



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 5 December, 2006

1. Prayers
2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
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PRESENTATION OF BILL

Investments and Securities Bill, 2006 (HB. 273) (*Hon. Ahmed Wadada and 21 Others*) — *First Reading*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act, 1991 and to Re-Enact the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 (HB. 249) — *Second Reading*.
 2. A Bill for an Act to Provide Remuneration for Former Presidents and Heads of State, Heads of Federal Legislative Houses and Chief Justices of the Federation (and Other Ancillary Matters), 2006 (SB. 150) — *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*.
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CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

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;

- (Hi) raise the level of development by making sure resources allocated to delivery of public services are not diverted. 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
- (ix) 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.

COMMITTEE MEETING

1.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 5 December, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2,	Special Duties	Tuesday, 5 December, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 14 Assembly Complex
3.	National Security (Budget meeting)	Tuesday, 5 December, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 22 Assembly Complex
4.	F.R.S.C. (Budget defence)	Tuesday, 5 December, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 08 Assembly Complex