HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 4 March, 2015

1. The House met at 11.53 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, 3 March, 2015.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcements:**
(*a*) ***Visitors in Gallery*:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following:

(*i*) Supreme Parliament Students' Union Government, University of Benin, Benin City, Edo State;

(*ii*) Staff and Students of Intimacy With Christ Int'l Schools, Mararaba, Nasarawa State.

(*b*) ***Defection*:**
Mr Speaker read a defection letter from Hon. Muhammad Bashir Galadanchi (*Gwale Federal Constituency*), from All Progressives Congress (APC) to Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

(*c*) ***Obituary*:**
Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Kingsley S. Ebenyi (*Enugu East/Isi-Uzo Federal Constituency*) announcing the demise of his father, Pa Chief Fidelis Uzu Ebenyi, who passed away on Wednesday, 25 February, 2015.

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

4. **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.

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House in Closed Session — 11.58 *a.m.*

House in Open Session — 01.09 *p.m.*

5. Presentation of Reports:

(*i*) ***Committees on Health and Justice*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Health and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Regulation and Control of Production, Manufacture, Sale, Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship of Tobacco or Tobacco Products in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 700) (HB. 455)" (*Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu — Aniocha North/Aniocha South/Oshimili North/Oshimili South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(*ii*) ***Committee on Health*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja (Establishment) Act to effect the change of the Name from National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja to National Hospital, Abuja and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 717)" (*Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu — Aniocha North/Aniocha South/Oshimili North/Oshimili South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(*iii*) ***Committee on Housing and Habitat*:**

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Housing and Habitat on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Lands Registry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, Cap. F15, LFN, 2004 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 494).

Order deferred by leave of the House.

6. Privilege (Standing Order VI, Rule 20):

Hon. Isa Lawan (*Kukawa/Mobbar/Abadium/Guzamalai Federal Constituency*) informed the House of a publication in *Daily Trust* of Wednesday, 4 March, 2015 where it was reported that the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) are generally not disposed to returning home following recent successes recorded by the Nigerian military against Boko Haram insurgents. He described the publication as misrepresentation of facts as the IDPs are willing and eager to return home and participate in the electoral process. He noted that some good numbers of the IDPs are from his constituency and therefore viewed the publication as a breach of his privilege.

Mr Speaker noted the information and advised media houses to always verify their reports before publication.

7. The Need for the Independent National Electoral Commission to Liaise with the House to bring about the Staggering of Future Elections to Reduce Tension in the Polity and Improve Governance:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the excessive tension in the polity as a result of the forth coming elections;

Concerned that if the tension is not properly channeled, the foundations of the nation could be eroded;

Aware that the election fever has to a large extent been caused by the clustering of all the series of elections within a short time frame;

Convinced that the National Assembly has an important role to play in stabilising the Nigerian nation;

Resolves to:

Urge the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to work with the Committee on Electoral Matters to devise a way of staggering future elections in order to ensure a more serene electoral environment (*Hon. Eddie Ifeanyichukwu Mbadiwe — Ideato North/Ideato South Federal Constituency*).

Motion withdrawn by leave of the House.

8. Gas Emission from Irri/Kwale 18" Gas Pipeline and the Refusal of Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) to Address the Claims of the Impacted Community:
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Irri/Kwale 18" Gas Pipeline operated by Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) emitted gas between 23rd to 29th December, 2009, which polluted the entire Umu-Eze Iwerrie Community of Aboh in Ndokwa East Local Government Area of Delta State;

Also notes a report that the gas emission was promptly brought to the attention of Nigerian Agip Oil Company which neglected to clamp the source of the leakage until six (6) days after the disclosure of the information to it;

Observes another report that the heavy and extensive emission densely polluted the environment and adversely affected the health of the people of the community, many of whom were consequently hospitalized for long periods;

Further notes the claim that the pollution damaged crops, surface water, marine life, roofs of houses, vegetation and also caused the death of hundreds of domestic and wild animals, as well as poultry;

Also observes that the post-impact assessment carried out by representatives of the Delta State Ministry of Environment, National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA), Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) and Umu-Eze Iwerrie Community, contained in the field reports of Joint Investigation Visit (JIV) dated 29th December, 2009, required NAOC to effect immediate repairs of the facility and compensate the impacted community;

Worried that the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) had not only blatantly refused to pay the Four Hundred Million Naira (₦400,000,000.00) compensation requested by Umu-Eze Iwerrie community as a result of the pollution, but also backed out from further negotiations that could have led to an agreement for the payment of a fair compensation;

Concerned that there is an urgent need to prevail upon NAOC to comply with the recommendation of the Joint Investigation Visit (JIV) which it had earlier endorsed and agreed to implement;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Environment, and Gas Resources to urgently investigate the claims within three (3) weeks with a view to prevailing upon the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) to pay a fair compensation to the Umu-Eze Iwerrie Community and then report back to the House (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion referred to Committees on Environment, and Gas Resources, pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 51 (5) (**HR. 20/2015**).

9. **The Need to Establish Earthquake and Tsunami Monitoring Stations in the Hinterland and Coastlines of the Country:**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Incorporate Annex 12 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation 1944, into Nigerian Law; to Establish the Nigerian Search and Rescue Service and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 690) — *Second Reading*:**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

11. **Adjournment:**
That the House do *adjourn till Thursday*, 5 *March*, 2015 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Leo Ogor — Deputy House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.03 *p.m.*

Aminu Waziri Tambuwal
Speaker

CORRIGENDA

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 3 March, 2015, on:

(*i*) page 642, item 4 (*d*), (10) and (11), *delete* the names "Hon. Andrew Uchendu, and Hon. Kareem Tajudeen Abiodun" and *insert* the names "Hon. Emmanuel M. Udende, and Hon. Aiyedun Akeem Olayinka" respectively instead thereof.

(*ii*) page 652, Clause 32, (Amendment Proposed), line 1, immediately after the word "Nigeria", *insert* the words "or elsewhere".