



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 17 July, 2007

1. The House met at 10.46 a.m. Madam Speaker read Prayers.
2. Votes and Proceedings:
Madam Speaker announced that she had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 12 July, 2007.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. Message:
Madam Speaker read a Message from the President Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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July 11, 2007

*The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone, Abuja.*

Dear Madam Speaker,

PRESENTATION OF AMENDMENT BILL

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives, the attached Draft Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (Amendment) Bill 2007.

The Bill seeks to amend the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Act by increasing the membership of the Board from three to six.

It is my hope that this Bill will receive the kind prompt attention of the Honourable Members of the House of Representatives.

Yours most sincerely,

*(Signed) UMARU MUSA
YAR'ADUA*

4. Announcements:

(i) *Election as President of Parliamentary Network (World Bank, West African Chapter):*
Madam Speaker read a letter from Hon. Mercy Almona-Isei notifying the House of her election as the President of the Parliamentary Network World Bank, West African Chapter, held in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, on July 4 - 8, 2007.

(K) *Testimonial for Mrs Glory Kenwood, Executive Coordinator of the Queens Child Solid Foundation Orphanage in Abuja;* Madam Speaker read a letter from Dirk Van Eekhout, Ambassador, Embassy of Belgium as follows:



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Testimonial for Mrs Glory Kenwood, Executive Coordinator of the Queen's Child Solid Foundation Orphanage in Abuja

As my wife and I are leaving this country after three wonderful years, I would like to share with you - on behalf of my wife one of our most touching and enriching experiences.

I would like to use this opportunity to pay tribute to one of the many ordinary Nigerians who take leadership in an unnoticed and humble way. A prime example of this humility is Mrs Glory Kenwood, the Executive Coordinator of QCSF, who herself an orphan, started taking in abandoned children in Abuja. Out of this act of generosity grew what is now an orphanage consisting of 60 children.

Recently, Mrs Glory has fallen ill and is in need of financial assistance for her treatment. All that have witnessed her wonderful work are trying to find a solution to help her.

One of such groups is the Association of Wives of Head of Mission Abuja (AWOHOM) whose members will feel very much encouraged to find the private sponsors willing to provide the necessary infrastructure. For further information, I would like to refer you to the Head of the AWOHOM's. Mrs Claire Losada (wife of the Spanish Ambassador) — 0806 596 8698.

On the medical aspect and details of her medical condition and treatment, I would like to refer you to Professor Abengowe — 0803 595 2373.

As to this Glory Kenwood's initiative, I would like to refer you to Mrs Cecilia Schmillen (wife of the German Ambassador) and Mrs Jackie Harker (wife of the Jamaican High Commissioner) who are both Spokespersons for A WOHOMs on this matter and are taking care of the direct contact with Mrs Kenwood.

They can be contacted on the following numbers:

Mrs Cecilia Schmillen - 0805 400 9518 and Mrs Jackie Harker — 0806 964 1751.

Any financial support and assistance which you can provide for Mrs Kenwood's urgent medical treatment would be very much appreciated.

A person like Glory who gave so much to others and has devoted her life to the less fortunate, deserves very much our unflinching support. She does - like so many of her kind, her country great honour.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Dirk Van Eeckhout Ambassador

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Sequel to an information from the Ag. Clerk, that Mrs Glory Kenwood died on Friday, 14 July, 2007, Madam Speaker called for prayers in honour of the departed Mrs Glory Kenwood.

Hon. Bethel Amadi rendered prayers for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

(iii) Visitors:

Madam Speaker recognized the presence, in the Gallery of the:

(a) Members of the Legislative Arm of Oredo Local Government Area, Benin City, Edo State; and

(b) Students Bar Association, University of Nigeria (UNSBA) Enugu Campus.

5. Petitions:

Two petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions (when constituted):

(i) Hon. Halims Agoda, from Opiti, L. O, praying the House to prevail on the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to reinstate him and grant the reliefs sought in his petition;

(ii) Hon. Friday Ttulah, from Prince O. B. A. Uzama, praying the House to intervene in the wrongful termination of his appointment by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC)/Petroleum Pipeline Marketing Company (PPMC) and to grant the reliefs sought in his petition;

6. Matter of Privilege:

Relying on Order V, Rule 4, Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila drew the attention of the House to a publication of "ThisDay" Newspaper Friday, July 13, 2007 stating that the House rejected a motion on the sale of Port Harcourt and Kaduna Refineries. He noted that the said publication was false and infringed on his privilege as a Member of the House and the collective privilege of the House and prayed the House to clarify the issue.

Debate:

(Chairman Ad-Hoc Committee on Rules and Business informed the House that the Committee had actually received such a Motion which would be scheduled for Debate on the next Legislative Day).

Ruling, Madam Speaker ordered that the motion on the subject matter pending before the Ad-Hoc Committee on Rules and Business be scheduled on the Order Paper the next Legislative Day.

7. Presentation of Bill:

Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2007 — *Read the First Time.*

Question that Order XII, Rule 3 (1) be suspended to allow the Second Reading and consideration of the Bill forthwith, put and agreed to.

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Question that Order VII, Rule 2 (2) be suspended to allow Madam Speaker preside in the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Madam Speaker in the Chair) NIGERIAN NATIONAL PETROLEUM

CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2007

Amendment of Cap. N123.

Committee Recommendation:

The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Act is amended by deleting from section 1 (2) (c) the words "three persons" in line I thereof and substituting same with the words "six persons" {*Hon. Tunde Akogun*}.

Amendment Proposed:

In line 2, immediately after the words "with the words" leave out the words "six persons" and insert the words "minimum of six persons to reflect the Federal Character of Nigeria" instead thereof (Hon. David Idoko).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

Question that Section 1 (2) (c) as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Citation.

Committee Recommendation:

This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2007 {Hon. Tunde Akogun} ~ Agreed to.

Question that the Citation as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Madam Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of the Whole considered the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2007 and approved the amendments therein.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.

8. " A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Act and for Related Matters,

2007- Third Reading.

Motion made and Question proposed, That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Act and for Related Matters, 2007 be now read the Third Time {Hon. Tunde Akogun}.

Question that the Bill be now read the Third Time, put and agreed to. Bill

now read the Third Time and passed.

9. Approval of Votes and Proceedings:

Motion made, "That this House do adopt the Votes and Proceedings of This Day, Tuesday, 17 July, 2007" (Hon. ItaEnang).

Question put and agreed to.

Votes and Proceedings of This Day, Tuesday, 11 July, 2007 adopted accordingly.

10. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 18 July, 2007 at 2.00 p.m. {Hon. Tunde Akogun}.

Adjourned accordingly at 12.22p.m.

Patricia Olubunmi Etteh
Speaker