



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 11 July, 2013

1. The House met at 11.49 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**  
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Second Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 10 July, 2013.  
*By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.*
3. **Announcement:**  
**Visitors in the Gallery:**  
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of Members of the Association of Law Students, Kogi State University, Ayangba.
4. **Petitions:**  
The following petitions were presented and laid by:
  - (i) Hon. Umar Buba Jibrin (*Lokoja/Kogi/Kotonkarfi Federal Constituency*) on behalf of John Dogara Dania, praying the House to redress the denial of his promotion to the rank of Air Vice Marshall by the Nigerian Air Force;
  - (ii) Hon. Henry D. Ofongo (*Southern Ijaw Federal Constituency*) from Ladan Asama & Co., on behalf of Diriwari Ekpotuaton, praying the House to investigate his derankment from Lance Corporal to Aircraftman by the Nigerian Air Force, with a view to ensuring that justice is done;
  - (iii) Hon. Robinson Uwak (*Oron/Mbo /Okobo/Udung Uko/Urue Offong/Oruko Federal Constituency*) on behalf of Okon Henshaw Afigkerere, praying the House to prevail on State House Management Services, Abuja, to reinstate him into the Public Service in compliance with the directive by the Federal Civil Service Commission as contained in Circular NO. FC 3428/S.56/Vol. II/CI/40 dated 10/06/2009.
  - (iv) Hon. Ibrahim Bello Rigachikun (*Igabi Federal Constituency*) on behalf of Abdullahi Ishaq, seeking the intervention of the House in his unjust dismissal from service by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), with a view to ensuring his reinstatement;

*Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.*
5. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance:**
  - (i) Citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Abubakar Mahmud Wambai (*Miaha/Mubi North/Mubi South Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the House to the plight of Nigerian Refugees driven by the Boko Haram insurgency from Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States into neighbouring Nigerian States and the Republics of Niger, Cameroun and Chad. He stated that unless the Federal Government urgently address their living conditions, it could degenerate into alarming proportion. He therefore

*Further noted* that even though the military seems to be adhering by the rules of engagement, the people of these states are utterly gripped by fear, uncertainties and trepidation, a situation worsened by the complete disruption of telephone services, economic and social activities thereby resulting in the flight by some people away from their homes and residences, some attempting to take refuge in neighbouring States and Countries of Niger, Chad and Cameroun Republic. These persons numbering over 10,000 have been displaced from their homes inside their own Country, thereby acquiring the status of refugees;

*Also noted* that on the 11 June, 2013, the united Nations, in its report of the effects of the Military onslaught on the insurgents in these three North Eastern States following the declaration of emergency rule, Stated that over 6,000 refugees have been forced into Niger Republic and over 2,000 each to Chad and the Cameroun Republics; thereby escalating the humanitarian Crisis in the refugee Camps;

*Again noted* that Amnesty International, the London-based rights group, stated in its 2013 annual report on global human rights, that the rights of refugees and migrants have been abused in the past year by State authorities thereby causing them untold sufferings;

*Worried* that unless these ugly trend is nipped in the bud the refugee situation in these States and Countries may degenerate to alarming proportions.

*Accordingly resolved:*

- (i) That the Federal Government should immediately take remedial measures to address the plight of refugees in the affected States of the Federation.
  - (ii) that the National Refugees Commission should make its presence visible in the affected States by taking pro-active measures to ensure that the rights of the refugees in the affected States are protected, preserved and catered for (**HR. 25/2013**).
- (ii) Also citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Ajibola Muraina (*Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal Constituency*) called the attention of the House to a recent incident in Borno State, where some traders from Oyo State were brutally attacked and dispossessed of millions of Naira. He stated that in the course of the attack, ten of the traders were gruesomely murdered. He decried the incident and urged the House to consider the matter as one of urgent public importance and to suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) to enable it debate the matter 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.*

#### **Gruesome Killing of 10 Ibadan Traders in Borno State by Members of Boko Haram:**

The House:

*Notes* that last week, a group of Ibadan traders were attacked by persons alleged to be members of the Boko Haram sect and ten of them were killed and several millions of naira were stolen from them in the gruesome attack;

*Worried* that this attack took place in spite of the emergency rule existing in the State;

*Further worried* that there are no adequate measures in place to safeguard lives and properties of citizens, especially in public places.

