 Sub Committee on Banking and Currency
4.23 Sub Committee on Foreign Affairs
4.24 Sub Committee on Cooperation and Integration in Africa
4.25 Sub Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream)
4.26 Sub Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream)
4.27 Sub Committee on Niger Delta
4.28 Sub Committee on Water Resources
4.29 Sub Committee on Human Rights

5. Matters of Urgent Public Importance:

(*i*) Citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Hembe Herman (*Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the House to the Joint Venture Agreements between the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and some private companies that carry out dredging operations on Nigerian waters. He stressed the need to review the Agreements to avoid duplication, ensure greater efficiency and reduce cost in the exercise. 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 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.*

Investigation of the Dredging Arrangements Entered into by the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and Sub-Contracting Parties that Carry out Dredging Operations in Nigerian Waters:

The House:

Notes that, the basis of the Nigerian Ports Authority entering into joint venture agreements in respect of dredging and channel management with private entities is to provide the needed technical support which should translate into increase traffic and consequently increased revenue;

Also notes that the NPA currently spends approximately S1 billion on channel management and capital dredging across the country;

Recalls the failed Calabar Channel Capital dredging contract where the nation wasted over €60 million equivalent of ₦9.5 billion of tax payers money without achieving the desired result;

Further notes, the National Assembly's functions under Section 88 (2) (*b*) of the Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999: viz: exposed corruption, inefficiency or waste in the execution or administration of laws within its legislative competence and in the distribution or administration of funds appropriated by it;

Again notes , its 2011-2015 Legislative Agenda in reducing duplication, the cost of governance and achieving "efficiency, effectiveness and value for money in the administration of government business";

Is worried that the NPA may not have carried out due diligence before entering into Joint Ventures with the supposed technical partners, as some of the partners are alleged to lack technical abilities and technical capacity;

Is disturbed that, some of these transactions smack off incompetence, waste of tax payers money, sharp practices, inefficiency, technical incompetence and fraud;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Marine Transport to investigate:

(*a*) agreements entered into by the NPA in respect of channel management and capital dredging projects,

(*b*) all monies disbursed in respect of channel management and capital dredging projects,

(*c*) if there are administrative duplications in contracting different companies to execute the same tasks,

(*d*) quality of service being rendered by the contracting firms,

(*e*) levels of implementation of existing Contracts;

(*ii*) urge the NPA to suspend further awards in this direction until the determination of this investigation and to report back to the House within 60 days (*Hon. Hembe Herman — Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion referred to the Committee on Marine Transport pursuant to Standing Order VIII, Rule 51 (5) **(HR. 33/2014)**.

(*ii*) Also citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Abdul-Rahman Terab (*Bama/Ngala/Kala-Balge Federal Constituency*) informed the House of the Federal Government's proposed grant of ₦2 billion to the North-East for the purpose of rebuilding public infrastructures destroyed by prolonged security crisis in the Zone. He stressed that the amount is grossly inadequate and should be reviewed upward to about ₦12 billion giving the magnitude of destruction in the region. 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 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.*

The Urgent Need to Review Upward the Federal Initiative to the North-East in the 2014 Budget:

The House:

Notes that the North East Geopolitical Region of Nigeria have been ravaged by prolonged security crises;

Further notes that the immeasurable cost to the destruction of lives, property and public infrastructure including Schools, Hospitals, Worship Centers and Market places amount to over ₦100 Billion Naira;

Aware that the Federal Government have proposed the sum of ₦2 Billion Naira only as its contribution to the rebuilding process, which is considered grossly in adequate;

Worried that some, of the funds provided for future purposes under the Capital Supplementation Head of the 2014 Budget do not compare in priority when the country is losing One Sixth of its territory to un imaginable magnitude of destruction;

Disturbed that if the effort for reconstruction is not taken seriously despite the quantum of destruction, public-confidence will continue to dwindle, while also vindicating the sympathizers of the insurgents that the country does not care about its masses at all;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Appropriations to review upward from ₦2 Billion Naira to ₦12 Billion Naira the Federal Government Initiative to the North East which can be sourced from the ₦30 Billion Naira meant for the Sinking Fund for Infrastructural Development under the Capital Supplementation Head (*Hon. Abdulrahman Abba Terab — Bama, Ngala and Kala-Balge Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Mr Speaker directed the Committee on Appropriations to examine the issue raised in the motion with a view to reviewing the amount allocated for infrastructural development in the North-East Zone in the 2014 *Appropriation Bill.*

(*iii*) Still citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa (*Ikorodu Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the House to the alarming increase in the incidence of mysterious death of Nigerian students abroad. She expressed concern about the trend and stressed the need for urgent action. She 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 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.*

Killings of Nigerian Students Abroad:

The House:

