HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 10 June, 2015

1. The House met at 11.21 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, 9 June, 2015.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Messages:**
Mr Speaker ordered the transmission of the following messages:

(*a*) ***To the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria*:**

(*i*) That a message be conveyed to the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria informing it that the quorum of the House had assembled: that Hon. Yakubu Dogara, representing Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency had been elected the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(*ii*) That a message be conveyed to the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria informing it that the quorum of the House had assembled: that Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun, representing Irepodun/Olorunda/Orolu/Osogbo Federal Constituency had been elected the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(*b*) ***To the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria*:**

(*i*) That the Clerk to the National Assembly do notify the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, that the quorum of the House had assembled: that Hon. Yakubu Dogara, representing Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency had been elected the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(*ii*) That the Clerk to the National Assembly do notify the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria that the quorum of the House had assembled: that Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun, representing Irepodun/Olorunda/Orolu/Osogbo Federal Constituency had been elected the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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(*iii*) That the Clerk to the National Assembly do advise the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) to inform the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, that the House had assembled, properly constituted and ready to receive any message he may wish to transmit.

4. Announcements:

Mr Speaker made the following announcements:

(*i*) That an *Ad-hoc* Welfare Committee will be constituted and that all State Caucuses are to forward the name of a Member to represent each State in the Committee;

(*ii*) That a Committee on Selection which is one of the Special Committees to be established within the first thirty legislative days will be constituted pursuant to the Standing Orders of the House, with the Honourable Speaker and the Deputy Speaker as Chairman and Deputy Chairman respectively, and with other Members including the House Leader, House Whip, Minority Leadership and such other Members as m ay be co-opted;

(*iii*) That the Committee on Rules and Business will be constituted to review the Standing Orders of the House and the code of conduct of Members and possibly come up with amendments.

5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order VIII, Rule 46):

***Senseless Killing of Youth Corp Members*:**

Hon. Chinda Kingsley Ogundu (*Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*) presented the 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 enable the matter be debated immediately.

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.*

Senseless Killing of Youth Corp Members:

The House:

Notes with very serious concern incidence of violence and deaths suffered by serving Youth Corp members across the country;

Further notes the gruesome murder of Mr Akpanika Hope Frampton , a serving Corper member on June 6, 2015 in his place of primary assignment, Aboh-Mbaise, Imo State;

Recalls that barely few weeks ago, another Corp member, Miss Idowu Shukurat Yetunde was allegedly murdered by some unknown persons in Kwara State;

Aware that the National Youth Service Corp (NYSC) scheme was set up by the Nigerian Government in 1973 for unity, national integration and development of the country by bringing together people of other tribes, social and family backgrounds, to learn the culture of other people and communities;

Also aware that the purpose of the NYSC scheme is primarily to inculcate in Nigerian Youths the spirit of selfless service to the community and to emphasize the spirit of oneness and brotherhood of all Nigerians, irrespective of cultural or social background;

Concerned that if the mindless and senseless killing of youth Corps members continue unabated, it will defeat the spirit and tenets of the Scheme;

Further aware that there is a duty on the part of Government to provide for the security and welfare of its citizenry as guaranteed in Section 14 (2) (*b*) of the Constitution, Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

Resolves to:

(*i*) Observe a minute silence in honour of the late Corper and all Corp members who lost their lives in course of service to their fatherland;

(*ii*) Urge the Federal Government and other relevant agencies to immediately take steps to secure Corp members, as well as improve on their conditions of service (*Hon. Chinda Kingsley Ogundu — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:
Insert a new Prayer (*iii*) as follows:
"Urge the Nigeria Police to thoroughly investigate and bring the culprit, who murdered the Youth Corper in Imo State, to justice speedily" (*Hon. Pally Iriase — Owan East/West Federal Constituency*).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted with very serious concern incidence of violence and deaths suffered by serving Youth Corp members across the country;

Further noted the gruesome murder of Mr Akpanika Hope Frampton , a serving Corper member on June 6, 2015 in his place of primary assignment, Aboh-Mbaise, Imo State;

Recalled that barely few weeks ago, another Corp member, Miss Idowu Shukurat Yetunde was allegedly murdered by some unknown persons in Kwara State;

Aware that the National Youth Service Corp (NYSC) scheme was set up by the Nigerian Government in 1973 for unity, national integration and development of the country by bringing together people of other tribes, social and family backgrounds, to learn the culture of other people and communities;

Also aware that the purpose of the NYSC scheme is primarily to inculcate in Nigerian Youths the spirit of selfless service to the community and to emphasize the spirit of oneness and brotherhood of all Nigerians, irrespective of cultural or social background;

Concerned that if the mindless and senseless killing of youth Corps members continue unabated, it will defeat the spirit and tenets of the Scheme;

Further aware that there is a duty on the part of Government to provide for the security and welfare of its citizenry as guaranteed in Section 14 (2) (*b*) of the Constitution, Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

Resolved to:

(*i*) Observe a minute silence in honour of the late Corper and all Corp members who lost their lives in course of service to their fatherland;

(*ii*) Urge the Federal Government and other relevant agencies to immediately take steps to secure Corp members, as well as improve on their conditions of service:

(*iii*) Further urge the Nigeria Police to thoroughly investigate and bring the culprit, who murdered the Youth Corper in Imo State, to justice speedily (**HR. 01/2015**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased and other Corp members who lost their lives in similar circumstances.

6. Adjournment:

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 23 *June*, 2015 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Yunusari Federal Constituency*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 12.09 *p.m.*

Yakubu Barry Dogara
Speaker

CORRIGENDA

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 9 June, 2015:

(*i*) In item 2, line 3, *leave out* the words "30 March, 2015" and *insert* the words "28 March, 2015);

(*ii*) In item 5 (*i*), line 5, *leave out* the word "Gombe" and *insert* the word "Benue" instead thereof;

(*iii*) In item 5 (*ii*), line 1, *leave out* the words "(*Gwale Federal Constituency*)" and *insert* the words "(*Doguwa/Tudun Wada Federal Constituency*)" instead thereof.