



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 26 June, 2008

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committee on Finance:**
Hon. John Owan Enoh:
"That this House do receive The Report of the Committee on Finance on a Bill for an Act to Amend The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria Act, 1965 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 (HB. 41)".
2. **Committee on Agriculture:**
Hon. Gbenga Makanjuola:
"That this House do receive The Report of the Committee on Agriculture on the Rising Costs of Grains and Food Shortages in the Country (HR. 16/2008)".
3. **Speaker's Delegation to the United States of America:**
Hon. H. A. B. Fasinro:
"That this House do receive The Report of the Parliamentary Delegation to the United States of America".

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. Political Crisis in Zimbabwe:

Hon. H. S. Dickson
Hon. Sokonte Davies
Hon. Peter Linus Umoh
Hon. Mohammed K. Darangi
Hon. Sada Soli Jibia
Hon. Mohammed A. Saleh
Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha
Hon. Muhammad Sani Abdu
The House:

Hon. Gbenga Oduwaiye
Hon. Yakubu Dogara
Maimunat Adaji
Hon. Kalu Igu Uduma
Hon. Bashir Adamu
Hon. Ahmed Tsoho Kargi
Hon. Danlami Hamza
Hon. Egberibin Donald Jacob

Hon. Tata A. Omar
Hon. Olumuyiwa B. Obadina
Hon. Kareem Tajudeen Abisodun
Hon. Lynda Chuba Ikpeazu
Hon. Kabiru Marafa Achida
Hon. Halima Hassan Tukur
Hon. Dahiru Zubairu
Hon. Emmanuel Jime

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Notes the political crisis in Zimbabwe which arose as a consequence of the last general elections and the upcoming Presidential re-run election in the country;

Aware that the crisis emanated largely from the decision of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) to halt the release of the result of the election;

Further notes based on a questionable mid-exercise recount of votes cast, the electoral commission ordered a re-run of the Presidential election on the ground that none of the Presidential candidates secured a decisive victory;

Concerned that the major opposition parties have withdrawn from the proposed election re-run, citing the spate of wide reported cases of attack, intimidation, maiming and killing of their supporters;

Alarmed that the electoral logjam has further worsened the already precarious social and economic situation in that country;

Worried that the situation may soon degenerate into violent civil unrest and a major displacement of citizens with enormous implications on the socio-economic well being of the Central and Southern Africa regions and continent at large;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to leverage the leadership position of Nigeria and its inherent goodwill, to midwife an immediate cessation of hostilities between the supporters of the ruling party and those of the opposing parties in order to halt the imminent decline into anarchy;
- (ii) Urge the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to effect a meeting with other leaders of the African Union targeted towards bringing the ruling and opposing parties to agree to a mutually beneficial political arrangement tentatively until proper elections can be held under die close scrutiny of international observers;
- (iii) Mandate the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and Integration in Africa to invite the Foreign Affairs Minister to brief it on the nation's diplomatic response to the political crisis in Zimbabwe.

BILLS

2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Industrial Crops Development Agency and for Related Matters 2008 (HB .51) - *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Prohibit Arbitrary, Malicious, Indiscriminate or Capricious Dismissal, Lay-Offs or Removal of any Worker from Employment by any Employer of Labour in the Public or Private Sectors of the Economy, Provide for the Recompense of any affected Worker in Accordance with the terms Specified Thereof and for Other Matters Connected Therewith 2008 (HB. 55) — *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act for Yearly Submission of Report by the President to the National Assembly on the Implementation of Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy As Contained in Chapter 1 of the 1999 Constitution and for Purposes Connected Therewith, 2008 (HB. 49) — *Second Reading*.

CONSIDERATIONS OF REPORTS

5. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Accounting Standards Board Act, No. 22 of 2003 and Enact the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act and for Related Matters (HB. 38) — (*Adjourned consideration: 6/5/2008*).
6. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum:
Report on the Petition by Mr. Mohammed Isa Dabai:
"That this House do consider die Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr. Mohammed Isa Dabai against the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and approve the Recommendation therein"(Laid:27/5/2008).

Thursday June 26th 2008**Recommendation:**

Since due process was followed by INEC in the procedure leading to the petitioner's dismissal from service, the Committee recommends that the petition by Mohammed Isa Dabai be dismissed for lack of merit.

Committee on Public Petitions:**Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum:****Report on the Petition by Nigerian Union of Traders Association Ghana:**

"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on die petition by Nigerian Union of Traders Association Ghana against die Ghanaian Authorities and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid: 27/5/2008*).

Recommendations:

- (i) The House of Representatives should condemn the Ghanaian Government for treating Nigerian Traders in Ghana in a discriminatory and unfair manner contrary to the existing cordial bilateral relations between Ghana and Nigeria, and the letter and spirit of ECOWAS Treaty and Protocols;
- (ii) that the Presidency and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs should sustain the current diplomatic efforts to resolve the crisis;
- (iii) that if The current diplomatic efforts to resolve the crisis fails, the Federal Government should consider applying The principle of Reciprocity in dealing with Ghanaians in Nigeria in order to send a strong message that Nigerians abroad cannot be so badly treated and discriminated against without consequences;
- (iv) the Ministry of Foreign Affairs should be pro-active in giving diplomatic assistance to Nigerian Citizens abroad.

Committee on Public Petitions:**Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum:****Report on the Petition by Mr C. O. Agbikimi:**

"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr C. O. Agbikimi against The Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid: 27/5/2008*).

Recommendations:

- (i) that the petitioner should be reinstated and all his entitlements paid to him;
- (ii) that the petitioner's guilt was not conclusively proven since other operational staff of PHCN at Aba Computer Centre had access to the computer programme and consequently the Committee gave him the benefit of doubt.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1.	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
	Rules and Business	Thursday, 26 June, 2008	1.30 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Aviation	Thursday, 26 June, 2008	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 437 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Public Service	Thursday, 26 June, 2008	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 18 Assembly Complex
4.	Culture and Tourism	Thursday, 26 June, 2008	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 04 Assembly Complex
5.	Health	Thursday, 26 June, 2008	2.30 p.m.	Committee Room 313 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Science and Technology	Thursday, 26 June, 2008	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex

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| 7. | Joint Committee on National Planning and Finance
<i>(Meeting with members of Board of Nigeria Economic Summit Group)</i> | Thursday, 26 June, 2008 | 1.30 p.m. | Committee Room 224
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 8. | F.C.T. | Thursday, 26 June, 2008 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 327
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 9. | Police Affairs | Thursday, 26 June, 2008 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 04 |