Notes the alarming increase in the number of Nigerian students being murdered abroad;

Worried that our students, in search of education abroad, have become endangered species;

In Ghana 4 Nigerian students have been killed in mysterious circumstances in the last few months. In October, 2013, 15 year old Master Austine Chukwuebuka Ogukwe, an SS3 student of Ideal College, Ghana died mysteriously. In November, barely 26 days after Master Ogukwes mysterious death, 2 Nigerian students Eddy and Charles o f KNUS Federal University, Accra, lost their lives, during an excursion with their school. They claimed they drowned;

Further disturbed that, just two weeks ago, Mr Godwin Ayogu, a 300 level social science student of University of Cape Coast, Central Region was brutally killed on 20th February and his lifeless body was found on Campus;

And in Malaysia, Malaysian Police killed one Tunde Adelabu from Ekiti State, a student of Lagenda University, Nilai, Malaysia. About 80 Nigerians students are currently in danger in Malaysia according to reports with no intervention whatsoever from our embassy in Malaysia, so far;

Further notes that on March 4th, a 17 year old Nigerian girl, Forester Samson, was stabbed multiple times and burnt to death by an unknown group of Russians;

Still disturbed that few weeks ago in Dubai, Toba Falode, 19 year old son of popular sports caster, Aisha Falode died in mysterious circumstances. He was a student of SAE Institute, Dubai;

And in South Africa the humiliating video of a Nigerian man stripped naked and beaten publicly by South African Police has made news all over the world;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge Our embassies in Ghana, Malaysia, Russia, U.A.E. and South Africa to ensure that all these cases are thoroughly investigated to a logical end;

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Diaspora, Human Rights, and Justice, to conduct a public hearing on incessant cases of maltreatment of Nigerians abroad and report back to the House within 2 months (*Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:
In the Prayer (*ii*), immediately after the words "Committees on", *insert* the words "Foreign Affairs" (*Hon. Toby Okechukwu — Aninri/Agwu/Oji-River Federal Constituency*).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted the alarming increase in the number of Nigerian students being murdered abroad;

Worried that our students, in search of education abroad, have become endangered species;

In Ghana 4 Nigerian students have been killed in mysterious circumstances in the last few months. In October, 2013, 15 year old Master Austine Chukwuebuka Ogukwe, an SS3 student of Ideal College, Ghana died mysteriously. In November, barely 26 days after Master Ogukwes mysterious death, 2 Nigerian students Eddy and Charles o f KNUS Federal University, Accra, lost their lives, during an excursion with their school. They claimed they drowned;

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And in South Africa the humiliating video of a Nigerian man stripped naked and beaten publicly by South African Police has made news all over the world;

Resolved to:

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(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Diaspora, Human Rights, and Justice, to conduct a public hearing on incessant cases of maltreatment of Nigerians abroad and report back to the House within 2 months (**HR. 34/2014**).

(*iv*) Citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai (*Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the House to the devastation of some communities in Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency in Delta State on Saturday, 15 March, 2014 as a result of thunderstorm, where over 200 houses were completely destroyed and about 800 people rendered homeless. 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.*

Thunderstorm Devastates Communities in Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency, Delta State:

The House:

Notes that Umuaja, Ebedei, Owa-Abbi, Obinomba, Obiaruku, Etua Etiti, Ikilibi, Kwale, Utagba-Uno, Emu-Iyesele, Emu-Uno, Abbi, Ogume, Onitcha-Ukwuani, Aboh, Abala-Uno, Asaba Ase, Akarri and Inyi Communities in Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency, Delta State were on Saturday, 15th March, 2014, devastated by a thunderstorm that left over two hundred (200) houses completely destroyed;

Further notes that the havoc wreaked on these communities by the thunderstorm has caused about eight hundred (800) households to be without shelter, while hundreds of vulnerable women and children have been thrown into the open with its attendant dangers and health hazards;

Worried that many of the human victims who are school children, expectant and nursing mothers have been greatly traumatized by the misfortune as schools, health centers and places of worship were also affected;

Concerned that the value of private property damaged by the thunderstorm is estimated at about five hundred million Naira (₦500,000,000.00), which is far beyond the reach of the victims who are mostly full time peasant farmers;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to urgently visit Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency, to show concern and encouragement;

(*ii*) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently provide relief materials to the affected Communities in accordance with section 6 (*j*) of the National Emergency Management Agency Act, Cap. N34, LFN, 2004, which requires NEMA to "distribute emergency relief materials to victims of natural disasters and assist in the rehabilitation of the victims where necessary" (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion referred to the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness pursuant to Standing Order VIII, Rule 51 (5) (**HR. 35/2014**).

