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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 22 April, 2015

1. The House met at 11.51 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, 21 April, 2015.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. **Presentation of Bills:**
The following Bills were presented (*First Reading*):

(*i*) National Agency on the Great Green Wall (Establishment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 780).

(*ii*) Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 779).

4. **Presentation of Report:**
***Committees on Appropriations, and Finance*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Appropriations, and Finance on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦4,357,960,000,000 (Four Trillion, Three Hundred and Fifty-Seven Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty Million Naira) only, of which, ₦411,840,000,000 (Four Hundred and Eleven Billion, Eight Hundred and Forty Million Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦943,000,000,000 (Nine Hundred and Forty-Three Billion Naira) only, is for Debt Service, ₦2,616,007,426,233 (Two Trillion, Six Hundred and Sixteen Billion, Seven Million, Four Hundred and Twenty-Six Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the balance of ₦387,112,573,767 (Three Hundred and Eighty-Seven Billion, One Hundred and Twelve Million, Five Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Seven Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on 31st day of December, 2015 (HB. 765)" (*Hon. John Owan Enoh — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

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5. **Receipt and Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to make Provisions for the Administration of Criminal Justice and for Related Matters in the Courts of the Federal Capital Territory and other Federal Courts in Nigeria; and for Other Matters Related Thereto:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Administration of Criminal Justice Bill, 2013 was passed by the House on Wednesday, 11 December, 2013 and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence;

The Senate passed same Bill with some differences;

The two Chambers met in Conference on Thursday, 16 April, 2015 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 the Bill in enhancing the administration of Criminal Justice in Nigeria:

Resolves to:

Receive and Adopt the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to make Provisions for the Administration of Criminal Justice and for Related Matters in the Courts of the Federal Capital Territory and Other Federal Courts in Nigeria; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (*Hon. Ali Ahmad — Ilorin East/Ilorin South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

6. **Spill of Crude Oil from the Kwale II Oil Well of Nigerian AGIP Oil Company Ltd (NAOC) and the Abdication of Corporate Social Responsibility:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that in September 2006, the Kwale II, Oil well-head near the Okpai Gas Plant in Delta State belonging to the Nigerian Agip Oil Company suffered equipment failure which caused the eruption of massive quantity of crude oil into the environment;

Also notes that the eruption forcefully caused the collapse of the integral earth crust which made the flow to be very rapid and fast spreading;

Observes that the spillage, which lasted for over a month, overwhelmed the capacity of the waste and cellar pits, destroyed vast area of arable and cultivatable farmlands, aquatic lives, fishing nets, economic trees and vegetation, as well as contaminating the drinking water pools of Umu Iwerrie Community of Aboh in Ndokwa East Local Government Area of Delta State;

Also observes that the post impact assessment conducted by representatives of the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA), Delta State Ministry of Environment, Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) and Umu Iwerrie Community contained in the field "Joint Investigation Visit" (JIV) Report recommended a clean-up of the environment and payment of compensation to those affected;

Worried that during the negotiation that could have led to the payment of compensation, the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) trivialized the fundamental issues at stake by not only refusing to pay the community's claim of Three Hundred and Sixty Million Naira (₦360,000,000.00) only, but declined further dialogue and negotiation for over seven (7) years now;

Also worried that the failure to clean up the environment, given the health implications of the pollution to the rural dwellers of Umu Iwerrie Community and the massive damage to their economic interests and socio-cultural values, is a flagrant abdication of corporate social responsibility on the part of the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC);

Resolves to:

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

Debate:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend Order VIII, Rule 50 to enable it take an amnedment on a motion" (*Hon. Kamil Akinlabi — Afijio/Atiba East/Oyo West Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the Prayer and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"Mandate the Committee on Environment to look into the matter and report back to the House next week" (*Hon. Kamil Akinlabi — Afijio/Atiba East/ Oyo West Federal Constituency*).

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

Main question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that in September 2006, the Kwale II, Oil well-head near the Okpai Gas Plant in Delta State belonging to the Nigerian Agip Oil Company suffered equipment failure which caused the eruption of massive quantity of crude oil into the environment;

Also noted that the eruption forcefully caused the collapse of the integral earth crust which made the flow to be very rapid and fast spreading;

Observed that the spillage, which lasted for over a month, overwhelmed the capacity of the waste and cellar pits, destroyed vast area of arable and cultivatable farmlands, aquatic lives, fishing nets, economic trees and vegetation, as well as contaminating the drinking water pools of Umu Iwerrie Community of Aboh in Ndokwa East Local Government Area of Delta State;

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Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Environment to look into the matter and report back to the House next week (**HR. 37/2015**).

7. **Adjournment:**
That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 23 April, 2015 at 10.00 a.m. (Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 12.30 p.m.

Aminu Waziri Tambuwal
Speaker