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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 21 October, 2014

1. The House met at 10.50 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 Thursday, 16 October, 2014.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcements:**

(*a*) ***Notice of Matriculation*:**
Mr Deputy Speaker notified the House that the first matriculation ceremony for registered post-graduate students of the National Institute for Legislative Studies is scheduled to take place today, Tuesday, 21 October, 2014 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senate Auditorium; he enjoined Members to be in attendance.

(*b*) ***Visitors in the Gallery*:**
Mr Deputy Speaker recognized the presence of the following:

(*i*) The National Association of Political Science Students (NAPSS), University of Jos Chapter, Jos, Plateau State.

(*ii*) Members of the Legislative Council of Owan East Local Government Area, Edo State.

4. **Admittance into the Chamber:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do admit into the Chamber, Members of Delegation of the Committee on Constitutional Implementation and Oversight, National Assembly of Kenya and the Kenyan Ambassador to Nigeria, pursuant to Order XIX, Rule 217 (1) (*xi*) and (2)" (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola - House Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

The Delegation was admitted accordingly.

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

(*i*) Hon. Innocent Tirsel (*Shendam/Mikang/Qua'an/Pan Federal Constituency*) on behalf of Mr Tongshuwa Simon Musa, praying the House to redress the wrongful termination of his employment by Federal College of Forestry, Jos, Plateau State;

(*ii*) Hon. Herman Hembe (*Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*) on behalf of Ben Pever, requesting the House to prevail on the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) and the Management of Kriston Lally Nigeria Limited to refund the money he paid for the Housing Scheme organized by the NLC.

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. **Personal Explanation (Standing Order VIII, Rule 47):**
Hon. Nnanna Igbokwe (*Ahiazu Mbaise/Ezinihitte*) called the attention of the House to a publication in the *National Mirror* newspaper of Monday, 20 October, 2014, in which he purportedly granted an interview and was quoted to have stated that the 1.5 billion dollars loan sought by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) was not in the interest of the country. He denied granting such interview on a matter the House had taken a decision. He therefore described the publication as an apparent breach of his privilege and a calculated attempt to smear his rising profile.

Mr Deputy Speaker noted his personal explanation.

7. **Presentation of Reports:**
(*i*) ***Committee on Justice*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Registration and Regulation of Lobbyists in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 403)" (*Hon. Ali Ahmad — Ilorin East/Ilorin South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(*ii*) ***Committee on Justice*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Law Reform Commission Act, Cap. N118, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by making Provision for more Funds and Submission of Recommendations for Legislative Review or Reform to both the National Assembly and the Attorney-General of the Federation in order to strengthen its Capability in Discharging its Statutory Functions and for Other Related Matters (HB. 405)" (*Hon. Ali Ahmad — Ilorin East/Ilorin South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(*iii*) ***Committees on Aids, Loans and Debt Management, and Finance*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Aids, Loans and Debt Management, and Finance on the External Borrowing of not more than one billion US Dollars (USD 1B) to tackle the National Security Challenges in the country" (*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi — Odo-Otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

8. **Urgent Need to Save Ekiti State Judiciary from Further Assault:**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Broadcasting Commission Act to Provide for Competition in Nigeria, to Promote efficiency and expand opportunities for participation of Nigerians in world markets while at same time recognizing the role of Foreign Competition in Nigeria and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 741) — *Second Reading*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Broadcasting Commission Act to Provide for Competition in Nigeria, to Promote efficiency and expand opportunities for participation of Nigerians in world markets while at same time recognizing the role of Foreign Competition in Nigeria and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 741) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Aishatu Dahiru Ahmed — Yola North/Yola South/Girel 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 Committee on Information and National Orientation.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Advisory Council on Religious Affairs Act, Cap. A8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Peace Council to Promote Peace and Religious Harmony in the country and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 744) — *Second Reading*:**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Traffic Warden Act, 1975 and to Provide for the Establishment of the Traffic Warden Service and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 619) — *Second Reading*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Traffic Warden Act, 1975 and to Provide for the Establishment of the Traffic Warden Service and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 619) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Victor Afam Ogene — Ogbaru 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 Police Affairs, and Justice.

12. **Adjournment:**

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 22 *October*, 2014 *at* 10.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Leo Ogor — Deputy House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.19 *p.m.*

Chukwuemeka Nkem Ihedioha
Deputy Speaker