



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 16 January, 2007

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 2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

A Bill for an Act to authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of N242,118,318,949.00 (Two Hundred and Forty-Two Billion, One Hundred and Eighteen Million, Three Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Forty-Nine Naira) for the full and final liquidation of principal and interest on the Par Bonds and Partial Retirement of Oil Warrants Amounting to US\$1,886,849,343 (One Billion, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Forty-Nine thousand, Three Hundred and Forty-Three Dollars) being part of the total stock of debt of US\$2,437,849,343 (Two Billion, Four Hundred and Thirty-Seven Million, Eight Hundred and Forty-Nine thousand, Three Hundred and Forty-Three Dollars) owed to the London Club of Creditors — **Third Reading.**

2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Water Resources Institute Act, Cap. N83 LFN to Reconstitute the Board of the Institute to Include Technocrats and Other Experts to Enhance its Efficiency, Expand and Make More Explicit the Extent of its Functions, and Provide for Other Matters Ancillary Thereto, 2006 (HB. 278) — *Second Reading.*

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Investments and Securities Act, 1999 and to Establish the Securities and Exchange Commission as the Apex Regulatory Authority for the Nigerian Capital Market and Reduction of Systemic Risk and for Related Matters, 2006 (HB. 273) — *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 United States National Intelligence Council 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 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;
- (via) 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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 16 January, 2007	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Capital Market and Institutions	Tuesday, 16 January, 2007 Assembly Complex	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 03