



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 21 July, 2005

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

- 1. Joint Sitting of the National Assembly:
Hon. Abdul Ningi:
"That this House do meet with the Senate in a Joint Session on Tuesday, 26 July, 2005 at 11.00 a.m. to receive an Address by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria".
- 2. Debt Forgiveness for Nigeria:

Hon. Halims Agoda	Hon. Farouk Lawan	Hon. Bala Ibn Na'Allah
HOD. Anthony Azegbemi	Hon. Celestine Ughanze	Hon. Frank Ineke
Hon. Tcmi Harriman	Hon. Chidi Diiru	Hon. Leo Ogor
Hon. Ike Chinwo	Hon. G. Ahmed Njioda	Hon. Sadiq Sanusi:

The House:

Notes that in one voice that resonated across the country on 8 March, 2005, it resolved that the Federal Government should stop forthwith, the payment of the country's foreign debt;

Delighted that as a result of the bold legislative stand of the National Assembly, efforts of the Federal Government in this regard had a further boost that shook the international financial capitals, and the creditor nations; culminating in a debt reprieve of U.S. \$18,309 billion by the Paris Club;

Further notes that the debt forgiveness represents sixty (60) percent of the total debts owed by Nigeria to the Paris Club;

Conscious of the unflinching support given to Mr. President by the National Assembly and the overwhelming encouragement of a wide spectrum of the informed Nigerian public; and

Realizing the benefits of debt relief to Nigeria, and me fact that this development is a major diplomatic success for democracy in Nigeria,

Resolves to:

- (i) congratulate the leadership and members of the House of Representatives for being in the vanguard in the campaign for debt reprieve;
- (ii) also congratulate Mr President, his debt management team and all other organizations that played supportive roles in the quest for debt cancellation;
- (iii) acknowledge the courageous effort of the British Prime Minister, Mr Tony Blair and the good gesture of the Paris Club for the debt relief;
- (iv) implore the Federal Government to consciously utilize the gains of the recent debt forgiveness to promote the development of infrastructure and such projects that would alleviate the poverty of the Nigerian people;
- (v) call on the Federal Government to aggressively push for the forgiveness of the remaining debts, and discourage all levels of Government from obtaining further loans without the approval of the National Assembly; and
- (vi) in the same vein, urge African Countries to refrain from obtaining dubious loans and aids.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

Committee on Environment:

Hon. Emeka Atuma:

"That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Environment on A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of a Shelter Belt Project; and for Connected Purposes, 2004 and approve the Recommendation therein" (*Laid: 1/6/2005*).

Committee on Special Duties:

Hon. George Sekibo

"That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Special Duties on A Bill for an Act to Amend the Border Communities Development Agency Act, 2003; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2005 and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid: 15/3/2005*).

COMMITTEE MEETING

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 21 July, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Inter-Parliamentary Relations <i>(In preparation w the visit of the Hon. Speaker, National Assembly, Benin Republic and some Hon. Members of his entourage)</i>	Thursday, 21 July, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 13 Assembly Complex
3	Police Affairs, Peace and Conflict Resolution	Thursday, 21 July, 2005	4.00 p.m.	Committee Room 14 Assembly Complex