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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 4 June, 2014

1. The House met at 11.56 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 Tuesday, 3 June, 2014.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

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

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

June 2, 2014

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

Your Excellency,

PRESENTATION OF THE 2014 BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NDDC)

Pursuant to Section 18 (1) *of the Niger-Delta Development Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act, I wish to submit the* 2014 *estimate of the expenditure and income of the Commission for the kind consideration and approval of the National Assembly.*

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The Commission has submitted a Budget Proposal of **₦322,600,000,000.00 (*three hundred and twenty two billion, six hundred million Naira*)** *only for* 2014, *as against* ₦315,085,990,000.00 (*three hundred and fifteen billion, eighty five million nine hundred and ninety thousand Naira*) *only in* 2013, *representing an increase of about* 2.1% *over last year's budget.*

Furthermore, the proposed budget is made up of Personnel Expenditure of ₦15,080.73 *billion, Recurrent Expenditure of* ₦10,186.82 *billion, Capital Expenditure of* ₦2,281.28 *billion and Project (Development) Expenditure of* ₦295,051.17 *billion.*

The sources of revenue for the proposed budget are as follows:

S/No.	*Source*	*Amount (₦) Million*
(*i*)	*Revenue Brought Forward*	23,000.00
(*ii*)	*Fed Govt Contribution (Submission by Mr President)*	50,000.00
(*iii*)	*Fed Govt Contribution (Excess Crude/Arrears)*	50,000.00
(*iv*)	*Oil Companies Contribution and Others*	130,000.00
(*v*)	*Ecological Funds*	57,000.00
(*vi*)	*Other Internally Realised Income*	100.00
(*vii*)	*Unpaid Arrears from* 2012 *Approved Budget*	12,500.00
	Total	**322,600.00**

While hoping that this request will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the Honourable Members of the House of Representatives, please accept, Mr Speaker, the assurances of my highest regards.

Yours Sincerely,

(*Signed*)

GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

4. Announcement:

(*a*) ***Visitors in the Gallery*:**

Mr Deputy Speaker recognized the presence of the following:

(*i*) Leader and Councillors from Uhunmwode Local Government Area, Edo State;

(*ii*) Student Representative Council (SRC), Student Union Government (SUG), Rufus Giwa Polytechnic, Owo, Ondo State.

(*b*) ***Conference Committee on Review of the* 1999 *Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria*:**

Mr Deputy Speaker announced the Membership of the Conference Committee as follows:

(1) Hon. Chukwuemeka Nkem-Ihedioha — *Chairman*
(2) Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — *Member*
(3) Hon. Mukhtar Ahmed — *Member*
(4) Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — *Member*
(5) Hon. Samson Osagie — *Member*
(6) Hon. Datti Mohammed Garba — *Member*
(7) Hon. Ogbuefi Ozomgbachi — *Member*
(8) Hon. Ibrahim Tukur El-Sudi — *Member*
(9) Hon. Binta Bello Maigari — *Member*

5. Petitions:

The following petitions were presented and laid by:

(*i*) Hon. Peter Edeh (*Ezza North/Ishielu Federal Constituency*) on behalf of Chidi David Adabanya, praying the House to investigate Mr Chile Okoroma and Olaolu Adegbite, Directors of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) who were allegedly involved in corrupt practices and official misconduct in connivance with the Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC), with a view to ensuring transparency, equity and justice;

(*ii*) Hon. Daniel Reyenieju (*Warri South/Warri West Federal Constituency*) from Mrs Golda Ogbonna, praying the House to investigate the wrongful termination of her appointment by the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA), with a view to re-instating her;

(*iii*) Hon. Samson Osagie (*Orhionmwon Uhunmwode Federal Constituency*) from Air Commodore John Dogara Dania, praying the House to redress his erroneous retirement in 2012 by the Nigerian Air Force just few hours before he was to be presented for promotion to the rank of Air-Vice Marshal.

