



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 13 May, 2008

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1. The House met at 10.45 a.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
 2. Votes and Proceedings:
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 8 May, 2008.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
 3. **jurisdiction's/constituency Orders:**
Mr Speaker directed as follows:
 - (i) Hon. Alaba Ojomo (Chairman Committee on Health): Public Outcry over proposed stoppage of the House to House Immunization by the Federal Government.

Confirm veracity of the information from relevant Ministries and convey public displeasure on the subject matter to the Ministries.
 - (ii) Hon. Gbenga Makanjuola and Hon. Ado Dogo Audu (Chairmen Committees on Agriculture and Labour and Productivity, respectively): Rising cost of food items and **Imminent Rise on Cost of flour**.

Prevail on the relevance Government Agencies to checkmate the high cost of flour and to prevail on the Unions to exercise restraint while the House intervenes.
 - (iii) Hon. Safiyanu Ubale (Taura/Ringim Federal Constituency): Armed Robbery incident in Taura Local Government Area of Jigawa State.

Visit the deceased family and the vigilante group on solidarity and support grounds as well as intimate the police in the area on the need to brazen up and to report back to the Speaker.
 - (iv) Hon. Sabbath Sandy Obot (Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency): Threat to operations Oando Oil Company in Ukanafun Local Government Area in Akwa Ibom Slate.

Liaise with the Community Leaders and the Akwa Ibom State Government to determine their demands in order to forestall any break down of law and order in the area and to report to speaker.
 - (v) Hon. Alabi Ojomo and Ado Dogo Audu (Chairmen Committees on Health and Labour, Employment and Productivity respectively): Nationwide Strike Action by the National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives (NANNMW).

Take necessary urgent actions jointly to forestall imminent crises the strike portends in the Health Sector and to report to the Speaker.

4. Presentation of Bill:
Federal Capital Territory Appropriation Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time.*
5. Presentation of Reports:
 - (i) *Committee on Marine Transport:*
Motion made and Question Proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Marine Transport on the under-utilization of Sapele Sea Port and abandonment of the facilities at the Sapele Sea Port" (*Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwanyf*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (ii) *Committee on Water Resources:*
Report of the Committee on Water Resources on the a Bill for Act to Establish National Water Resources Development Commission and for Connected Purposes, 2008.

Order read; deferred.

- (iii) *Committee on Industries:*
Report of the Committee on Industries on the a Bill for Act to Amend the Revolving Loans Fund for Industry Act, to specify the sources of, and Additional Sums to be made Available to the Fund thereof, the Procedure and Manner of Disbursement of Monies Contained Therein to any Industrial Concern, and Provide for Other Matters Appertaining Thereto.

Order read; deferred.

- (iv) *Committee on Agriculture:*
Report of the Committee on Agriculture on the a Bill for Act to Regulate the Practice and to make Provisions for the Animal Health and Husbandry Technologist Regulation Board of Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008.

Order read; deferred. Committee ordered to present Report in two weeks.

- (v) *Committee on Power and Steel:*
Report of the Committee on Power and Steel on the a Bill for Act to Amend the Energy Commission of Nigeria Act to grant priority to the Promotion and Development of Renewable Energy Source, and for Other Matters Relating Thereto, 2008.

Order read; deferred. Committee ordered to present Report in 15 days.

6. Lingering Land Dispute and Hostilities Between Igbeagu and Ukella Communities of Ebonyi and Cross River States Respectively:
Motion made and Question proposed,
The House:

Notes the lingering land dispute between the Igbeagu and Ukelle Communities of Ebonyi and Cross River States respectively;

Appreciates the efforts of the National Boundary Commission at resolving the land dispute between the two Communities but without achieving the desired result;

Aware of the intervention of the former President Olusegun Obasanjo at a meeting held with the Governors of the two States on 8 February, 2007 with a view to resolving the dispute;

Regrets that the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) had suspended the supplies of relief materials to victims/casualties arising from the communal feud between the two communities three years ago;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to resume supply of relief materials to the victims of the hostilities;

- (ii) mandate the Committee on Special Duties to interface with the Governors of the two States and the National Boundary Commission with a view to ensuring a speedy resolution and restore peace between the two warring Communities and report to the House within one month (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga and 13 others*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in Prayer (7) (Hon. Emmanuel Deeya).

Question put and negatived. Main

question, put and agreed to. The

House:

Noted the lingering land dispute between the Igbeagu and Ukele Communities of Ebonyi and Cross River States respectively;

Appreciated the efforts of the National Boundary Commission at resolving the land dispute between the two Communities but without achieving the desired result;

Aware of the intervention of the former President Olusegun Obasanjo at a meeting held with the Governors of the two States on 8 February, 2007 with a view to resolving the dispute;

Regretted that the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) had suspended the supplies of relief materials to victims/casualties arising from the communal feud between the two communities three years ago;

Resolved to:

- (i) urged the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to resume supply of relief materials to the victims of the hostilities;
- (it) mandated the Committee on Special Duties to interface with the Governors of the two States and the National Boundary Commission with a view to ensuring a speedy resolution and restore peace between the two warring Communities and report to the House within one month (MR. 23/2008).

7. A Bill for an Act to Establish an Independent National Assembly **Budget and Research Office, which** will provide the National Assembly objective, timely and non-partisan analysis needed for economic and Budget decision and with the information and estimates required for use in the Budget Process; and Other Related Matters, 2008 — *Third Reading*.
Motion made and Question Proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish an Independent National Assembly Budget and Research Office, which will provide the National Assembly objective, timely and non-partisan analysis needed for economic and Budget decision and with the information and estimates required for use in the Budget Process; and Other Related Matters, 2008 be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Baba Shehu Agaie*).

Question that the Bill be now read the Third Time, put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

8. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Fines in Enactments to be Expressed in Terms of Penalty Units; to Provide for the amounts of Fines in existing Enactments to be Converted into Penalty Units and to Provide for Connected Matters, 2008— *Second Reading*,

Order read; deferred.

9. **A Bill** for an Act to Amend the Legal Aid Act, Cap. L9 Laws of the Federation, 2004 to Increase its Sources of Funds, Expand its Membership and to Increase the Poverty Income Level of Beneficiaries of the Legal Aid Scheme and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto— *Second Reading*.

Order read; deferred.

10. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Competition Commission and for Purposes Connected Therewith, 2008 — *Second Heading*.

Order read; deferred.

11. A Bill for Act to Establish the National Climate Change Commission of Nigeria for the Strategic Planning and Co-ordination of National Policies in the Field of Climate Change and Energy and for Matters Conned Therewith, 2008 — *Second Reading*.

Order read; deferred.

12. Adjournment:
That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 14 May, 2008 at 2.00 p.m. (*Hon. Shehu Baba Agaie*).

Adjourned accordingly at 11.37 a.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker