



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 19 November, 2008

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

Committee on Industries:

Hon. Solomon U Agidani:

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"That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Industries on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Revolving Loans Fund for Industry Act, to specify the sources of, and additional sums to be made available to the Fund thereof, the procedure and manner of disbursement of monies contained therein to any industrial concern, and Provide for Other Matters Appertain Thereto, 2008 (HB. 16)".

Joint Committee on Diaspora and Foreign

Affairs: Hon. Abike Dabiri:

"That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Diaspora and Foreign Affairs on the investigation of the Brutal Killing of Mr Ojide John Ekene in Guangzhou Province, China".

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

Need for the Restoration of Ferry Services between Idah in Kogi State and Agenebode in Edo State:

Hon. J. J. Idachaba	Hon. Egberibin Donald	Hon. Oyetunji Paul Omotayo
Hon. Isa U. Ambaka	Hon. Ekperikpe Ekpo	Hon. Yakubu Dogara
Hon. Abdulkareem Saliu	Hon. Olakunle Amunikoro	Hon. Udoh Bernard
Hon. Ahmed M. Salik	Hon. Bassey Etim	Hon. Bitrus B. Kaze
Hon. Moh'd Sani Abdu	Hon. Dele Obadina	Hon. T. Al-Amir Bimitosahi
Hon. Babatunde Isiaq	Hon. Muh'd Umar Jega	Hon. Idris Isah
Hon. E. Y. Orker Jev	Hon. D. M. Iho	Hon. Ibrahim Makama Misan
Hon. Sadiq Asema M.	Hon. Bala Adamu Kuta	Hon. Obot Sabbath Sandy
Hon. Labaran Y. Dambata	Hon. Kamil Akinlabi M.	Hon. Austin Nwachukwu
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta	Hon. Chille W. Igbawua	Hon. Warman N. Ogoriba
Hon. Elisabeth Ogbaga	Hon. Kalu Uduma	Hon. Kabiru Marafat Achida
Hon. J. Okoya-Thomas	Hon. Garba S. Matazu	Hon. Yusuf M. Tuggar
Hon. Sokonte Davies	Hon. Tata Omar	Hon. Maimunat U. Adaji
Hon. Umar M. Bature	Hon. Mohammed Darangi	Hon. Abdulwahab O.

Hon. Nelson Alapa
 Hon. Bassey Eko-Ewa
 Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha
 Hon. Ahmed Idris
 Hon. Chris Berewari
 Hon. Abass Olopoenia
 Hon. Kola Yusuf
 Hon. Haruna Musa Fatahi
 Hon. Taiwo O. Adewale
 The House:

Hon. Oyewole Diya
 Hon. Chukwuka W. O.
 Hon. Abass Braimoh
 Hon. Patrick Ikhariale
 Hon. Dino Melaye
 Hon. LP. A. Positive
 Hon. Isah Idris Umaru
 Hon. Ahmad Audi Zarewa

Hon. Samson Osagie
 Hon. Herman Hembe
 Hon. Nelson Belief
 Hon. Patty Etete Inemeh
 Hon. Christina D. Alaaga
 Hon. Sani Moh'd Aliyu
 Hon. Aliyu Ahman-Pategi
 Hon. Chuka Ama-Nwauwa

Notes that the operation of Ferry Services by the National Inland Waterways Authorities between Idah town in Kogi State and Agenebode town in Etsako of Edo State was of great economic importance to the people of the areas and other adjoining States like Delta, Anambra, Enugu, Ondo and Lagos States;

Further notes that the Ferry Service then facilitated the movement of goods and services between the towns of Benue and the eastern States;

Disturbed that the sudden withdrawal of the Ferry Services from Idah since the 1980's had made the residents of the affected areas to suffer untold economic hardship as they have to resort to road transportation through the tortuous and dilapidated roads;

Worried that the youth and women who are the main beneficiaries of the economic activities across the River Niger have become mostly unemployed thereby leading to increase rate of crimes, and other social vices;

Concerned that the National Inland Waterways Authority had not lived up to their responsibilities of providing efficient ferry services for the residents of Idah Local Government Area of Kogi State and Agenebode in Etsako East Local Government Area of Edo State;

Resolves to:

- (i) Mandate the House Committee on Marine Transport to investigate the circumstances surrounding the abrupt withdrawal of Ferry Services between Idah and Agenebode since the 1980's and report their findings to the House within two weeks;
- (ii) Urge the Minister of Transportation to direct the National Inland Waterways Authority to resume the operation of fee ferry services between Idah and Agenebode;
- (iii) Further urge the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to consider the construction of a bridge across the River Niger between Idah in Kogi State and Agenebode in Edo State as a permanent solution to this lingering problem.

BILLS

2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Legal Practitioners Act Cap. 207 of 2004,2008 (HB. 25) — *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chemical Waste Management Commission charged with the Responsibility for Providing for the Safe Disposal and Management of Industrial, Toxic and Chemical Wastes and for Related Matters 2008 (HB. 137) — *Second Reading*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

4. 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, 2008 (HB. 38) (*Adjourned Consideration* 13/11/2008).
5. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report on the Petition by Mr Mohammed Isa Dabai:
Hon. C. I. D Maduabum:
 "That this House do consider the 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

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.

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

"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Nigerian Union of Traders Association Ghana against the 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 of Nigeria 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.

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

"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) The Committee gave him the benefit of doubt, as the petitioner's guilt was not conclusively proven since other operational staff of PHCN at Aba Computer Centre had access to the computer programme.

8. Committee on Finance:**Hon. John Owan Enoh:**

"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Finance on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Chartered Institute of Accountants of Nigeria Act 1965 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB 41) and approve the Recommendations therein" Laid: 8/4/08).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 19 November, 2008	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
	Public Petitions (<i>Meeting with Management of Public Complaints Bureau</i>)	Wednesday, 19 November, 2008 p.m.	2.00	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
	Public Procurement	Wednesday, 19 November, 2008 p.m.	2.00	Committee Room 07 Assembly Complex
4.	Gas Resources (<i>Meeting with NNPC and JV Partners</i>)	Wednesday, 19 November, 2008	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 441 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Health (<i>Meeting with CMDs of teaching Hospitals</i>)	Wednesday, 19 November, 2008 2.00 p.m.		Committee Room 313 New Building* (House) - Assembly Complex
	FCT Area Councils and Ancillary Matters	Wednesday, 19 November, 2008	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 426 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
	Public Service Matters	Wednesday, 19 November, 2008	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 17 Assembly Complex
	Women Affairs	Wednesday, 19 November, 2008	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 019 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
10.	FCT	Wednesday, 19 November, 2008	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
11.	Defence (<i>Interactive Session</i>)	Wednesday, 19 November, 2008	2.00 p.m.	Conference Room 028 New Building (House) Assembly Complex