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. Matters of Urgent Public Importance:

(*i*) Citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Christopher Sunday Eta (*Boki/Ikom Federal Constituency*) informed the House that a group of military personnel entered his constituency with some purported representatives of the United Nations claiming to conduct some beacon tracing on the Nigerian-Cameroun borders. He recalled the series of incidents that led to the ceding of Bakassi Peninsula to Cameroun, and stressed the need for the government to take more proactive steps to avert a similar occurrence. He 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 agreed to.*

Need for the Federal Government to Take Proactive Steps to Check Activities of Certain Persons along the Nigerian-Cameroon Border:

The House:

Notes the boundary relations between Nigeria and Cameroon;

Aware that recently Bakassi was ceded to Cameroon by the judgement of the International Criminal Court;

Observes that recently the United Nations has been doing Bacon Tracing involving Nigerian personnel and Cameroon officials which started from Obanliku Local Government Area and down currently in Boki Local Government Area;

Further observes that the exercise will continue until they get to Akamkpa Local Government Area through Etung Local Government Area;

Conscious of the fact that Nigeria and Cameroon being sovereign nations must by law have boundary and bacon naturally be the demarcating mark;

Worried that the action as currently carried out without the prior notification of host communities is deliberately done to negatively affect these communities;

Concern that the action is currently causing crisis between the team involved and the various communities which if not properly managed has the capacity of escalating into something more dangerous that may even lead to loss of life;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the United Nations' team to please in the interim stop their tracing activity;

(*ii*) Mandate the Committees on Special Duties, Army, and Foreign Affairs to invite the National Boundary Commission to brief the House on the matter (*Hon. Christopher Sunday Eta — Boki/Ikom Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted the boundary relations between Nigeria and Cameroon;

Aware that recently Bakassi was ceded to Cameroon by the judgement of the International Criminal Court;

Observed that recently the United Nations has been doing Bacon Tracing involving Nigerian personnel and Cameroon officials which started from Obanliku Local Government Area and down currently in Boki Local Government Area;

Further observed that the exercise will continue until they get to Akamkpa Local Government Area through Etung Local Government Area;

Conscious of the fact that Nigeria and Cameroon being sovereign nations must by law have boundary and bacon naturally be the demarcating mark;

Worried that the action as currently carried out without the prior notification of host communities is deliberately done to negatively affect these communities;

Concerned that the action is currently causing crisis between the team involved and the various communities which if not properly managed has the capacity of escalating into something more dangerous that may even lead to loss of life;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge the United Nations' team to please in the interim stop their tracing activity;

(*ii*) Mandate the Committees on Special Duties, Army, and Foreign Affairs to invite the National Boundary Commission to brief the House on the matter (**HR. 69/2014**).

(*ii*) Also citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Uzo Azubuike (*Abia North/Abia South Federal Constituency*) observed that some people with doubtful origin appeared to be presenting themselves for registration and issuance of identity cards as Nigerian citizens in the ongoing registration exercise being conducted by the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC). He stressed the security risk of such actions and 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 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 for NIMC to Exercise Due Diligence Against Registration of Foreigners Resident in Nigeria as Nigerians:

The House:

Notes that the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) is the body charged with the responsibility of keeping the National Identity Database where records of Nigerian citizens and foreigners resident in Nigeria are kept;

Aware that there is an ongoing NIMC registration/enrolment of Nigerian citizens and foreign residence alike across the country which would culminate in the issuance of new National Identification Number;

Further aware that in the ongoing enrolment exercise in some centres in Abuja, some people with doubtful origin as Nigerians numbering more than 1000 claim origin from anyone native community outside the FCT and are enrolled as such, without further identification or verification;

Concerned that given the current security situation in the country and the presence of illegal immigrants assisted by our porous borders, the ongoing NIMC registration/enrolment is conducted in such a manner that there are no security measures put in place to ensure that foreigners in Nigeria are not registered as Nigerians;

Worried that without due diligence and adequate security measures, the implication of registering immigrants as Nigerians are far reaching as illegal immigrants who may be terrorist would be enrolled as Nigerians;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the National Identity Management Commission to exercise due diligence against registration of foreigners resident in Nigeria as Nigerians by putting in place security measures that can confirm the nationality of every person seeking registration;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Interior to monitor the ongoing NIMC registration and report progress as well as challenges to the House periodically (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Aba North/Abia South Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out Prayer (*ii*) (*Hon. Leo Ogor — Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency*).