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Observe one minute silence in honour of the deceased traders;
- (ii) urge the Inspector General of Police to investigate the matter with a view to arresting the killers;

- (iii) Further citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Ibrahim Ebbo (*Agaie/Lapai Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the House to the increasing application fees for the Universal Tertiary Matriculations Examination (UTME) paid by candidates seeking admission into Nigerian Universities, despite the statutory appropriation of funds for the Joint Admission and Matriculations Board by the National Assembly. He noted that the Board was apparently in the habit of spending the huge funds generated from application fees without appropriations by the National Assembly. He urged the House to consider the matter as one of urgent public importance and to suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) to enable it debate the matter 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.*

**Urgent Need to Investigate the Revenue Generated by the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB):**

The House:

*Notes* that huge sums of money is been generated annually by the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) across the country;

*Further notes* that in recent times, there has been an increase in the number of candidates registering for the JAMB examination in several parts of the country, resulting in unusual high charges and payment of fees by students seeking to gain admission into our tertiary institutions;

*Aware* that there have been arbitrary increased charges for the examination forms, resulting in the generation of billions of naira from potential students of tertiary institutions across the country;

*Further aware* that JAMB has budgetary allocations from the Federal Government to conduct examinations for candidates at tertiary level;

*Worried* that despite the huge sums of money generated by the examination body every year, there is no record as to how the money is spent or remitted:

*Further worried* that the arbitrary increase in examination fees by JAMB is quite alarming and turning the organisation into money making body, and if this trend is not checked, eventually, people will not be able to register for the examinations;

*Disturbed* that candidates are made to pay extra fees at JAMB office for issues such as change of course, incomplete results inquiries, checking of results, and other enquiries that may arise as a result of taking the examinations.

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committees on Education and Finance to conduct an investigation into the financial activities of JAMB as regards revenue generation and remittance, and report back to the House within 4 weeks (*Hon. Ibrahim Ebbo — Agaie/Lapai Federal Constituency*).

*Debate:*

**Amendment Proposed:**

*Leave out* all the words in the Prayer and *insert* instead thereof as follows:

“Mandate the Committees on Education, and Finance to investigate the matter and report back to the House” (*Hon. Leo Ogor — Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency*).

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

*Committees on Education, and Finance ordered to conclude action on the referral and report back to the House in two weeks (HR. 27/2013).*

8. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of a Palm Oil Cocoa and Groundnut Development Fund, which shall be responsible for the Development, Co-ordinating and Encouraging the Cultivation, Exportation and Utilization of these Economic Products in Nigeria and for Connected Purposes (HB. 516) — *Second Reading:*

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of a Palm Oil Cocoa and Groundnut Development Fund, which shall be responsible for the Development, Co-ordinating and Encouraging the Cultivation, Exportation and Utilization of these Economic Products in Nigeria and for Connected Purposes (HB. 516) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Eddie Mbadiwe — Ideato North/Ideato South Federal Constituency*).

*Debate:*

*Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time, put and agreed to.*

*Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.*

9. A Bill for an Act to Regulate all forms of Subsidiary Legislation otherwise known as Delegated Legislation, which include Regulations, Orders, Rules, Notices, Bye-Laws, etc. to ensure that the Subsidiary Legislation is made consistent with the objectives of the enabling Law and for Other Related Matters (HB. 508) — *Second Reading:*

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Regulate all forms of Subsidiary Legislation otherwise known as Delegated Legislation, which include Regulations, Orders, Rules, Notices, Bye-Laws, etc. to ensure that the Subsidiary Legislation is made consistent with the objectives of the enabling Law and for Other Related Matters (HB. 508) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency*).

