



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 13 February, 2007

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1. The House met at 11:08 a.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. Message:  
Mr Speaker read the following Message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.



**PRESIDENT,**  
**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

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9 February 2007

*Alhaji Aminu Bello Masari, Speaker,  
House of Representatives, National  
Assembly Complex, Three Arms Zone,  
Abuja.*

*Dear Hon Speaker,*

*In accordance with the provisions of Section 84(5) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I submit herewith, as presented by the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission, for your necessary action, a draft Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of pensions and other benefits to a person who has held office as an elected President or Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.*

*Accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.*

*Yours Sincerely*  
*(Signed)*  
**OLUSEGUN OBASANJO**

3. Announcements:  
**(i)** *Bereavement:*  
Mr Speaker announced that Hon. Ojinika Geff Chizee had notified the House of the death of his father-in-Law, Chief Godwin Ifeanyichukwu Ngoka, on January 5, 2007 and invited Hon. Members to the Obsequies on Friday, February 16, 2007.

(ii) *Defections:*

Mr Speaker further announced the defection of Hon. Auwadu Sule Kila (*Gwaram Federal Constituency*) **Jigawa** State, and Hon. **Jibrin** Yusuf Babangida (**Hadejia** *Kafin - Hausa Auyo Federal Constituency*) Jigawa State from the Peoples Democratic Party to the All Nigeria Peoples Party.

(iii) *Visitors:*

Mr Speaker recognized the presence of some Members of the Oyo State House of Assembly in the Gallery.

## 4. Presentation of Bill:

Consumer Protection Council (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (SB.26) — *Read the First Time.*

## 5. Presentation of Reports:

(i) *Committee on Appropriations:*

"That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Appropriations on the Inadvertent Omission of the National Human Rights Commission from the 2007 Budget proposal".

*Order read and deferred to the next Legislative Day.*

(ii) *Committee on Capital Market:*

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That this House do receive the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Investments and Securities Act 1999 and to Establish the Securities and Exchange Commission as the Apex Regulatory Authority for the Nigerian Capital Market and Reduction of Systemic risk and for Related Matters, 2006 (*Hon. Ahmed Wadada*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid.*

## 6. Admittance to the Chamber:

*Motion made*, "That Order XVI, Rule 9 be suspended to admit the Sole Administrator of Ekiti State and his entourage to the Chamber pursuant to House Resolution 68/2007 *vide, ihe Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday 8 February, 2007" (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

Entry — 11:23 a.m.

*Briefing by the Sole Administrator of Ekiti State General Tunji Olorin (Rt).*

Departure — 12:15 p.m.

*See details of proceedings in the Official Debates.*

*Debate:*

*Committee on Rules and Business ordered to circulate copies of the Local Government (Amendment) Law 2001, to enable Hon Members peruse the content.*

*Matter deferred to the next Legislative Day.*

## 7. Publication of Purportedly Indicted Politicians by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

The House:

*notes*, that on February 7, 2007 the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) was credited with a publication in the Print and News Media of the names of 135 politicians and public office holders purportedly, indicted for various offences and who could be barred from contesting the forthcoming elections;

*informed*, that the various political parties in the country had received letters on the matter from the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC);

*concerned*, at the seeming inclination of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) to partisan politics and the palpable fear of compromising professionalism in the discharge of its statutory duties;

*mindful*, of the relevant provisions of the 1999 Constitution and the Electoral Act, 2006, on the eligibility of persons to contest elections;

Resolves to:

- (i) *urge* the Presidency to direct the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) to stop all such publications;
- (ii) *constitute* an Ad-hoc Committee to investigate the matter and report to the House within two weeks (*Hon. Y.D. Baba-Ahmed and II others*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and negatived.*

**8.** Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday 14 February, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

*Adjourned accordingly at 1:05 p.m.*

**Aminu Bello Masari**  
*Speaker*