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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 6 May, 2015

1. The House met at 12.02 p.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, 5 May, 2015, respectively.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. **Announcement:**
***Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Eliminate Violence in Private and Public Life, Prohibit all Forms of Violence Including Physical, Sexual, Psychological, Domestic, Harmful Traditional Practices; Discrimination against Persons and to Provide Maximum Protection and Effective Remedies for Victims and Punishment of Offenders* (HB.19):**
Mr Speaker announced the membership of the Conference Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Beni Lar	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Friday Itulah	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Khadijah Bukar Abba	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Ado Doguwa	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Peace Nnaji	—	*Member*

4. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order VIII, Rule 46):**
***Urgent need for Proper Rehabilitation and Integration of Kidnapped Women and Children Rescued at Sambisa Forest by the Nigerian Army*:**
Hon. Friday Itulah (*Esan North East/Esan South East Federal Constituency*) presented the subject matter and prayed the House to:

(*a*) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance, and

(*b*) suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) to allow for immediate debate of the matter.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance, put and agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) *to enable it debate the matter forthwith, put and agreed to.*

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Kidnapped Women and Children Rescued at Sambisa Forest by the Nigerian Army, the Urgent Need for Proper Rehabilitation and Integration:

The House:

Notes with a heart of melancholy the high number of women and children rescued so far from Sambisa forest by the Nigerian Army;

Further notes that there is the need to ascertain the true number of women and children rescued as there have been some conflicting numbers all over the media;

Concerned that these rescued Nigerians need urgent care and attention from government and well meaning Nigerians as some of the women and girls are reported to be pregnant;

Aware that international organisations are also interested in the well being of these rescued Nigerians;

Desirous that they be given proper care, rehabilitated and reinstated back into the society;

Resolves to:

Urge the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to liaise with the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to ascertain the true numbers of those rescued and steps taken so far to ensure their urgent physical and psychological rehabilitation and report back to the House within one week (*Hon. Friday Itulah – Esan North East/South East Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:
Insert a new Prayer (*ii*) as follows:
"Commend the gallantry of the men and officers of the Nigerian Armed Forces together with their counterparts in the Joint Military Task Force for the successes recorded so far in the fight against insurgency" (*Hon. Bitrus Kaze – Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted with a heart of melancholy the high number of women and children rescued so far from Sambisa forest by the Nigerian Army;

Further noted that there is the need to ascertain the true number of women and children rescued as there have been some conflicting numbers all over the media;

Concerned that these rescued Nigerians need urgent care and attention from government and well meaning Nigerians as some of the women and girls are reported to be pregnant;

Aware that international organisations are also interested in the well being of these rescued Nigerians;

Desirous that they be given proper care, rehabilitated and reinstated back into the society;

Resolved to

(*i*) Urge the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to liaise with the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to ascertain the true numbers of those rescued and steps taken so far to ensure their urgent physical and psychological rehabilitation and report back to the House within one week;

(*ii*) Commend the gallantry of the men and officers of the Nigerian Armed Forces together with their counterparts in the Joint Military Task Force for the successes recorded so far in the fight against insurgency (**HR. 38/2015**).

5. **Presentation of Reports:**

(*i*) ***Committee on Housing and Habitat*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Housing and Habitat on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Housing Fund Act, Cap. N45, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Establish the National Housing Trust Fund; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB.74)" (*Hon. Mohammed Ogoshi Onawo — Awe/Doma/Keana Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(*ii*) ***Committee on Housing and Habitat*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "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)" (*Hon. Mohammed Ogoshi Onawo — Awe/Doma/Keana Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(*iii*) *Committees on Agriculture, and Justice*:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Agriculture, and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization Act, Cap. N13, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to provide for Private Sector participation, Promotion of Commercial Agriculture; and for Other Related Maters (HB. 31)" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

6. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of a Development Commission for Accelerated Development of Border Communities of the Federal Capital Territory and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 592) — *Second Reading*:**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

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

The House adjourned accordingly at 12.56 p.m.

Aminu Waziri Tambuwal
Speaker