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Thursday, 27 March, 2014

1. The House met at 11.50 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, 26 March, 2014.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcement:**

(*i*) ***Bereavement*:**
Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Peter Oge Ali (*Ebonyi/Ohaukwu Federal Constituency*), announcing the death of Hon. Samuel Iye-Ogele, a former member who represented Ohaukwu Local Government Area of the then Enugu State in the Third Republic.

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

(*ii*) ***Ad-hoc Committee to prohibit the Illegal Use and Sale of Military and Paramilitary Uniforms*:**
Mr Speaker announced the following as Members of the *Ad-hoc* Committee:

(1)	Hon. Friday Itulah	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Jerry Alagboso	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Aboho Benjamin	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Francis Enokorogha	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Abdullahi Michika Abas	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Segun Odebunmi	—	*Member*
(7)	Hon. Stella Dorgu	—	*Member*
(8)	Hon. M. Lawan Maina	—	*Member*
(9)	Chairman, Committee on Police Affairs	—	*Member*
(10)	Chairman, Committee on Interior	—	*Member*
(11)	Chairman, Committee on Army	—	*Member*
(12)	Chairman, Committee on Navy	—	*Member*
(13)	Chairman, Committee on Air Force	—	*Member*
(14)	Chairman, Committee on Customs	—	*Member*
(15)	Chairman, Committee on Defence	—	*Member*

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(*ii*) ***Ad-hoc Committee on the Investigation of the Composition and Pigmentation of Cement*:**
Mr Speaker announced the following as Members of the *Ad-hoc* Committee:

(1)	Hon. Yakubu Dogara	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Ajagbe Adetunji	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Adamu Hassan	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Frank Adah	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Chizor Lambert Obidigwe	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Mohammed Ogoshi Onawo	—	*Member*
(7)	Hon. Stella Ngwu	—	*Member*

4. Matters of Urgent Public Importance:

(*i*) Citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun (*Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*) called the attention of the House to a recent heavy rainstorm which ravaged some parts of Surulere Local Government Area of Oyo State. He stated that the rainstorm destroyed several homes and rendered many people homeless. He stressed the need for urgent intervention by relevant agencies of government to alleviate the plight of the victims of the disaster and 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 Heavy Storms and Strong Wind that Destroyed Properties Across Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency:

The House:

Notes with serious concern, the recent heavy downpour that was accompanied by strong wind and heavy storm at **Idi-Araba and Mowolowo** towns in **Ogo-Oluwa Local Government**, as well as **Iresaadu, Iresaapa, Onipanu, Tunbi, Adudu and Igbo-Ile towns in Surulere Local Government Areas of Oyo State**, which lead to destruction of buildings from roofs to walls;

Further notes that the unprecedented destruction affected several Churches and Mosques, and rendered scores of families homeless;

Aware that several public and private schools were affected by the rainstorm, forcing many pupils out of their schools and causing lectures under non-conducive environments;

Further aware of the fact that matters of this nature and its gravity requires urgent attention of the Federal Government or any of its Agencies, and failure or delay in intervention will not only worsened their situation physiologically, but also dampen their hopes and confidence in the Government of the day;

Resolves to:

Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently provide relief materials to the affected families, Schools, Churches and Mosques (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere 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. 42/2014)**.

(ii) Also citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Ibrahim Olaifa (*Oluyole Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the House to recent reports in the media, on the discovery of a den of ritual killings in Soka forest, Oluloye Local Government Area, Ibadan, Oyo State. He stated that the facility which was reportedly established by the state government to cater for the mentally challenged was converted to a base for criminal activities. He stressed the need for the authority to get to the root of the crime and 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.*

Need to Investigate the Existence and Operation of Kidnappers' Den in Soka Area of Oluyole Local Government Area Ibadan Oyo State:

The House:

Notes with dismay the discovery of Kidnappers' Den in Soka Forest in Oluyole Local Government Area, Ibadan, Oyo State;

Further notes that several victims were found chained together in varying states of poor mental and physical health, within this uninhabitable theatre of horror;

Worried that human remains in different stages of decomposition were found under the protection of some gatemen (now arrested) who are in the employ of the sponsors of this establishment;

Concerned that the same facility was said to have been established by the Government of Oyo State for the care of mentally deranged people some years ago;

Further concerned that in spite of the peoples protest to get to the root of this embarrassing discovery and force the criminals to face the full wrath of the law the State Government has ordered the demolition of the kidnappers den;

Convinced that the demolition of this facility will eliminate most of the material evidence needed by the police to investigate the heinous crimes perpetrated by the sponsors of this facility thereby aiding their escape from justice;

Further convinced that this is a national tragedy and a calamity of monumental proportion requiring the intervention of the Government as the custodian of the duty to protect the lives and dignity of its citizens;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Inspector General of Police to direct his men to take over the area and preserve the material evidence on ground;

(*ii*) Send a high powered delegation of the House to the location in Oyo State to ascertain the veracity of these findings and commiserate with the affected people;

(*iii*) Mandate the Committees on Human Rights, Police and Public Safety, Intelligence and National Security to investigate this matter and report to the House within 4 weeks;

(*iv*) Urge the Federal Government to establish a Judicial Commission of Enquiry to unravel the facts behind the establishment and operation of this theatre of horror with a view to punishing the sponsors of this criminal enterprise (*Hon. Ibrahim Olaifa — Oluyole Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion referred to the Committees on Public Safety and National Security, Police Affairs, and Human Rights (**HR. 43/2014**).

(*iii*) Still citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Akpan Micah Umoh (*Ikot Abasi/Mkpat Enin/Eastern Obolo Federal Constituency*) called the attention of the House to the urgent need to take deliberate and concrete actions towards job creation and industrialization in order to check possible re-occurrence of the disaster experienced during the recent recruitment exercise into the Nigerian Immigration Service. He highlighted models of industrialization and job creation strategies that could help the country. 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.*

Urgent Need to Check the Re-Occurrence of Recent National Disaster of Job Seekers in Nigeria by Taking Deliberate Action Towards Job Creation and Industrialisation:

The House:

Mourns with the families of over 20 youths, *the future hope of parents* who were trampled to dead on 5 March, 2014 in their vain effort to attend a job interview;

Worried that if this hydra-headed scourge of unemployment is not tackled deliberately there might be more deaths and other consequences that should never be imagined;

Very worried that in spite of the current efforts by the Federal Government to create jobs and expand the real sector of the economy through interventions in export expansion grants, custom duty waivers, Sure-P and You-Win, it is obvious that the cycle of turnover of thousands of graduates from over 121 Universities, 44 Polytechnics, and 36 Colleges of Education has miniaturized all these efforts;

Concerned that other Government efforts both by policy pronouncements, legislations and incentives aimed at attracting local and foreign private investment in the manufacturing sector in not yielding corresponding responses;

Constrained, to believe that thtre is a need for Nigeria to deliberately evolve innovative and a home grown industrialization model that will substantiaHy provide a pJatform for fast tracking our industrialization process like the Chinese did;

Resolves:

(*i*) That the turnkey project model of build and sale similar to what we are doing now in the power sector should be adopted to fast track our industrial revolution in practical terms;

(*ii*) That one strategic industry be built in each of the State of the Federation taking cognizance of the comparative advantage and uniqueness of each State;

(*iii*) That on completion and commissioning of each industry, the Bureau of Public Enterprise should call for tender and subsequent sales of the industries to core investors;

(*iv*) That part of the fund from Sure-P, Excess Crude Account and Sovereign Wealth Funds should provide the seed fund which will be recoverable when the industries are sold to core investors;

(*v*) That the Committees on Commerce, Environment, and Industry should relate with the relevant Ministries on how the recently launched Industrial Revolution can leverage on this Model (*Hon. Akpan Micah Umoh — Ikot Abasi/Mkpat Enin/Eastern Obolo Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

The House:

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Worried that if this hydra-headed scourge of unemployment is not tackled deliberately there might be more deaths and other consequences that should never be imagined;

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(*v*) That the Committees on Commerce, Environment, and Industry should relate with the relevant Ministries on how the recently launched Industrial Revolution can leverage on this Model (**HR. 44/2014**).

5. **Need to Investigate the Concession of "Park-and-Pay Policy" in Abuja Metropolis:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that sometime in early 2012, the Federal Capital Territory Administration introduced a "Park-and-Pay Policy" which requires the motoring public in Abuja metropolis to pay fees ranging from ₦50 to ₦100 to park their vehicles on designated streets for periods ranging from 30 minutes upwards between the hours of 7.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.;

Also notes that the implementation of this policy was contracted out to privately owned companies, such as Integrated Parking Systems Limited and Automaten Technik Haumann Nigeria Limited, which have no previous experience in electronic ticketing and parking system;

Further notes the allegation that these companies were hastily put together by cronies of certain powerful public office holders who allocated the contracts to the companies without conducting any competitive bidding;

