



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 7 July, 1999

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Amendment to the Rules of the House of Representatives:

Hon. Mohammed Wakil (*House Leader*):

WHEREAS the House has six Special and Thirty-Seven Standing Committees;

WHEREAS the exigencies of the House require the establishment of one additional Special Committee to be known as "Committee on Special Duties" and two additional Standing Committees to be known as "Committee on Governmental Affairs" and "Committee on Justice respectively."

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to enlarge the membership of each of the Special Committees to between 15-30 members and each of the Standing Committees to between 30 and 45 members respectively,

Now therefore, it is hereby moved and be it resolved as follows:

- (i) That Rule 91 be amended by creating "Committee on Special Duties" to be numbered as Rule 91(g) as follows:

- (g) There shall be a Special Committee to be known as Committee on Special Duties consisting of 15-30 Members.

The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:

- (a) All matters relating to the Presidency generally;
- (b) All matters relating to the office and functions of the Presidential Liaison Officer attached to the House of Representatives and/or the National Assembly;
- (c) Performance of such duties as may be assigned by the Office of the Speaker;

- 92(38) There shall be established a Standing Committee to be known as Committee on Governmental Affairs consisting of 15-45 members.

The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:

- (a) All matters relating to the office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation;
- (b) Annual budget estimates.

- 92(39) There shall be established a Standing Committee to be known as Committee on Justice consisting of 15-45 members.

The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:

- (a) All matters relating to the Ministry of Justice and Attorney-General of the Federation;
- (b) Constitutional matters;
- (c) Measures relating to claims against Nigeria;
- (d) Revision and codification of Statutes of Nigeria;
- (e) Legal practitioners;
- (f) Annual budget estimates.

Rule 92(13) shall accordingly be amended by deleting items 2(b)(d)(h) and (j) and the words "legal matters".

- (d) Membership of Special Committees shall be between 15-30 members and Standing Committees shall be between 15-45 members wherever they occur in the Rules of the House of Representatives, 1999.
- (e) That all amendments herein made be deemed to form part of the House Rules in accordance with Rule 104(5) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, 1999 and shall be incorporated accordingly.

2. Release of Hostages and Relief to Niger Delta:

Hon. Chibudom N. Nwuche

Hon. Agbeotu Emibra

Hon. Clement Andie

Hon. Mike Epengele

Hon. Emmanuel Aguarivawodo:

WHEREAS some expatriates working in the oil companies at the Niger Delta region have been taken hostage by suspected youths of the Niger Delta as protest against certain deprivations, besides seizure of an helicopter.

WHEREAS the said youths are said to have demanded ransom for the release of the men and the helicopter; and

WHEREAS the health of the men and security of the helicopter is in serious jeopardy.

Now therefore, be it resolved:

- (i) That this House do urge the Federal Government to intervene and dialogue with the Oil Companies and concerned youths to ensure urgent release of the hostages and helicopter;
- (ii) That the President do take urgent steps to lay before the House the proposed Niger-Delta Commission Bill for consideration to assuage the grievances of the youths;
- (iii) That the Federal Government do liaise with the oil companies and take remedial measures to ensure that peace returns to the Niger-Delta for smooth operation of the Oil Companies pending the implementation of the Niger Delta Development budgeted programmes; and
- (iv) That this House do institute a Parliamentary peace delegation to the Niger-Delta generally to assure them of the resolve of Government to address comprehensively developmental needs of the Communities and intervene in the hostage matter.

3. Industrial Action by the Petrol Tanker Drivers Association:

Hon. Isa Saidu:

In view of the nation-wide industrial action embarked upon by Tanker Drivers as a result of the alleged closure of their Kano office by security agents, and considering the need to guarantee uninterrupted supply of fuel to all parts of the country in order to avert economic and social crises attendant upon the scarcity of fuel occasioned by the withdrawal of services by Tanker drivers etc.; this House do:

- (i) Call on Tanker Drivers Association to suspend its industrial action in order to ensure uninterrupted supply of fuel to petrol stations nation-wide;
- (ii) Call on security agents to open the Kano branch office of the Association;
- (iii) Refer the matter to Committees on Labour and Productivity and Petroleum.

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4. Prohibition and Punishment of Bribery, Corruption and other related Offences Bill, 1999 — *Second Reading*.
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5. Debate on the Address of the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Seventh Allotted Day*). (*Adjourned Debate 1 July, 1999*).
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COMMITTEES

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 7 July, 1999	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 H/R Wing, Assembly Complex
2.	Ethics and Privileges	Wednesday, 7 July, 1999	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 04 H/R Wing, Assembly Complex