



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 14 March, 2007

1. The House met at 2.25 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, 13 March, 2007.  
  
*By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.*
3. Announcements:
  - (i) *Non Implementation of House Resolutions by the Police Authorities:*  
Mr Speaker referred to seven (7) Resolutions on Petitions which the Inspector-General of Police had not complied with and ordered the Clerk to invite the Inspector-General of Police to a meeting with The Leadership of the House and the Chairman of the Committee on Public Petitions.
  - (ii) *Communication:*  
Pursuant to the House Order of Thursday, 8 March, 2007 on the comments credited to the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice on alleged plan to postpone the 2007 General Elections, Mr Speaker read the following letter from the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice.  
  
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Alhaji Bello Masari,  
Hon. Speaker,  
House of Representatives,  
National Assembly Complex,  
Abuja. \*

8th March, 2007

Your Excellency,

*Further to my discussion with Your Excellency and Honourable Members of the House of Representatives earlier on today, I wish to reiterate the fact that the elections scheduled for 14th and 21st April, 2007 would go on as planned.*

*I wish to stress that any impression from any quarters about some plan to change the date of the election should be discountenanced, please.*

*Please accept the assurances of my highest considerations and profound esteem.*

**(Signed) Chief**

**Bayo Ojo, SAN,**

*Hon. Attorney-General of the Federation and  
Minister of Justice*

**Cc: Senator Ken Nnamani,**  
*President,  
The Senate,  
National Assembly Complex,  
Abuja,*

**(iii) Visitors:**

Mr Speaker recognized the presence in the Gallery of Staff and Students of Hauwa Community College, Funtua.

**4. Petition:**

A petition was received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

Hon. Musa Labar Wuyep, from Wing Commander Nathaniel Chimaobi Nnadi, against the Nigeria Air Force, praying the House to investigate his unlawful dismissal by the Nigeria Air Force and grant the reliefs sought therein.

**5. Presentation of Bill:**

Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (Amendment) Bill, 2007 (HB. 305) — *Read the First Time.*

**6. Presentation of Report:**

**Committee on Marine Transport:**

"That this House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish a Council for the Regulation of Freight Forwarding in Nigeria and Charged with the Responsibility amongst others, of Determining the Standards of Knowledge and skill to be Attained by Persons Seeking to be Registered Members of Freight Forwarders of Nigeria in accordance with the Provisions of the Act, and for Related Purposes, 2007 (HB. 128)".

*Order Read; deferred.*

**7. Amendment to the Order Paper;**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That the Order Paper of the Day be amended to admit the Report of the Special Committee on the On-Going Retrenchment Exercise of Officers and Men of the Nigeria Police" (Hon. Bawa Bwari).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

**8. Presentation of Report:**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Special Committee on the On-Going Retrenchment Exercise of Officers and Men of the Nigeria Police" with a prayer to further mandate the Committee to conduct a full scale investigation into the matter [Hon. Bawa Bwari].*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid; leave granted.*

**9. Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development:**

*Motion made and Question proposed,*

"The Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the National Agricultural Development Fund, 2007 was laid on 13 March, 2007;

A clean copy of the Conference Report is ready for adoption;

Resolves, to adopt the Report of the Conference Committee on the National Agricultural Development Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2007" {Hon. Mani Nasarawa}.

*Question put and agreed to.*

10. Spate of Killings and Wanton Violence in Lagos Island Federal Constituency I:  
*Motion made and Question proposed,*  
 The House:

*Notes*, with concern that Lagos Island Federal Constituency I has become a hot bed of violence and that many people had either been killed, maimed or were receiving medical attention in various Hospital in Lagos;

*Concerned*, that this surge of violence is a chilling indicator of plans by certain individuals to perpetrate mayhem or confusion during the forth - coming general election;

*Aware*, that certain highly placed politicians are the arrows - heads of this plethora of avoidable violence and confusion inflicted on innocent law - abiding citizens of Lagos;

*Embarrassed*, by the epic failure of our law enforcement agents which has emboldened the perpetrators of this - dastardly act.

*Further notes*, the economic importance of Lagos Island as the commercial nerve centre of Nigeria and the grave consequences, of the ongoing lawlessness on the Island to the economy of the nation.

*Resolves to:*

- (i) condemn the violence, wanton killings and destruction of property unleashed on law abiding citizens of Lagos Island Federal Constituency I;
- (ii) mandate the Joint Committee on Peace and Reconciliation and Police Affairs to investigate the orgy of violence on Lagos Island Federal Constituency I and in the process, obtain a written report from the Inspector General of Police on the steps he had taken to curtail Acts of violence during the forthcoming elections (*Hon. Jumoke Okoya-Thomas and 19 Others*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Debate:*

*Amendment Proposed:*

In prayer (i), line 2, immediately after the figure "I" insert the following:  
 "and other parts of the country" (*Hon. Farouk Aliyu*).

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

*Main Question as amended, put and agreed to. The*

House:

*Noted*, with concern that Lagos Island Federal Constituency 1 has become a hot bed of violence and that many people had either been killed, maimed or were receiving medical attention in various Hospital in Lagos;

*Concerned*, that this surge of violence is a chilling indicator of plans by certain individuals to perpetrate mayhem or confusion during the forthcoming general election;

*Aware*, that certain highly placed politicians are the arrow-heads of this plethora of avoidable violence and confusion inflicted on innocent law - abiding citizens of Lagos;

*Embarrassed*, by the epic failure of our law enforcement agents which has emboldened the perpetrators of this dastardly act.

*Further noted*, the economic importance of Lagos Island as the commercial nerve centre of Nigeria and the grave consequences, of the ongoing lawlessness on the Island to the economy of the nation.

*Resolved to:*

- (i) condemn the violence, wanton killings and destruction of property unleashed on law abiding citizens of Lagos Island Federal Constituency I and other parts of the Country;
- (ii) mandate the Joint Committee on Peace and Reconciliation and Police Affairs to investigate the orgy of violence on Lagos Island Federal Constituency I and in the process, obtain a written report from the Inspector General of Police on the steps he had taken to curtail Acts of violence during the forthcoming elections (HR. 71/2007).

**11. NNPC/Daewoo Crude Lifting Joint venture Agreement (Nigeria - Daewoo Shipping JV):**

*Motion made and Question proposed,  
The House:*

*Notes* the nature of the Joint Venture Agreement between the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation and Daewoo Corporation for the purpose of lifting crude **oil**;

*Appreciates* that such a business venture would attract more foreign investments to Nigeria;

*Concerned* that Daewoo Corporation is a Ship Building Firm and not a Shipping Company suitable for the type of Joint Venture with the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation;

*Worried*, that indigenous companies like the NUL, have not been given the opportunity to venture into crude lifting at the expense of our growing economy;

*Disturbed*, by the strategy used in discouraging and eventually disqualifying indigenous companies in favour of their foreign counterparts by raising the international standard beyond the capacity of indigenous companies as in the case of the NIDAS JV Agreement;

*Resolves to:*

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the said NIDAS JV Agreement and report to the House {*Hon. Ahmed D. Aliyu Wada and 8 Others*}.

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Debate:*

The House:

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*Resolved to:*

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the said NIDAS JV Agreement and report to the House (**HR. 72/2007**).

**12. Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 15 March, 2007 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Bawa Bwari*).

*Adjourned accordingly at 4.45 p.m.*