Disturbed by the allegations that although the companies do not maintain any infrastructure or provide professional services, they remit only between 10% to 40% of generated revenues while keeping for themselves a whooping sum of between 60% to 90%;

Worried by the harassment and unruly conduct of agents of the companies who prefer to indiscriminately clamp and tow cars which have to be reclaimed from their premises with huge sums of money ranging from ₦5,000 to ₦20,000, thereby subjecting many motorists to harrowing experiences often resulting in physical combat and assault contrary to the norms of decency and respect for fundamental human rights and dignity of persons;

Concerned that notwithstanding the fact that the policy was hinged ab initio on the plausible need for sanity in traffic management system in Abuja, the scheme has since metamorphosed into an avenue for exploitation, fraud and other forms of sharp practices;

Aware that the policy is being carried out without a clearly defined law to regulate the concession, management and operation of the electronic ticketing and parking regime, qualification of prospective bidders, the designated areas as well as specific times for ticketing, the percentage of funds to be remitted to government and penalties for defaulters;

Cognizant of the fact that based on ceaseless petitions by the public against the agents of the companies, the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, Senator Bala Mohammed pledged to review the policy with a view to making it more amiable, acceptable, accountable and productive, but the review has not been made till date;

Desirous to instill sanity, integrity and accountability in the "Park-and-Pay Policy" in Abuja Metropolis;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on FCT, Judiciary and Land Transport to conduct a Public Hearing to investigate the process leading to the concession, award and operation of the "Park-and-Pay Policy" in Abuja Metropolis and make recommendations to the House within three weeks (*Hon. Bitrus Kaze — Jos South/Jos EastFederal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:
In the Prayer, line 1, *leave out* the words "Judiciary and Land Transport" (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency*).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that sometime in early 2012, the Federal Capital Territory Administration introduced a "Park-and-Pay Policy" which requires the motoring public in Abuja metropolis to pay fees ranging from ₦50 to ₦100 to park their vehicles on designated streets for periods ranging from 30 minutes upwards between the hours of 7.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.;

Also noted that the implementation of this policy was contracted out to privately owned companies, such as Integrated Parking Systems Limited and Automaten Technik Haumann Nigeria Limited, which have no previous experience in electronic ticketing and parking system;

Further noted the allegation that these companies were hastily put together by cronies of certain powerful public office holders who allocated the contracts to the companies without conducting any competitive bidding;

Disturbed by the allegations that although the companies do not maintain any infrastructure or provide professional services, they remit only between 10% to 40% of generated revenues while keeping for themselves a whooping sum of between 60% to 90%;

Worried by the harassment and unruly conduct of agents of the companies who prefer to indiscriminately clamp and tow cars which have to be reclaimed from their premises with huge sums of money ranging from ₦5,000 to ₦20,000, thereby subjecting many motorists to harrowing experiences often resulting in physical combat and assault contrary to the norms of decency and respect for fundamental human rights and dignity of persons;

Concerned that notwithstanding the fact that the policy was hinged ab initio on the plausible need for sanity in traffic management system in Abuja, the scheme has since metamorphosed into an avenue for exploitation, fraud and other forms of sharp practices;

Aware that the policy is being carried out without a clearly defined law to regulate the concession, management and operation of the electronic ticketing and parking regime, qualification of prospective bidders, the designated areas as well as specific times for ticketing, the percentage of funds to be remitted to government and penalties for defaulters;

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Desirous to instill sanity, integrity and accountability in the "Park-and-Pay Policy" in Abuja Metropolis;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on FCT to conduct a Public Hearing to investigate the process leading to the concession, award and operation of the "Park-and-Pay Policy" in Abuja Metropolis and make recommendations to the House within three weeks (**HR. 45/2014**).

6. **A Bill for an Act to amend the West African Examinations Council Act, Cap. W4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to, among Other things, give effect to the Revised Convention of the West African Examinations Council and for Other Related Matters (HB. 588) — *Second Reading*:**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Prohibition of Monetary Imposition by the Police on any Person who is in Custody before Admission of such Person to Bail, and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 499) — *Second Reading*:**

Order read; by leave of the House, deferred.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Compulsory Teaching of Security and Intelligence Studies in the Syllabuses of Secondary Schools in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 618) — *Second Reading*:**

Order read; by leave of the House, deferred.

9. **Adjournment:**
That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 1 *April*, 2014 at 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.57 *p.m.*

Aminu Waziri Tambuwal
Speaker