



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 17 January, 2007

1. The House met at 2:28 p.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. Votes and Proceedings:  
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 16 January, 2007.  
  
*By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.*
3. Announcements:
  - (i) *Update on the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC):*  
Mr Speaker announced that the Chairman, Committee on Electoral Matters would brief the House Tomorrow, Thursday, 18 January 2007 on the preparations by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) for the 2007 General Elections.
  - (ii) *Transition:*  
Mr Speaker acquainted the House with the death of the father of Hon. Alex Ukam in the following letter:



**RT. HON. ALEX I. UKAM**

(Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency)

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Assembly Complex, Three Arms Zone, Abuja - Nigeria



National

16th January, 2007  
The Speaker,  
House of Representatives,  
National Assembly, Abuja.

Sir

*Notification of death and burial arrangements*

*With gratitude to the will of almighty God, I wish to formally inform you of the death of my father, Late Chief Paul Udo Ukam, who slept in the Lord on that faithful day of 24th November, 2006, after a brief illness.*

*The burial obsequies is scheduled to take place on the 2 & 3rd of February, 2007, at the family residence in Abanwan, Erei, in Biase LGA of Cross River State.*

*/ wish to formally invite the presence of my colleagues.*

*Please Hon. Speaker announce to my colleagues.*

*Thank you,*

*(Signed)*

**Hon. (Pastor) Alex I. Ukam**

*Chairman, House Committee on FRSC*

(ii) Defection:

Mr Speaker further announced the defection of Hon Patricia Akwashiki from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to the All Nigerian Peoples Party (ANPP)

4. Presentation of Bills:

(i) Ekiti State Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2006 — *Read the First Time.*

(ii) Ekiti State Appropriation Bill, 2007 — *Read the First Time.*

5. Petroleum Pipeline Vandalization and its Untold Hardship on the Nigerian Citizenry:

*Motion made and Question proposed,*

The House:

*Notes with dismay the spates of Vandalization of Petroleum Pipeline Nationwide, resulting in the disruption of petroleum products supplies;*

*Further notes that the Petroleum Products Marketing Company appears to have run out of ideas on how to address the menace of pipeline Vandalization;*

*Concerned about the total collapse or non existence of a response mechanism to the menace of pipeline Vandalization;*

*Disturbed by the wide spread scarcity of petroleum products across the Country leading to untold hardship on Nigerians, contrary to the claim that deregulation of the sector would engender availability of products;*

*Resolves to;*

(i) *invite the Managing Director, Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation and the Managing Director, Petroleum Products and Marketing Company to appear before the House within 48 hours to explain the cause of the scarcity;*

(ii) *mandate the House Committee on Petroleum Down Stream to carry out a comprehensive investigation into the activities of the Petroleum Products Marketing Company and report to the House (Hon. Obeten O. Obeten and 9 Others).Debate:*

*Main Question put and agreed to.*

The House;

*Noted with dismay the spates of Vandalization of Petroleum Pipeline Nationwide, resulting in the disruption of petroleum products supplies;*

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*Further noted that the Petroleum Products Marketing Company appears to have run out of ideas on how to address the menace of pipeline Vandalization;*

*Concerned about the total collapse or non existence of a response mechanism to the menace of pipeline Vandalization;*

*Disturbed by the wide spread scarcity of petroleum products across the Country leading to untold hardship on Nigerians, contrary to the claim that deregulation of the sector would engender availability of products;*

*Resolved to;*

(0) *invite the Managing Director, Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation and the Managing Director, Petroleum Products and Marketing Company to appear before the House within 48 hours to explain the cause of the scarcity;*

*(it) mandate the House Committee on Petroleum Down Stream to carry out a comprehensive investigation into the activities of the Petroleum Products Marketing Company and report to the House (HR. 66/2007).*

6. *Papers Laid:*

*Report on Census 2006 Provisional Result; pursuant to Section 213 (3) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Order XIII, Rule 1 (c) of the Standing Orders.*

7. *A Bill for an Act to make provision for the Establishment of a National Identity Database and the National Identity Management Commission charged with the responsibilities for maintenance of the National Database, the registration of individuals, and the issuance of general multipurpose identity cards and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 (HB. 257) — Second Reading.*

*Order Read; deferred.*

8. *A Bill for an Act to provide Remuneration for Former Presidents, Heads of State, Heads of Federal Legislative Houses and Chief Justices of the Federation and Other Ancillary Matters, 2006 (SB. 150) — Second Reading.*

*Motion Made and Question Proposed, "That A Bill for an Act to provide Remuneration for Former Presidents, Heads of State, Heads of Federal Legislative Houses and Chief Justices of the Federation and Other Ancillary Matters, 2006 be now read a Second Tune" (Hon. Abdul Ningi).*

*Debate:*

*Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time, put and agreed to.*

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

9. *A Bill for Act to Amend the National Youth Service Corps Act, No 51 of 1993 to Embody Certain Provisions Aimed at Enhancing the Welfare Needs of Corps Members, enable their acquisition of Special business and Commercial skills and empower them Financially to be Better able to Fend for themselves at the end of their service and for Purposes Connected Therewith, 2006 — Second Reading.*

*Resumption of Debate;*

*Pursuant to the mandate, vide the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 9 November, 2006, Hon. Alex Nwofe reported that the intendment of the Bill conflicted with Section 315 (5) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 and advised the sponsor of the Bill to withdraw the Bill.*

*Bill, by leave of the House, withdrawn.*

10. *A Bill for an act to Amend the National Broadcasting commission Act Cap. Nil LFN to Correlate certain existing provisions of the Act, define the limits of its functions and powers, and provide for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 (HB. 279) — Second Reading.*

*Motion Made and Question Proposed, "That A Bill for an act to Amend the National Broadcasting commission Act Cap. Nil LFN to Correlate certain existing provisions of the Act, define the limits of its functions and powers, and provide for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Hallims Agoda)*

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*Debate:*

*Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time, put and agreed to.*

*Bill read a Second Time and referred to House Committee on Information and National Orientation.*

11. *Adjournment:*

*That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 18 January, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. (Hon. Abdul Ningi).*

*Adjourned accordingly at 4:28 p.m.*

Aminu Bello Masari  
Speaker