(*v*) Citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Babatunde Adejare (*Agege Federal Constituency*) called the attention of the House to the mindless waste of the nation's resources on arbitrary charter and maintenance of Challenger 850 Aircraft OE-ILA for non-official purpose by a Minister of the Federation. He noted that in recent time, while most States are grappling with shortage of funds due to dwindling national revenue, it was imprudent for a public officer to embark on such extravagant spending. 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 agreed to.

Matter to stand over till the next legislative day.

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

(*i*) Cybercrime Bill, 2014 (HB. 669).

(*ii*) Nigerian Internet Safety Bill, 2014 (HB. 673).

(*iii*) Currency Offences Act (Amendment) Bill, 2014 (HB. 674).

(*iv*) Nigerian Career Advice for School Children Bill, 2014 (HB. 675).

(*v*) Notaries Public Act (Amendment) Bill, 2014 (HB. 676).

(*vi*) National Land Transport Reform Bill, 2014 (HB. 677).

(*vii*) Child's Right Act (Amendment) Bill, 2014 (HB. 678).

(*viii*) Telecommunications Equity Bill, 2014 (HB. 680).

(*ix*) Traffic Warden Service Bill, 2014 (HB. 681).

7. Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly:
National Biosafety Management Agency Bill, 2014 (HB. 579):
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order XII, Rule 94 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence were made or negatived or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence were made or negatived or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bills upon being re-gazetted or clean copy circulated be reconsidered in Committee of the Whole without being commenced *de-novo*;

Further notes that the National Biosafety Management Agency Bill was passed by the preceding House and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence but no concurrence was communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

Aware that the Bill was read the first time on Wednesday 19, February 2014 as HB. 579;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bill to the Committee of Whole for consideration (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill committed to the Committee of the Whole pursuant to Order XII, Rule 94.

8. Adverse Effects of Environmental Pollution of the Epe Lagoon:
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Epe Lagoon is a major source of water for the inhabitants of Epe Federal Constituency and other settlements situated along its banks;

Also notes that the Lagoon houses the Egbin Thermoelectric Power Plant which serves as a major source of electric power generation in the South-West Geopolitical Zone;

Further notes that Epe Lagoon, which lies between Latitude 6°29N and 6°38N, and Longitude 3°30E and 4°5E, is one of the four major Lagoons in Lagos State, the other three being Ologe, Lekki and Lagos Lagoons;

Aware that Epe Lagoon supports major fishery activities in Lagos State and is also used as a transportation route for people, goods, timber logs and other services from Epe to other places in the South-West and Nigeria at large;

Concerned that over the years, the population of Epe and other settlements along the bank of the Lagoon has increased through expanding commercial activities which has led to an abuse of the environment as modern sanitary and waste treatment facilities have not been provided in most of the settlements;

Further concerned that water bodies act as sinks for the disposal of waste from about 2,000 medium and large scale industries located in the Lagos Metropolis, a situation that has arisen as a result of increasing urbanization, industrialization and continuous environmental pollution;

Disturbed that activities such as intensive agriculture, industrialization and urban development have become sources of environmental contamination due to uncontrolled discharge of toxic elements on marine ecosystems;

Also disturbed that such toxic metals accumulate in tissues of aquatic resources thereby leading to contamination of its aquatic food chain and thus create myriads of environmental problems associated with marine population;

Further disturbed that proliferation of toxic metals in drinking water and surface streams has triggered serious epidemiological concerns affecting the sustainability of the environment;

Worried by the danger which Water Hyacinth, a free-flowing and perennial plant that grows to a height of three feet, covering water bodies and impeding navigation, poses to the Epe Lagoon waterways, especially to the local fishermen, traders and others traveling by water;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) to intervene and clear the Water Hyacinth to ease transportation on the Epe Lagoon;

(*ii*) further urge NIMASA to curb the continuous pollution of the Lagoon; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committee on Marine Transport to ensure compliance (*Hon. Lanre Mukaila Odubote — Epe Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion referred to the Committee on Marine Transport pursuant to Standing Order VIII, Rule 51 (5) **(HR. 36/2014)**.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend Section 293 (3) of the Investment and Securities Act to remove the Bottlenecks in the Execution of the Award of Judgment of Investment and Securities Tribunal and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 602) — *Second Reading*:**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria to Provide for the Control of its Membership and to Promote the Practice of Public Management in Nigeria; and for Other Purposes Connected Therewith (HB. 422) — *Second Reading*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria to Provide for the Control of its Membership and to Promote the Practice of Public Management in Nigeria; and for Other Purposes Connected Therewith (HB. 422) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ekpenyong Essien Ayi — Calabar South/Akpabuyo/Bakassi Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time, put and agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrars to Regulate and Control the Practice of Share Registration and for Other Related Matters (HB. 598) — *Second Reading*:**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

12. **Adjournment:**
That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 20 *March*, 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