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

Main question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) is the body charged with the responsibility of keeping the National Identity Database where records of Nigerian citizens and foreigners resident in Nigeria are kept;

Aware that there is an ongoing NIMC registration/enrolment of Nigerian citizens and foreign residence alike across the country which would culminate in the issuance of new National Identification Number;

Further aware that in the ongoing enrolment exercise in some centres in Abuja, some people with doubtful origin as Nigerians numbering more than 1000 claim origin from anyone native community outside the FCT and are enrolled as such, without further identification or verification;

Concerned that given the current security situation in the country and the presence of illegal immigrants assisted by our porous borders, the ongoing NIMC registration/enrolment is conducted in such a manner that there are no security measures put in place to ensure that foreigners in Nigeria are not registered as Nigerians;

Worried that without due diligence and adequate security measures, the implication of registering immigrants as Nigerians are far reaching as illegal immigrants who may be terrorist would be enrolled as Nigerians;

Resolved to:

Urge the National Identity Management Commission to exercise due diligence against registration of foreigners resident in Nigeria as Nigerians by putting in place security measures that can confirm the nationality of every person seeking registration (**HR. 70/2014**).

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

(*i*) People's Bank of Nigeria Act (Repeal) Bill, 2014 (HB. 710).

(*ii*) Nigerian Industrial Development Bank (Guarantee) Act (Repeal) Bill, 2014 (HB. 711).

(*iii*) Nigerian Bank for Commerce and Industry Act (Repeal) Bill, 2014 (HB. 712).

(*iv*) National Commission for Rehabilitation Act (Repeal) Bill, 2014 (HB. 713).

(*v*) Maintenance Orders Act (Repeal) Bill, 2014 (HB. 714).

(*vi*) Federal Savings Bank Act (Repeal) Bill, 2014 (HB. 715).

(*vii*) Loan (State Development) Act (Repeal) Bill, 2014 (HB. 716).

(*viii*) National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja (Establishment, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2014 (HB. 717).

(*ix*) Public Complaints Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2014 (HB. 719).

(*x*) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2014 (HB. 720).

(*xi*) Federal Capital Territory District Courts Act (Amendment) Bill, 2014 (HB. 721).

8. Presentation of Report:

***Committee on Customs and Excise*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Customs and Excise on the Urgent Need to call on the Federal Government to Implement the New Rice Duty Regime **(HR. 24/2014)**" (*Hon. Nasiru Baballe Ila — Tarauni Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

9. Inefficiency and Waste in Budgeting at the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA):

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

10. Need to curb the Practice of Universities Admitting Students in excess of their Allotted Quotas and into Courses which were not accredited by the Nigerian Universities Commission:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian Universities Commission (NUC) is charged with the responsibility of accrediting courses for Universities in the country and guiding admissions of candidates into those courses;

Aware that the NUC controls, monitors and allots quotas to Universities on issues pertaining to admission into courses of study;

Worried that some Universities do not conform to the quotas allotted to them by the NUC and usually go ahead to admit students in excess of their quotas and into courses which they were not accredited to offer;

Concerned that upon completion of their studies, such students are usually left to their fate as they are often not absorbed into the next phase of their training; and at times, not even allowed to participate in the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) scheme as a result of non-accreditation of their courses of study;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge various Universities to adhere strictly to their quotas and admit students only for courses accredited for them to offer;

(*ii*) Mandate the Committee on Education to work out modalities to ensure compliance with the above requirement (*Hon. Nathaniel Agunbiade — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Nigerian Universities Commission (NUC) is charged with the responsibility of accrediting courses for Universities in the country and guiding admissions of candidates into those courses;

Aware that the NUC controls, monitors and allots quotas to Universities on issues pertaining to admission into courses of study;

Worried that some Universities do not conform to the quotas allotted to them by the NUC and usually go ahead to admit students in excess of their quotas and into courses which they were not accredited to offer;

Concerned that upon completion of their studies, such students are usually left to their fate as they are often not absorbed into the next phase of their training; and at times, not even allowed to participate in the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) scheme as a result of non-accreditation of their courses of study;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge various Universities to adhere strictly to their quotas and admit students only for courses accredited for them to offer;

(*ii*) Mandate the Committee on Education to work out modalities to ensure compliance with the above requirement (**HR. 71/2014**).

11. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Regulation and Effective Monitoring of Metallurgical activities in the Mines and Steel Sector, Metallurgical Inspection and Raw Materials Development in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 689) — *Second Reading*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Regulation and Effective Monitoring of Metallurgical activities in the Mines and Steel Sector, Metallurgical Inspection and Raw Materials Development in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 689) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

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 Steel.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the Issue From the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account, the Total sum of ₦271,125,103,635 (Two Hundred and Seventy-One Billion, One Hundred and Twenty-Five Million, One Hundred and Three Thousand, Six Hundred and Thirty-Five Naira) only, of which the Sum of ₦49,200,944,858 (Forty-Nine Billion, Two Hundred Million, Nine Hundred and Forty-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Eight Naira only, is for Personnel Costs and the sum of ₦62,891,521,857 (Sixty-Two Billion, Eight Hundred and Ninety-One Million, Five Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Seven Naira) only, is for Overhead Costs Whilst the Balance of ₦159,032,636,920 (One Hundred and Fifty Nine Billion, Thirty Two Million, Six Hundred and Thirty-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred**

and Twenty Naira) only, is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the Financial Year Commencing from 1st January and Ending on 31st December, 2014 (HB. 691) — *Second Reading*:

Order deferred by leave of the House.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the Provision of Free Pre-Natal and Post -Natal Health Services to every Nigerian Woman Pregnant with Child in Government Hospitals and for Other Related Matters (HB. 607) — *Second Reading*:**

Mr Deputy Speaker recalled that on Wednesday, 28 May, 2014 the House adjourned debate on the Bill and directed the Committee on Rules and Business to examine the Bill to determine its similarity with any other pending Bill and report back to the House. He therefore invited the Chairman, Committee on Rules and Business to report on the referral.

Hon Albert T. Sam-Tsokwa, Chairman Committee on Rules and Business reported that the House requested the Committee to determine whether HB. 607 could be considered by the House for *Second Reading* since HB. 199 had been read the *Second Time* and was pending before a Committee of the House; and to further determine whether HB. 607 and HB. 644 address the same subject matter.

He stated that:

(*i*) HB 199, sponsored by Hon. Joseph Kigbu was read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Health on Tuesday, 11 December, 2012;

(*ii*) a careful examination shows that both HB. 607 and HB.644 address health issues relating to children and pregnant women and are therefore practically on the same subject matter;

He concluded that although HB. 199 addresses the same subject matter, it was read the *Second Time* and referred to the Committee on Health on 11 December, 2012 (Second Session); and that HB. 607 and HB. 644 came before the House on Thursday, 3 April, 2014 and Wednesday, 28 May, 2014, respectively in the current Third Session.

The Committee therefore recommended that the House should consolidate HB. 607 and HB. 644 and schedule the consolidated Bill for *Second Reading*.

Mr Deputy Speaker therefore ordered the Committee on Rules and Business to slate HB. 607 and HB. 644 for consolidation and thereafter schedule the consolidated Bill for ***Second Reading***.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Make Health Care Services Free for all Children in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 644) — *Second Reading*:**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Economic Development Bank by repealing the National Economic Reconstruction Fund Act, Cap. N32 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to provide a better Mechanism for Managing the Bank's Resources in facilitating National Economic Development through the Provision of Medium and Long-Term Loans to Small and Medium Scale Enterprises and for other Related Matters (HB. 648) — *Second Reading*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Economic Development Bank by repealing the National Economic Reconstruction Fund Act, Cap. N32 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to provide a better Mechanism for Managing the Bank's Resources in facilitating National Economic Development through the Provision of Medium and Long-Term Loans to Small and Medium Scale Enterprises and for other Related Matters (HB. 648) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Ogoshi Onawo — Awe/Doma/Keana 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 Committees on Industry.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Loan and Risk Management of Nigeria to provide for the Control of its membership and to Promote the Practice of Loan and Risk Management in Nigeria and for Other Purposes Connected Therewith (HB. 593) — *Second Reading*:**

Order read deferred by leave of the House.

17. **Adjournment:**
That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 5 *June*, 2014 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.05 *p.m.*

Chukwuemeka Nkem-Ihedioha
Deputy Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 3 June, 2014, item 13, line 7, *leave out* the words "Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani" and *insert* the following words instead thereof "Ovia North East/South-West".