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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 14 May, 2014

1. The House met at 11.47 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, 13 May, 2014.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Petitions:**
The following petitions were presented and laid by:

(*i*) Hon. Zakari Mohammed (*Baruten/Kaima Federal Constituency*) on behalf of Aisha Falode, praying the House to investigate the death of her son, Oluwadamilola Oloruntoba, a student of audio and sound production in the SAE Institute, Dubai, who was allegedly murdered in Dubai on 15 February, 2014;

(*ii*) Hon. Gideon Gwani (*Kaura Federal Constituency*) on behalf of Mrs Melycent Comfort Walters, wife of late Mr Joseph Michael Walters a former employee of CAMAC International Corporation who died on 15 February, 2014 in Houston, Texas, USA, praying the House to prevail on the Corporation to grant her access to the home and properties of her late husband.

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

1. **Extension of the period for the Proclamation of a State of Emergency in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that on Wednesday, 20 November, 2013, the House considered and approved the Extension of the Period for the Proclamation of a State of Emergency in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States;

Aware that by virtue of the provisions of Section 305 (6) (*c*) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), the proclamation will elapse after a period of Six months from the date of approval, except the period is extended by the National Assembly;

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Further aware that the President, in a letter of 13 May, 2014, requested for a further Extension of the Period for the Proclamation of the State of Emergency in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States;

Recognizing that the Security situation in the three States remains daunting in the face of persistent attacks by members of the Boko Haram Sect on civilian and military targets with alarming casualty rates;

Cognizant of the provision of Section 305 (6) (*c*) which states, *inter alia*:

> "*Provided that the National Assembly may, before the expiration of the period of six months aforesaid, extend the period for the proclamation of the State of Emergency to remain in force from time to time for a further period of Six months by resolution passed in like manner*";

Resolves to:

Approve further extension of a State of Emergency as contained in Section 305 (6) (*c*) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and the Emergency Powers (General) Regulations, 2013 effective in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States for a period of Six months in accordance with the terms, conditions, content and context as earlier passed by the House of Representatives (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

Debate:

Mr Speaker announced that voting on the motion would be taken on the next legislative day after the scheduled briefing by Heads of Security Agencies. He directed all caucus leaders to inform their members to promptly attend tomorrow's sitting in view of the constitutional importance of the voting exercise.

5. Adjournment:

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 15 *May*, 2014 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.26 *p.m.*

Aminu Waziri Tambuwal
Speaker