



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 24 April, 2007

1. The House met at 11.27 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, 22 March, 2007.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. Messages:
Mr Speaker read the following Messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:
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PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

26 March, 2007

*The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.*

Dear Hon. Speaker,

AMENDMENT OF THE SMALL AND MEDIUM
ENTERPRISES DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
OF NIGERIA (SMEDAN) ACT. 2004

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives, the attached Bill for an Act to amend the Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Development Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2004.

I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Honourable Members of the House.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

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PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

28 March, 2007.

*The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone, Asokoro -
Abuja.*

Dear Hon. Speaker,

PRESENTATION OF A BILL: NATIONAL HEALTH BILL, 2005

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives, the attached Bill which seeks to establish a legislative and regulatory framework for the delivery of health services throughout Nigeria.

In order to deal with health services effectively, the Bill seeks to create a standard across the nation in the delivery of health services by establishing norms and standards, frameworks and national policies.

I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Honourable Members of the House.

Yours sincerely,

*(Signed) OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO*

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PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

28 March, 2007.

*The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone, Asokoro -
Abuja.*

Dear Hon. Speaker,

**PRESENTATION OF A BILL: CITY TECHNICAL
UNIVERSITY YABA, 2007**

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives, the attached Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the City Technical University, Yaba, Lagos and other related matters thereof.

/ hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Honourable Members of the House.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO

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PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

28 March, 2007.

*The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone, Asokoro -
Abuja.*

Dear Hon. Speaker,

PRESENTATION OF A BILL: CITY TECHNICAL
UNIVERSITY KADUNA BILL. 2007

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives, the attached Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the City Technical University Kaduna and other related matters thereof.

I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Honourable Members of the House.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

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PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

29 March 2007.

*Alhaji (Hon.) Aminu Bello Masari,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone, Asokoro - Abuja.*

Dear Hon. Speaker,

REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENTS OF
CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HAJJ
COMMISSION OF NIGERIA (NAHCON) BY THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sequel to my recent assent to the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) (Establishment) Bill 2006 and in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Section 3 (2) of the Act, I write to inform the Honourable House that, after due consultation, I have resolved to appoint the following persons as Chairman and Members of the NAHCON:

- A. Chairman/Chief Executive **Officer** — Alhaji Muhammad **Musa Bello**
- B. **Three Full-Time Members:**
 (i) Alhaji Liadi Telia.
 (ii) Dr Badmus O. Yusuf
 (iii) Dr Sheikh Saleh Okenwa
- C. **Six Part-Time Members representing the Geo-Political Zones:**
 (i) South East — Sheikh Adams Idoko
 (ii) South West — Alhaja Fatimah Oyekan
 (iii) South South — Alhaji Ahmed Efebill
 (iv) North Central — Sheikh Musa Isa
 (v) North West — Alhaji Salisu Ado Shinkafi
 (vi) North East — Hajiya Hannatu Sanda Birma
- D. **Representatives of the following Ministries:**
 (i) Aviation — Capt. Shehu Usman Iyal
 (ii) Foreign Affairs — Alhaji Mahdi Jibir
 (iii) Internal Affairs (Immigration) — Saidu Bello, C. I.
 (iv) Health — Dr Abdulsalami Nasidi
 (v) Finance — Alhaji M. B. Muhammed
- E. **Representatives of the following Bodies:**
 (i) Central Bank of Nigeria — Alhaji Muhammed Nda
 (ii) Jama'atu Nasril Islam — Alhaji Bello Muh'd Tambuwal
 (iii) Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs — Amb. Mamu Sanusi

In view of the above, it will be appreciated if the appointments of the Chairman, three full-time Members and Six part-time Members respectively listed in A, B and C above are confirmed by the House in accordance with the same provisions of Section 3 (2) of the Act.

The Curriculum Vitae of the nominees are forwarded herewith for further appropriate action by the House.

While urging the House for a speedy consideration of the request, accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest esteem and best wishes for the entire House.

Yours sincerely,
 Signed)

OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

Message referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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PRESIDENT,

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

16 April 2007

The Honourable Speaker,
 House of Representatives,
 National Assembly Complex,
 Abuja.

Dear Hon. Speaker,

**PRESENTATION OF YEAR 2007 BUDGET OF THE
NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

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/ am forwarding herewith the 2007 Budget of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) for consideration and approval of the House of Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The budget is presented in two volumes. Volume, 1 captures the Commission's internal requirements for personnel, recurrent and capital expenditures while Volume 2 is the Projects Budget, capturing provisions for the Commission's development interventions.

The 2007 budget also embodies a renewed quest to pursue the implementation of the Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) and the Foundation Programs of the Master Plan as well as the completion of various ongoing projects and programs of the Commission.