*Debate:*

*Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time, put and agreed to.*

*Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Rules and Business, and Legislative Compliance.*

10. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Oil and Gas Export Free Zone Authority Act, and to Provide for the Designation and Establishment of Oil and Gas Free Zones and Special Investment Areas in Nigeria, Establishment of the Oil and Gas Investment and Free Zones Authority and for Related Matters (HB. 282) — *Second Reading:*

*Order read; by leave of the House, deferred.*

11. A Bill for an Act to Make it Compulsory for all Schools to Teach Nigerian Constitution as a Subject in Schools and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 398) — *Second Reading:*

*Order read; by leave of the House, deferred.*

12. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Microfinance Management Institute of Nigeria (Chartered) to Regulate and Control Entrance into the Industry and Profession, Setting Standard for Microfinance Institutions to Comply with and Promote Adherence to Professional Ethics Among Microfinance Institutions and for Related Matters (HB. 421) and a Bill for an Act to Establish National Institute of Microfinance Bankers charged, among other things, with the responsibilities of Stimulating an Innovative and Sustainable Microfinance practices that guarantees Wealth Creation and determining the Knowledge and Skill required of persons seeking to become members and Other Related Matters (HB. 535) — *Second Reading:*  
*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Microfinance Management Institute of Nigeria (Chartered) to Regulate and Control Entrance into the Industry and Profession, Setting Standard for Microfinance Institutions to Comply with and Promote Adherence to Professional Ethics Among Microfinance Institutions and for Related Matters (HB. 421) and a Bill for an Act to Establish National Institute of Microfinance Bankers charged, among other things, with the responsibilities of Stimulating an Innovative and Sustainable Microfinance practices that guarantees Wealth Creation and determining the Knowledge and Skill required of persons seeking to become members and Other Related Matters (HB. 535) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Odeunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

*Debate:*

**Recommendation (v):**

"Enforcement of the appropriate laws enacted to stamp out insecurity" (*Hon. Muraina S. Ajibola — Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Recommendation (vi):**

"Provision of employment: Due to fact that most of the youths are not economically engaged, they find the act of vandalism/illegal bunkering economically viable" (*Hon. Muraina S. Ajibola — Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Recommendation (vii):**

"That Inter Agency collaboration: The need to continue to strengthen robust strategy and synergy among security Agencies would go a long way to curbing the menace" (*Hon. Muraina S. Ajibola — Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Recommendation (viii):**

"That adequate/Modern Equipment: The act of vandalisation/illegal bunkering is an organized crime that requires sophisticated equipment. Therefore, Security Agencies require adequate modern equipment including (monitoring devices) to nip the crime in the bud" (*Hon. Muraina S. Ajibola — Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Recommendation (ix):**

"That the Federal Government should sustain its policy and programme to tackle militancy in the Niger Delta region" (*Hon. Muraina S. Ajibola — Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Recommendation (x):**

"That all stakeholders in the maritime sector require collaboration to checkmate piracy and adequately monitor foreign nationals who come to trade on the Nigerian territorial waters" (*Hon. Muraina S. Ajibola — Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Recommendation (xi):**

"Recommendation of Citizenship training in the school curriculum as a foundation for national stability to inculcate the culture of patriotism and social discipline" (*Hon. Muraina S. Ajibola — Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Recommendation (xii):**

"Embark on more robust enlightenment campaign in the print and electronic media through the Agency of Government so empowered, to bring to the knowledge of the citizens the inherent dangers of illegal bunkering" (*Hon. Muraina S. Ajibola — Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Recommendation (xiii):**

"Effective supervision and monitoring of oil companies operating in Nigeria with the view to ensuring compliance with approved standards of practice" (*Hon. Muraina S. Ajibola — Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*