

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 5 June, 2018

- 1. The House met at 11.13 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 Thursday, 31 May, 2018.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

Message

Mr Speaker read a message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



PRESIDENT,
- FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

4th June, 2018

Rt Hon. Yakubu Dogara, Speaker of the House of Representatives, National Assembly Complex, Three Arms Zone, Abuja.

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

TRANSMISSION OF THE DEEP OFFSHORE AND INLAND BASIN PRODUCTION SHARING CONTRACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018 I forward herewith a draft of the Deep Offshore and Inland Basin Production Sharing Contracts (Amendment) Bill, 2018, for the kind consideration and passage by the House of Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

While hoping that the Bill will receive the usual expeditious consideration and passage by the Honourable House, please accept Mr Speaker, the assurances of my highest regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

4. Announcement

Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following:

- (i) Staff and Students of *Children Evangelism Ministry INC*, *Total Child School*, Akwanga, Nasarawa State;
- (ii) Staff and Students of *Crown Grace International Schools*, Karu Local Government Area, Nasarawa State; and
- (iii) Staff and Students of Kingdom Heritage Model Schools, FHA, Lugbe Abuja.
- 5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)

 Need to Investigate the Illegal Deductions in the Salaries of Government Workers, Particularly, the Nigeria Police Force:

Hon. Jarigbe Agom Jarigbe (*Ogoja/Yala Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Need to Investigate the Illegal Deductions in the Salaries of Government Workers, Particularly, the Nigeria Police Force:

The House:

Notes that most modern societies have been seized by criminals, not even Nigeria is free of crime, hence, the establishment of the Nigeria Police Force, which has played a major role in administering law and order in the society;

Informed that most Officers, for a period of three months have not received their salaries and the only official explanation given by the Police Authorities, is that the fault was from operators of the Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS);

Also informed that for so many years now, no officer could say with certainty how much he earns in a month as salary because their salaries are paid in piecemeal, with massive deductions some going as much as 50% of the actual salary;

Worried that the Nigeria Police is demeaned, neglected and rejected because they have no union to enable them agitate for a better condition of service in spite of the increasing risks they face at work;

Also worried that their deplorable condition of service which has remained unconducive to productive enterprise has, on several occasions, led to loss of lives to vicious and daring criminal;

Disturbed that if the Police is subjected to this kind of inhuman treatment in their place of work by IPPIS or the Police authority, then their morale will highly be affected and they would be forced to compromise on their job in order to have additional income to fend for the various needs of their families and thus cannot have the strong will to fight corruption in its entirety;

Concerned that if urgent steps are not taken to stop this indiscriminate and illegal deductions from salaries of the Police Officers, corruption cannot be completely eradicated and fighting crime in the society would not be achieved by the Nigeria Police.

Resolves to:

Set up an Ad-hoc Committee to investigate all matters relating to illegal deductions in the salaries of the Nigeria Police Officers by the Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS) and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (Hon. Jarigbe Agom Jarigbe — Ogoja/Yala Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that most modern societies have been seized by criminals, not even Nigeria is free of crime, hence, the establishment of the Nigeria Police Force, which has played a major role in administering law and order in the society;

Informed that most Officers, for a period of three months have not received their salaries and the only official explanation given by the Police Authorities, is that the fault was from operators of the Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS);

Also informed that for so many years now, no officer could say with certainty how much he earns in a month as salary because their salaries are paid in piecemeal, with massive deductions some going as much as 50% of the actual salary;

Worried that the Nigeria Police is demeaned, neglected and rejected because they have no union to enable them agitate for a better condition of service in spite of the increasing risks they face at work;

Also worried that their deplorable condition of service which has remained unconducive to productive enterprise has, on several occasions, led to loss of lives to vicious and daring criminal;

Disturbed that if the Police is subjected to this kind of inhuman treatment in their place of work by IPPIS or the Police authority, then their morale will highly be affected and they would be forced to compromise on their job in order to have additional income to fend for the various needs of their families and thus cannot have the strong will to fight corruption in its entirety;

Concerned that if urgent steps are not taken to stop this indiscriminate and illegal deductions from salaries of the Police Officers, corruption cannot be completely eradicated and fighting crime in the society would not be achieved by the Nigeria Police.

Resolved to:

Set up an Ad-hoc Committee to investigate all matters relating to illegal deductions in the salaries of the Nigeria Police Officers by the Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS) and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (IIR. 202/05/2018).

6. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the First Time:

- (1) River Basin Development Authorities Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1485).
- (2) Chartered Institute of Directors of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1486).
- (3) Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1487).
- (4) Federal Polytechnics Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1488).
- (5) Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1489).
- (6) Nigeria French Language Village, Badagry (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1490).
- (7) Federal University of Agriculture, Ebenebe (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB.1491).
- (8) Chartered Institute of Development and Social Studies (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1492).
- (9) Sheriffs and Civil Process Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB.1493).

7. Presentation of Reports

(i) Committee on Customs and Excise:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Customs and Excise on the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigeria Customs and Excise, the Total Sum of ₹103,534,789,767.23 (One Hundred and Three Billion, Five Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Seven Naira, Twenty-Three Kobo) only, of which the Sum of ₹49,305,913,212.62 (Forty-Nine Billion, Three Hundred and Five Million, Nine Hundred and Thirteen Thousand, Two Hundred and Twelve Naira, Sixty-Two Kobo) only, is for Personnel Costs, while the Sum of ₹14,204,950,941.05 (Fourteen Billion, Two Hundred and Four Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand, Nine Hundred and Forty-One Naira, Five Kobo) only, is for Overhead Costs, and the sum of ₹40,023,925,613.56 (Forty Billion, Twenty Three Million, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Thirteen Naira, Fifty-Six Kobo) only is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Nigeria Customs and Excise, for the Financial Year Commencing from 1 January and Ending on 31 December, 2018 "(Hon. James Abiodun Faleke — Ikeja Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petition by D. D Pantu and Associates:

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by D. D Pantu and Associates against the Managing Director, African Steel Mill Limited on his abandonment as a victim of an Industrial Accident by his Employer.

Order read, deferred by leave of the House.

(iii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petition by Aggrieved Foreign Trained Medical Doctors:

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Aggrieved Foreign Trained Medical Doctors against Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) on the consistent act of injustice meted on them.

Order read, deferred by leave of the House.

(iv) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petition by Goddy Osa I.:

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Goddy Osa I. against the Nigeria Police Academy on the Injustice meted on him by the Management.

Order read, deferred by leave of the House.

(v) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petition by Babagana Ibrahim and Others:

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Babagana Ibrahim and Others against the Federal Ministry of Finance on the Non-compliance with the Government Directives and the Court Order.

Order read, deferred by leave of the House.

(vi) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petition by V. E. Otomiewo and Co on behalf of Mr Wilson Nikoro and 7 Others:

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by V. E. Otomiewo and Co. on behalf of Mr. Wilson Nikoro and 7 Others on the Breach of Public Trust with the Brazen and Illegal conversion of the Land of the Uviwie People purportedly acquired for Public purposes into Private Property by some unscrupulous Soldiers through the Instrumentality of the Nigerian Army Property Limited.

Order read, deferred by leave of the House.

8. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute of Construction Technology and Management to provide Full-time and Part-time Courses and Manpower Training in Construction Technology, Engineering Technology, Applied Sciences, Management Sciences and other fields of study and to make Provisions for the General Administration of the Institute; and for Related Matters (HB. 1350) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute of Construction Technology and Management to provide Full-time and Part-time Courses and Management Training in Construction Technology, Engineering Technology, Applied Sciences, Management Sciences and other fields of study and to make Provisions for the General Administration of the Institute; and for Related Matters (IIB. 1350) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun — Esan Northeast/Esan Southeast Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time - Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Works.

9. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission Act, Cap. F19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Payment of all Monies Received by the Commission into the Federation Account in Accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Provide for Establishment of a Paramedic Corps of the Federal Road Safety Commission, to reduce Road Accidents and Fatalities by mandating the use of Child Restraints in Vehicles and a Resting Period for Drivers covering long Distance; to Repeal the Federal Road Safety Commission Act and Enact a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Road Safety Commission with Responsibility for Traffic Management, Prevention and Minimization of Road Traffic Crashes, the Supervision of users of such Roads, the Regulations of Traffic thereon, Clearing of Obstructions on any part of the Roads, the Education of Drivers, Motorists and other Members of the Public generally on the proper use of the Roads; and for Related Matters (HB. 932, HB. 939, HB. 796 and HB. 1328) - Second Reading Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission Act, Cap. F19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Payment of all Monies Received by the Commission into the Federation Account in Accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Provide for Establishment of a Paramedic Corps of the Federal Road Safety Commission, to reduce Road Accidents and Fatalities by mandating the use of Child Restraints in Vehicles and a Resting Period for Drivers covering long Distance; to Repeal the Federal Road Safety Commission Act and Enact a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Road Safety Commission with Responsibility for Traffic Management, Prevention and Minimization of Road Traffic Crashes, the Supervision of users of such Roads, the Regulations of Traffic thereon, Clearing of Obstructions on any part of the Roads, the Education of Drivers, Motorists and other Members of the Public generally on the proper use of the Roads; and for Related

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC).

Yunusa Ahmad — Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency and 3 others).

10. Admittance into the Chamber

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do admit the Senate into the Chamber, for the purpose of a Joint Sitting, pursuant to Order Nineteen, Rule 9" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader) — Agreed to.

Matters (HB. 932, HB. 939, HB. 796 and HB. 1328) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Abubakar

11. Close Session

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the Joint Sitting of the National Assembly do resolve into a Close Session" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader) — Agreed to.

Joint Sitting in Closed Session — 12.01 p.m.

House in Open Session — 3.20. p.m.

12. Items 3 to 12 on the *Order Paper* deferred to another legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 6 (3). (Hon. Olabode Ayorinde — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

13. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 6 June, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Olabode Ayorinde — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.26 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara Speaker -----

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