While it will be most appreciated if the budget is given urgent consideration and approval, please accept, Mr Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) **OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO**

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**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

PRES/I34

18 April, 2007

Hon. Aminu Bella Masari, Speaker,
House of Representatives, National
Assembly Complex, Three-Arms
Zone, Asokoro - Abuja.

Dear Hon. Speaker,

RE: IMPOSITION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN EKITI STATE

I refer to my letter dated October 19, 2006 intimating the Distinguished Senate and the Honourable House of Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria of the declaration of State of Emergency in Ekiti State following a clearly great threat to the security of the country and unity of that State. In the same letter, I stated details of events in the State and the need to take hard decisions of a State of emergency without which safety and protection of lives and property would have been jeopardized in the State.

May I also refer the Distinguished Senate and the Honourable House to the respective rules and proceedings of October 26, 2006 which conveyed the approval and understanding of the action taken for which the people of Ekiti State were grateful. I have visited Ekiti State three times since then and have seen on the ground how greatly the action taken by us had impacted positively on the State.

I have received regular report from the Administrator and comments from leaders in Ekiti State to the effect that the position of State of Emergency was an act of mercy which had prevented bloodshed and had brought the situation in the State to near normalcy.

From all indications and my assessment of situation on ground as well as the report of Ekiti State Administrator on the violence and mayhem which has erupted since the elections of last Saturday, 14 April, 2007, and appeals from all quarters, there is need to impose a State of Emergency in Ekiti State until the end of the life of this Administration when a new elected government will take over in Ekiti State.

Therefore, by virtue of Section 305 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999, I declare a State of Emergency in Ekiti State with effect from today, 18 April, 2007. This declaration has been published in a Federal Gazette as of today.

This decision would, without doubt, enhance the security as well as protect the stability and corporate existence of Ekiti State and our nation.

I thank you for your understanding and appreciation of the reasons why the State of Emergency has to be imposed in Ekiti State.

*Yours sincerely,
(Signed) OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO*

4. Remarks by Hon. Speaker, Alhaji Aminu Bello Masari:

We Have Come A Long Way

My dear Hon. colleagues, I am glad to welcome you back from the Polls. The electoral battles have been fought gallantly and to both the winners and the losers, I say congratulations.

When we were sworn-in on June 3, 2003, as Hon. Members of this august Assembly, the atmosphere was filled with optimism and hope for a better future for this country. We were confident that we would make a difference; that we would impact positively on the lives of the people of this country having sworn and affirmed to preserve, , protect and defend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999. We prayed God to help us.

As representatives of the people, and with abiding faith in the unity and future of this country, we have in the past 3 years and 10 months worked very hard to promote and sustain the democratic ideals bequeathed to us by our founding fathers; we have remained committed to the ideals of peace, order and good governance. With your unflinching support, this House has remained united in the pursuit and achievement of the duties and responsibilities conferred on it in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999. These achievements would remain indelible irrespective of what critics would say.

Hon. Members would recall that on Thursday, 22 March, 2007, Plenary Sessions of the House were suspended to enable us join our brothers and sisters out there to celebrate the Eid-El-Maloud and Easter festivities as well as play active roles in the conduct of the just concluded General Elections. We are on our last lap. Certainly, there are quite a good number of Bills and other legislative measures requiring our attention and we shall do justice to these matters. I therefore urge all of us to rededicate ourselves in the discharge of our constitutional and statutory duties till the end of the journey.

May God Almighty bless us all.

Long live the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

5. Interim Report of the Joint Committee on Electoral Matters, Appropriations and Finance on Conduct of the 2007 General Elections:

Mr Speaker invited Hon. Hamisu Shaira to brief the House on the above subject matter.

Hon. Hamisu Shira congratulated Hon. Members who were successful at the April 2007 General Elections and empathized with the losers. He noted the importance of the 2007 Elections and stated that the Committee was still collating information on the conduct of the elections. He prayed the House to give the Committee one week to enable it produce a comprehensive report on the conduct of the election and assured that the Committee would render a fair and just report. Concluding, he expressed gratitude to the House for the confidence reposed on the Committee in the course of its assignment.

6. State of Emergency (Ekiti State) Proclamation 2007:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do approve by Resolution, pursuant to the provisions of Section 305 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, the Proclamation of a State of Emergency in Ekiti State" {Hon. Abdul Ningi}.

Debate:

Mr Speaker ruled that in view of the inability of the House to satisfy the requirement of two-thirds majority prescribed in Section 305 (6) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, the governance of Ekiti State should revert to the Speaker of the Ekiti State House of Assembly who was acting as the Governor of the State before the Proclamation of a state of emergency in that State pending the determination of the suit filed by Mr Ayo Fayose challenging his impeachment or until the swearing-in of the Governor-elect on May 29, 2007.

7. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 25 April, 2007 at 2.00 p.m. (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.17 p.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker