



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 28 November, 2006

- 1. Prayers
- 2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
- 3. Announcements (if any)
- 4. Petitions (if any)

PRESENTATION OF BILL

Remuneration of Former Presidents and Heads of State, Heads of Federal Legislative Houses and Chief Justices of the Federation (and Other Ancillary Matters) Bill, 2006 (SB. 150) — *First Reading*.

PRESENTATION OF EMERGENCY POWERS REGULATIONS

- 1. Emergency Powers (General) Regulations, 2006 (Executive).
- 2. Emergency Powers (Restriction Orders) Regulations, 2006 (Executive).
- 3. Emergency Powers (Reporting of Persons) Regulations, 2006 (Executive).
- 4. Emergency Powers (Detection of Persons) Regulations, 2006 (Executive).
- 5. Emergency Powers (Procession and Meetings, etc.) Regulations, 2006 (Executive).
- 6. Emergency Powers (Curfew) Regulations, 2006 (Executive).
- 7. Emergency Powers (Protected Places) Regulations, 2006 (Executive).
- 8. Emergency Powers (Control of Arms and Explosives) Regulations, 2006 (Executive)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to Establish A Customary Court for the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and to Prescribe the Mode of its Operation; and Supervision, 2006 (HB. 172) — *Third Reading*.
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Provide for a Separate Legal and Regulatory Regime for the Downstream Gas Sector, Distinct from Upstream Gas; to Establish the Gas Regulatory Commission, to Provide for the Formation of

the Nigerian Gas Transportation Company and Nigerian Gas Marketing Company; to Establish the Basic Principles for the Organisation and Regulation of the Downstream Gas Sector and Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 (HB. 231) — *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act for the Establishment of the Institute for Democratic and Legislative Studies and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 (SB. 118) — *Second Reading*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

4. **Joint Committee on National Security and Intelligence and Foreign Affairs:**

Hon. Yusuf Dikko:

"That this House do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on National Security and Intelligence and Foreign Affairs on the Review of the Report of the United States' National Intelligence Council titled "Mapping Sub-Saharan Africa's Future" and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid: 5/10/2006*).

Recommendations:

- (i) This and incoming administrations must do something unprecedented in tackling the eradication of poverty and unemployment through an appropriate and revised poverty eradication scheme that will provide micro-finance and direct micro credit to agriculture, trade and most especially women;
- (ii) improve the capacity and resources, including training, to raise the skill and professionalism of security operatives;
- (iii) raise the level of development by making sure resources allocated to delivery of public services are not diverted to ensure value for money. Good governance is the best answer to restiveness and instability. The National Assembly must ensure that adequate resources are allocated to capital projects to improve infrastructure and, through its oversight functions, ensure a greater implementation of these allocations;
- (iv) all elections, especially the 2007 elections must not only be credible, they must be seen to be credible in Nigeria, Elections provide the avenue for breakdown of law and order and efforts must be made to avert such happening. Specifically the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) should be directed to instruct Resident Electoral Commissioners (RECs) to ensure that the quality and maturity of *ad-hoc* or temporary election staff is of the highest standards as these staff are often accused of manipulating elections;
- (v) government, both the legislative and executive arms, must demonstrate commitment to the rule of law as violation of the Constitution and contempt for court orders create the environment for breakdown in the social order. The future of our nation hinges on our ability to build and strengthen democratic institutions;
- (vi) improve the performance of anti-corruption institutions, considering that corruption diminishes the quality of governance and political stability; there is also every need to ensure that the anti-corruption drive is conducted in accordance with the principles of Rule of Law;
- (vii) call on all political parties and stakeholders to ensure that there is improvement in the capacity and competence of Legislative Houses at the State level;
- (viii) the issues of environmental degradation and overall development in the Niger Delta should be addressed by making available adequate resources and ensuring the prudent and sound management of these resources; and
- (a) address the issues of ethnic and religious conflict, bearing in mind that these conflicts have an economic undertone fed by the pervasive poverty of citizens who fall back on ethnic affiliation or resort to religion as an escape route out of the poverty trap.

5. **Joint Committee on Special Duties, National Emergency and Disaster Management:**

Hon. George Thompson Sekibo:

"That this House do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Special Duties, National Emergency and Disaster Management on the Investigation into the wanton killings and destruction of properties in Ika Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid: 30/8/2006*).

Recommendations:

- (i) The National Refugees Commission (NRC) should be directed to visit the camps and determine the number of displaced persons with the view of providing for them in their programme;
- (ii) the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) should be directed to visit the scene and send relief materials to the displaced population, especially the vulnerable ones (children, women and the aged);
- (iii) the Akwa Ibom State Government should be made to constitute an Independent Judicial Panel of Enquiry with full powers to investigate the remote and the immediate causes of the crisis so as to unmask the godfathers and sponsors of these armed groups in Ika and to bring to book the perpetrators of this dastardly act;
- (iv) the Akwa Ibom State Government should be made to retrieve all arms and ammunition in the hands of the warring youths as to stop further occurrence of this level of destruction and instability;
- (v) the Government of Akwa Ibom State should be advised to adopt the Presidential System of Government in their Local Government administration to be in conformity with what obtains at the State level and other Local Government Councils across the Country. This will ensure uniformity, flexibility and harmony, as well as improve the capacity of the council Chairmen with Executive powers to act especially during crises period;
- (vi) the finances of Ika Local Government Council in the last eight (8) months of Dr Udoukpong Administration should be audited as he was sacked from the seat of power by the militants but still received monthly allocations from the Federal account;
- (vii) the security situation should be reinforced by way of drafting more Military Personnel to the area. A permanent Mobile Police Station should be established in the Headquarters with a view of encouraging displaced persons to return to their homes as well as to reduce the proliferation of illegally acquired arms in the Local Government Area; and
- (viii) the Akwa Ibom State Government should show interest and take definite steps to ensure the return of all displaced persons to their homes under the watchful eyes of security personnel. They should act fast, especially due to the vulnerable population which is badly affected by the incident.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1.	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	2 <i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 28 November, 2006	.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Judiciary (<i>Meeting with F.C.T. High Court Officials</i>)	Tuesday, 28 November, 2006	2 .00p.m,	Committee Room 08 Assembly Complex
3.	Housing and Urban Development (<i>Budget defence</i>)	Tuesday, 28 November, 2006	2 .00 p.m.	Hearing Room 03 Assembly Complex