FOURTH REPUBLIC
7TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
FOURTH SESSION
NO. 22

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 15 October, 2014

1. The House met at 11.20 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, 14 October, 2014.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

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

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

14th October, 2014

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

Your Excellency,

BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA TO POLICE REFORM PROGRAMME AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THERETO

Further to my letter dated 16th June, 2014, I forward herewith, for your kind consideration and passage into law, the above mentioned Bill.

PRINTED BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESS, ABUJA

The state of our Police Force calls for immediate intervention if Nigeria is to achieve the desired result of operating an effective Police Force in tune with international best practice.

The Bill, as presented, seeks to provide financial contribution by the Federal Government to the Police Reform Programme which is a deliberate Government policy aimed at equipping and repositioning the Nigeria Police to more effectively and efficiently meet its constitutional obligations.

While hoping that this request will receive the usual expeditious consideration and approval of the Honourable Members of the House of Representatives of the Federal Republic, please accept Rt. Hon. Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

(*Signed*)

GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

4. **Announcements:**

(*a*) **2015 - 2017 *Medium-Term Expenditure Frame Work and Fiscal Strategy Paper*:**
Mr Speaker recalled that on Tuesday, 14 October, 2014, he read a commutation from Mr President on the 2015 - 2017 Medium-Term Expenditure Frame Work and Fiscal Strategy Paper; he referred the matter to the Committees on Finance, Appropriations, and Aids, Loans, and Debt for further legislative action.

(*b*) ***Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Centre as the Central Body in Nigeria responsible for Receiving, Requesting, Analyzing and Disseminating Financial Intelligence Reports and Other Information to Law Enforcement, Security and Intelligence Agencies and Other Relevant Authorities and for Other Related Matters* (*HBs* 495 *and* 574):**
Mr Speaker recalled that the House Membership of the Conference Committee was named on Thursday, 25 September, 2014 and further named Hon. Ali Ahmad as an additional Member of the Committee.

5. **Petitions:**
A petition was presented and laid by Hon. Ezenwa Onyewuchi (*Owerri Municipal/Owerri North/Owerri West Federal Constituency*) from William Azuh, praying the House to prevail on Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), to pay his retirement benefits.

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. **Closed Session:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do resolve into a Closed Session" (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

House in Closed Session — **1.04 *p.m.***

7. **House in Open Session** — **1. 21 *p.m.***

8. Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to further Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and for Other Matters Connected Therewith:
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that a Bill for an Act to further Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and for Other Matters Connected Therewith was passed by the House on Thursday, 5 June, 2014;

Also notes that the Senate passed the same Constitution Alteration Bill with some differences;

The two Chambers met in Conference on Thursday, 30 September, 2014 and adopted a harmonized version of the Bill;

Aware that the harmonised version of the Bill was laid in the House on Tuesday, 14 October, 2014;

A clean copy of the Conference Report is ready for adoption;

Resolves to:

Adopt the Report of the Conference Committee by positive vote of 2/3 majority of members present and thereafter, transmit same to the Thirty-Six (36) State Houses of Assembly for approval by resolution (*Hon. Chukwuemeka Nkem Ihedioha — Deputy Speaker*).

Question put:

Total	**Members present**	—	**261**
Ayes		—	**252**
Nays		—	**8**
Abstain		—	**1**

Agreed to.

9. Receipt and Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to make Provisions for the Prevention of HIV and AIDS-Based Discrimination and to protect the Fundamental Rights and Dignity of People living with and People affected by HIV and AIDS and for Other Related Matters (HB. 240):
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Discrimination against Persons living with HIV/AIDS (Prohibition) Bill, 2012, was passed by the House on Thursday, 28 November, 2013 and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence;

The Senate passed same with some differences;

The two Chambers met in Conference on Wednesday, 28 May, 2014 and adopted a harmonized version of the Bill;

A clean copy of the Conference Report is ready for receipt and adoption;

And in view of the importance of this Bill in ensuring the prevention of discrimination against people living with and affected by the condition and to the overall development and management of the health system in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

Receive and Adopt the Conference Report on a Bill for an Act to make Provisions for the Prevention of HIV and AIDS-Based Discrimination and to protect the Fundamental Rights and Dignity of People living with and People affected by HIV and AIDS and for Other Related Matters (HB. 240) (*Hon. Joseph Haruna Kigbu — Lafia/Obi Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

10. Adjournment:
That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 16 *October*, 2014 *at* 10.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Leo Ogor — Deputy House Leader*).

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

Aminu Waziri Tambuwal
Speaker