



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 20 February, 2007

1. The House met at 11.20 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read Prayers.
Votes and Proceedings:
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday - 15 February, 2007.
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By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. Announcements:
 - (a) *Defection:*
Mr Deputy Speaker announced the defection of Hon. Terfa Atii" from the Peoples Democratic Party to the Democratic Peoples Party.
 - (b) *Conference Committees:*
Mr Deputy Speaker,named the following Conferees:
 - (i) ~ *Council of Registered Freight Forwarders Bill, 2006;*

Hon. Emeka Ihedioha ..	Hon. C.J.D Maduabum -
Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila	
Hon. Tsegba Terngu	
-Hon. Patricia Udogu	
Hon. Bala IbnNa'Allah	
 - (ii) *Remuneration of Former Heads of Federal Legislative Houses and Ancillary Matters, 2007;*

Hon. Adeyemi Oluwole	
Hon. C. I. _D. Maduabum	
- Hon. Emma Daeya	
..... Hon.. Mao Ohuabunwa	—
Hon. Hashim Abdullahi ..	
Hon. Balajbn Na'Allah	

4. Petition:
A Petition was received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions; " _
~Hon. Gabriel Yakubu Bwan from Mr Emmanuel Orbieisie, praying the House to intervene in his alleged wrongful dismissal from the Nigeria Customs Service with a view to re~instating him.

5. **Presentation of Reports:**

(i) *Committee on Finance:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Inland Revenue Service, Charged with Powers of Assessment, Collection of, and Accounting for Revenues Accruable to the Government of the Federation; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2007 (HB. 177)" (Hon.

Idris Umar Abdullahi).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

-, (ii) *Committee on Finance:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Companies Income Tax Act, 2004 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2007 (HB. 181)" (Hon. Idris Umar Abdullahi).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

(iii) *Committee on Finance:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Value Added Tax Act, 2004 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2007 (HB. 180)" (Hon. Idris Umar Abdullahi).

- *Question put and agreed to.*

Report Laid. - - -"

(iv) *Committee on Finance:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Automotive Council Act and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2007 (HB.173)" (Hon. Idris Umar Abdullahi).

" *Question put and agreed to.*

Report Laid.

6. **A Bill for an Act to Enable Effect to be given to the Revised Edition of the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria Bill, 2006- Second Reading:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Enable Effect to be given to the Revised Edition of the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria Bill, 2006 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Alex Nwofe).

Debate:

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

Bill read a Second-Time and committed to the Committee of Whole.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Pension Institute of Nigeria and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 (HB. 229) -Second Reading:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Pension Institute of Nigeria and for Matters Connected therewith 2006 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Oluwale Oke).

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 on Pensions.

8. Consideration of Reports:**Committee on Public Petitions:****(i) Report on the Petition by-Mrs C O. Ogunbunmi:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House -- Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mrs C .O. Ogunbunmi against the National Bureau -- of Statistics (NBS) formerly the Federal Office of Statistics and approve the Recommendation therein" (Hon. Chidi Duru),-

Question put and agreed to. — — — — — " : ~

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

HOUSE IN COMMITTEE

{Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair}

Debate:

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends the calculation and immediate payment of Mrs Ogunbunmi's benefits by the Office of the Head of Civil Service as the necessary documents have been submitted *(Hon. Chidi Duru)*.

Overtaken; relief already granted. —

Chairman to report

proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report" of the House Committee on Public-Petitions on the Petition by Mrs C. O. Ogunbunmi against the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) formerly the Federal Office of Statistic? and noted that the relief sought by the Petitioner had been granted.

Question thai, the house to adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.

-ii) Report on the Petition by Corporal Maurice Obi:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House ■: .' Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Corporal Maurice "Obi against the Nigeria Police and __ .approve the Recommendations therein" (Hon. Chidi Duru).

Question put and agreed to. —

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

HOUSE IN COMMITTEE -

... :- :: *(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)*

Debate: —

Recommendation (i):

that the Nigeria Police obey the subsisting Court Order and reinstate "the petitioner *(Hon. Chidi Duru)*.

- Question put and agreed to. — — — — — ' -

Recommendation (ii);

--" that his dismissal be converted to retirement with salary paid up to that date; arid his retirement benefits paid *(Hon. Chidi Duru).*--

Question put and agreed to. .

