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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 6 May, 2014

1. The House met at 11.44 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read the Prayers

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 30 April, 2014.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**
Citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa (*Ikorodu Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the House to recent reports about the arrest and detention of three women leaders who participated in the protest for the release of the Secondary School girls abducted by Boko Haram insurgents in Chibok, Borno State. She stressed the need for government officials to respect the fundamental rights of Nigerian citizens, including the right to participate in lawful protests and described the arrest as a travesty of democracy. She therefore urged the House to consider the matter as one of urgent public importance and suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) so that it 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 negatived.*

Matter to stand over till the next legislative day.

4. **Matter Requiring the Attention of the House:**
Hon. Stella Dorgu (*Sagbama/Ekeremor Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the House to recent news on the passage of two prominent Nigerians, namely Hon. Justice Chukwudifu Oputa, a foremost jurist and retired Justice of the Supreme Court, and Sir Michael Otedola, former Executive Governor of Lagos State. She underscored the contributions of two eminent Nigerians to the legal and political development of the country and urged the House to acknowledge their contributions to nation building by observing a minute silence in their honour.

Debate and tributes to the deceased:

Question that the House observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased, put and agreed to.

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A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

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

(*i*) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2013 (HB. 664).

(*ii*) Widows Protection Bill, 2013 (HB. 633).

(*iii*) University Veterinary Teaching Hospitals and Veterinary Specialist Hospital Abuja (Constitution of Boards, etc.) Bill, 2013 (HB. 641).

(*iv*) Free Health Care Services Delivery to Children in Nigerian Bill, 2013 (HB. 644).

(*v*) Public Property Protection and Maintenance Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2013 (HB. 645).

(*vi*) Bank of Industry Act (Amendment) Bill, 2013 (HB. 647).

(*vii*) Monetary Powers (Abrogation of Delegation and Regularization) Bill, 2013 (HB. 650).

(*viii*) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2014 (HB. 695).

(*ix*) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2014 (HB. 696).

(*x*) Federal Capital Territory Customary Court Act (Amendment) Bill, 2014 (HB. 697).

(*xi*) Companies and Allied Matters Act (Amendment) Bill, 2014 (HB. 699).

6. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of a Development Commission for Accelerated Development of Border Communities of the Federal Capital Territory and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 592) — *Second Reading*:

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

7. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) by amending the Land Use Act, 1978 by enacting a proviso to Section 28 (7), a new Section 39 (*i*) (*c*) and deleting Section 47 (2) and for Other Related Matters (HB. 509) — *Second Reading*:

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 so as to define the Limits of Human Rights Guaranteed by the Constitution and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 547) — *Second Reading*:

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

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

The House adjourned accordingly at 12.50 *p.m.*

Chukwuemeka Nkem Ihedioha
Deputy Speaker