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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 18 September, 2014

1. The House met at 10.00 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, 17 September, 2014.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcement:**
(*a*) *Visitors in the Gallery*:
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of representatives of Lagos and Enugu Federal Training Centres' Hansard Verbatim Reporters on attachment to the National Assembly.

(*b*) ***Defection*:**
Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Cyril Egwuatu (*Onitsha North/Onitsha South Federal Constituency*) informing the House of his resignation as member of the All Progressive Grand Alliance (APGA) and defection to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

(*c*) ***Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to amend the Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund (Social Security) (Amendment) Act* (HB.286), 2012:**
Mr Speaker announced the Membership of the Conference Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Essien Ekpenyong Ayi	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Bashir Baballe	—	*Deputy Chairman*
(3)	Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Abubakar Momoh	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Muh'd Ali Wudil	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Joseph Akinlaja	—	*Member*

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(*d*) ***Turbaning Ceremony of Mr Speaker***:
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that Honourable Members are invited to the turbaning ceremony of the Hon. Speaker, Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal, CFR, by His Eminence, Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar III, CFR, *mni*, Sultan of Sokoto as the *Mutawalle of Sokoto* scheduled to hold on Saturday, 27 September, 2014, 10. 00 a.m. at the Palace of His Eminence, Sultan of Sokoto.

4. Petitions:
The following petitions were presented and laid by:

(*i*) Hon. Dawari George (*Akuku-Toru/Asari -Toru Federal Constituency*) from Samuel Amadi, praying the House to prevail on the Nigeria Police Commission to comply with the court order to reinstate him and pay his salaries and other entitlements in arrears.

(*ii*) Hon. Sekonte Davies (*Degema/Bonny Federal Constituency*) from Sonny Duke, praying the House to prevail on the Nigerian Army to pay his retirement benefits.

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order VIII, Rule 46):
(*i*) Hon. Hassan Saleh (*Ado/Ogbadibo/Okpokwu Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the House to the need to investigate reports that the Directorate of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) recently introduced a policy which would require prospective corps members to pay the sum of ₦4000 (four thousand Naira) in order to access their call-up letters on the NYSC portal. He noted that the implementation of the policy might put the Corps Members under severe financial and psychological pressure and thus 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.

(*ii*) Hon. Abubakar Momoh (*Etsako East/Etsako West/Etsako Central Federal Constituency*) informed the House that about two weeks ago, there was a serious rainstorm in Fuga, Headquarter of Estako Local Government Area of Edo State, resulting in the loss of properties worth millions of Naira. 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. The Need to Investigate the attempt to Smuggle the sum of $9.3m Cash into South Africa:

Order deferred by leave of the House.

7. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service charged with Powers of Assessment, Collection of, and Accounting for Revenues accruable to the Federal Capital territory and for Other Related Matters (HB. 147) — *Third Reading*:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service charged with Powers of Assessment, Collection of, and Accounting for Revenues accruable to the Federal Capital territory and for Other Related Matters (HB. 147) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, Cap. L12 LFN, 2004, and Enact the Legislative Powers and Privileges Act, 2014 in order to give the Legislature the desired Powers and Immunity to be able to carry out its Legislative Responsibility and for Matters Connected Therewith (HBs 367, 429 and 436) — *Third Reading*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, Cap. L12 LFN, 2004, and Enact the Legislative Powers and Privileges Act, 2014 in order to give the Legislature the desired Powers and Immunity to be able to carry out its Legislative Responsibility and for Matters Connected Therewith (HBs 367, 429 and 436 be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap. C20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to prohibit Infants and Other Persons of questionable Character from being Members of Companies and for Other Matters Connected Thereto (HB. 699) — *Second Reading*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Companies and Allied Matters Act,Cap.C20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to prohibit Infants and Other Persons of questionable Character from being Members of Companies and for Other Matters Connected Thereto (HB. 699) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question that the Bill be read a Second time, put and negatived.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend Section 9 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to make Provision for Referendum in the Alteration or Enactment of a New Constitution (HB. 720) — *Second Reading*:**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Development and Implementation of a Local Industry Participation Policy for Nigeria and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 726) — *Second Reading*:**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Development, Management, Utilization, Sustainability and adequate supply of renewable Energy for generation of Heat and Power and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 731) — *Second Reading*:**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

13. **Adjournment:**
That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 23 *September*, 2014 *at* 10.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 11.19 *a.m.*

Aminu Waziri Tambuwal
Speaker