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

— Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in the Committee **of Whole** considered the Report - of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Corporal Maurice Obi against the Nigeria Police and approved the Recommendations therein.

- *Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.* —

∴ — **'(iii)—Report on the Petition by Samuel Gyang:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the" House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition-by Samuel Gyang against the Nigeria Police Force and approve the Recommendation therein" (Hon. Chidi Duru).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

HOUSE IN COMMITTEE

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

- *Debate:* - --

the petitioner has ceased to be a member of the Police Force since 1987, that Samuel Gyang's dismissal be converted to retirement effective from September, 1987 and all salaries, gratuity and pension accrued be paid - promptly *(Hon. Chidi Duru).*

— *Question put and agreed to.-.*

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the" Chair, reported that the House in the **Committee** of Whole considered the Report of the House Committee or Public Petitions on the Petition by Samuel Gyang against the Nigeria Police Force — and approved the Recommendation therein. ■ , -

- .. ∴. ■ *Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.*

(iv) Report on the Petition by Mallam Mohammed Ibrahim —

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the; Report• of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mallam Mohammed Ibrahim against Nigerian Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and approve the Recommendations therein" (Hon. Chidi Duru).

- *Question put and agreed to.* "

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

HOUSE IN COMMITTEE

- *(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)*

Debate: .

Recommendation (i):

considers-NITEL action in merging his period of absence (due to his dismissal from service) with his service years by regarding his dismissal period as leave of absence without pay but pensionable as magnanimous *(Hon. Chidi Duru).*

Question put and:agreed to. .

- *Recommendation (ii):*
cannot recommend that NITEL make any further payments to Mallam Ibrahim save his monthly pension (Hon. Chidi Duru).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the House-Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mallam Mohammed Ibrahim against Nigerian Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and approved the Recommendations therein.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.

- (v) **Report on the Petition by the Azuzuama Community:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by the Azuzuama Community against the Nigerian Agip Oil Company Limited (NAOC) and approve the Recommendations therein" (Hon. Chidi Duru).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

— HOUSE IN COMMITTEE

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Debate:

Recommendations:

that the House of Representatives empower the Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators to set up a Panel of Experts with the following terms of reference: ..

- (a) to critically examine the petition by the Azuzuama Community, the report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the said petition and the reports of NAPIMS, DPR, NOSDRA and the Bayelsa State Government with a view to resolving, once and for all, the issues raised therein;

to determine the exact cause of the spillage in Azuzuama and ways of forestalling future spillages;

- (c) to determine compensation to be paid by the facility operator AGIP; and the beneficiaries of the said compensation;

- (d) any other mandate that may lead to a permanent resolution of the issues raised in the petition as the House may deem appropriate (Hon. Chidi Duru).

Amendment proposed:-

Insert a new Recommendation (e) as follows:

"Invite the Managing Director and Management of Nigerian Agip Oil Company Limited to appear before the Committee on Public Petitions on Tuesday, 27 February, 2007" (Hon. Abdul Ningi).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Question-put and agreed-to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE-IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in The Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by the Azuzuama Community against the Nigerian Agip Oil Company Limited (NAOC) and approved Recommendations (a), (b), (c), (d) and a new (e).

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and agreed

(Vi) Report on The Petition by Mr Coleman Nwosu:

Motion made and Question-proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr "Coleman Nwosu against the Nigeria. Police Force and approve

the Recommendations therein" (Hon. Chidi Duru).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

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HOUSE IN COMMITTEE

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Debate:

Recommendation (i):-

- that the Nigeria Police immediately comply with the Court Order and pay Mr Nwosu the sum of Two Million Naira (N2,000,000.00) only without further delay *(Hon. Chidi Duru)*

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

that the Inspector-General of Police caution his officers and men to be circumspect in the use of maximum force at Police checkpoints, in order- to reduce the risk of 'accidental discharge' *(Hon. Chidi Duru).*

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings. (HOUSE IN PLENARY) , _

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Coleman Nwosu against the Nigeria Police Force and approved the **Recommendations** therein.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole put and agreed to-

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Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 21 February, 2007 at 2.00 p.m. *(Hon. Abdul Ningi).*

Adjourned accordingly at 1.30 p.m."

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Deputy Speaker