



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 3 February, 2009

1. Prayers
2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
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4. Announcements (*If any*)
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PRESENTATION OF BILL

Nigerian Port Act (Amendment) Bill, 2009 (HB. 179) (*Hon. Emeka Ihedioha*) — (*First Reading*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. 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 S. Sandy
Hon. Labaran Y. Dambata	Hon. Kamil Akinlabi M.	Hon. Austine Nwachukwu
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta	Hon. Chille W. Igbowua	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. Ifaluyi Isibor	Hon. Agoro Lanre	Hon. Emmanuel Jimi
Hon. Nelson Alapa	Hon. Oyewole Diya	Hon. Samson Osagie
Hon. Bassey Eko-Ewa	Hon. Chukwuka W. O.	Hon. Herman Hembe
Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha	Hon. Abass Braimoh	Hon. Nelson Belief
Hon. Ahmed Idris	Hon. Patrick Ikhariale	Hon. Patty Etete Inemeh
Hon. Chris Berewari	Hon. Dino Melaye	Hon. Christina D. Alaaga
Hon. Abass Olopoenia	Hon. I. P. A. Positive	Hon. Sani Moh'd Aliyu
Hon. Kola Yusuf	Hon. Isah Idris Umaru	Hon. Aliyu Ahman-Pategi
Hon. Haruna Musa Fatahi	Hon. Ahmad Audi Zarewa	Hon. Chuka Ama-Nwauwa
Hon. Taiwo O. Adewale		

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 youths 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 (LGA) of Kogi State and Agenebode in Etsako East Local Government Area (LGA) of Edo State;

Resolves to:

- (i) Mandate the House Committee on Marine Transport to investigate the circumstance(s) 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 the 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 Idah Local Government Area (LGA) of Kogi State and Agenebode in Etsako East Local Government Area (LGA) of Edo State as a permanent solution to this lingering problem.

BILLS

- 2. A Bill for an Act to Establishment Senior Citizen Centres in the Country to cater for the needs of the Senior Citizens, and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 (HB. 73) — *Second Reading*.
- 3. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Ecological Disasters (Control) Commission and to Vest it with the Responsibility for the Control and Management of Ecological and Health Disasters; and for Related Matters, 2008 (HB. 144) — *Second Reading*.
- 4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Boundary Commission (Amendment) Act, 2006 No. 12 so as to make appointment of some members of the Commission to be full time as Commissioners, 2008 (HB. 153) — *Second Reading*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

5. Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream):

Hon. Clever M. Ikisikpo:

"That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Licensing, Regulation and Incentives for Petroleum Refineries in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 and approve the Recommendations therein (HB. 27)".

6. Committee on Agriculture:

Hon. Gbenga Makojuola:

"That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Agriculture on a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Practise and to make Provisions for the Animal Health and Husbandry Technologist Regulation Board of Nigeria and for other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 and approve the Recommendations therein (HB. 19) (Laid: 4/12/2008).

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

"That this House do consider the Report of the House 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	Tuesday, 3 February, 2009	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Diaspora	Tuesday, 3 February, 2009	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 304 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Capital Market and Institutions	Tuesday, 3 February, 2009	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 19 Assembly Complex
4.	Poverty Alleviation	Tuesday, 3 February, 2009	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 09 Assembly Complex
5.	Science and Technology	Tuesday, 3 February, 2009	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
6.	Human Rights	Tuesday, 3 February, 2009	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 20 Assembly Complex
7.	Federal Housing Authority	Tuesday, 3 February, 2009	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 New Building (House) Assembly Complex