



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 28 June, 2007

1. The House met at 10.47 a.m. Madam Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Madam Speaker announced that she had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 27 June, 2007.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Announcement:**
Bereavement:
Madam Speaker acquainted Hon. Members with the death of Hajia Aishatu Tahir the mother of Hon. Sa'ad M. C. Tahir:

A minute in silence was observed in honour of the deceased.
4. **Consideration of Reports:**
 - (i) *Ad-Hoc Committee on the Review of House Standing Rules:*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Review of the House Standing Orders, 2007 and approve the recommendations therein" {Hon. Ita Enang}.

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Review of the House Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Question, that Order VII, Rule 2 (2) of the House Rules be suspended to enable the Hon. Speaker preside in the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Madam Speaker in the Chair)

Order I, Rule I (b)

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in the marginal note of Rule 1 (b) (Hon. Ita Enang) — Agreed to.

Order 1, Rule 2:

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in the marginal note of Rule 2 (Hon. Ita Enang) — Agreed to.

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Question that Order I, Rules 1 (b) and 2 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order II, Rule 1 (2) (a), (b), (3):**Committee Recommendation:**

- (2) (a) read the Proclamation for the holding of the first session of the Business of the House conducted according to standing Orders.
- (b) call the House to order and proceed to the roll call and confirmation of writs or copies of writs of election of Members-elect in alphabetical order.
- (3) Each Member-elect called shall present the writ of election which shall be laid upon the Table by the Clerk (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Order ii, Rule2(b): Committee**Recommendation:**

- (b) A Member-elect may, before taking the Oaths prescribed in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, take part in the election of Speaker and Deputy Speaker (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Order II, Rule 3 (d):**Committee Recommendation:****Procedure if only one Member-elect is nominated.**

- (d) The Clerk shall then ask "Are there any further nominations?", and if there are no further nominations, the Clerk shall say "I declare the nominations closed". The Clerk shall then, declare the member-elect so proposed and seconded, elected as Speaker. Such member-elect shall be conducted to the Chair by the proposer and seconder of the motion, and shall take the chair of the House as Speaker (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order II, Rules 1 (2) and 3 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order I, Rule 1 (2): Committee**Recommendation:**

- (2) If any member draws the attention of the Speaker to the fact that a quorum of the House is not present, or if, from the number of members taking part in a division, including those members who declined to vote, it appears that a quorum is not constituted, the Speaker shall direct strangers to withdraw and cause members to be summoned as if for a division. At the expiration of five minutes from the order to strangers to withdraw, the Speaker shall count the House and, if a quorum is not then constituted, shall adjourn the House forthwith (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

-Question that Order III, Rules: 1 (2) as-amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

OrderIV, Rule 2(1), (4) and (7):**Committee Recommendation: Re-assembly of the House.**

- (1) Whenever the House shall stand adjourned to a date and it is represented to the Speaker by the Leaders in the House that the House shall meet on a certain day at a certain time, the Speaker shall give notice accordingly and the House shall meet on the date and at the time stated in the notice.

Sitting of the House.

- (4) On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, the House shall meet at 10.00 a.m. and unless previously adjourned shall sit until 6.00 p.m. provided that at 1.30 p.m. the Speaker shall suspend the sitting until 3.00 p.m. unless before 1.00 p.m. a substantive motion had been moved by the Leader of the House or a member acting in that capacity "that this House do now adjourn" and if such a motion be moved and if the question thereon has not previously been determined, at 1.45 p.m. the Speaker shall adjourn the House without question put.
- (7) On the interruption of business, the closure may be moved and if moved or if proceedings under Order IX, Rule 7 (1) (Closure of Debate) be then in progress, the Speaker or the Chairman shall not leave the Chair until the questions consequent thereon and on any further motion as provided in Order IX, Rule 7 (1) (Closure of Debate) have been decided even though the divisions on such questions carry on beyond the time appointed for the rising of the House. In that event immediately such questions have been decided, or if in Committee, as soon as the Chairman's report has been received, the Speaker shall adjourn the House without question being put (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order IV, Rule 2 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order V, Rules 1 and 3:

Committee Recommendation:

Definition:

1. (a) Privileges are the rights enjoyed by the House collectively and by the members of the House individually conferred by the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, 2004 and other statutes, practices, precedents, usages and customs.
3. A Member raising a complaint of breach of privilege shall draw attention to the Section of the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, 2004 relating to the cited privilege complained of, or such other statute practices, precedents, usages or customs relied upon (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Order V, Rules 1 and 3 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order VII—Duties and Functions of Officers of the House:

Committee Recommendation:

- 1.. (5) The Speaker shall control the House as stipulated in Order IX, (Rules of Debate).
- (10) (a) He shall in consultation with the Principal Officers appoint the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of Committees.
- (b) He shall have the powers to review the performance of Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of Committees.
2. (3) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Speaker (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Order VII, Rules 1 (5), (10) and 2 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order VII, Rule 4:

Committee Recommendation:

4. House Leader.

- (1) The House Leader shall be a Member nominated from among members of the majority party in the House (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Order VII, Rule 4 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order VII, Rule 6: Committee

Recommendation:

6. Deputy House Leader.

- (1) The Deputy House Leader shall be a member nominated from among the members in the majority party in the House (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Order VII, Rule 6 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order VII, Rule 7: Committee

Recommendation:

7. Deputy Whip of the House.

- (1) The Deputy Whip of the House shall be a Member nominated from among the members in the majority party in the House (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Order VII, Rule 7 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order VII, Rule 8: Committee

Recommendation:

8. Minority Leader.

- (1) Members of the Minority Parties in the House shall nominate from among their Members, their Leader, Minority Whip, Deputy Minority Leader, and Deputy Minority Whip.
- (2) The functions of the Minority
 - (a) lead discussions on behalf of the Minority parties;

- (b) liaise with Committee Chairmen and functionaries of the House on behalf of Minority parties in general;
- (c) perform such other functions as may be assigned to him by the Speaker.
- (3) The functions of the Minority Whip shall be:
 - (a) in conjunction with other officers, ensure the attendance of Members of the Minority Parties, order, decorum and discipline in the House;
 - (b) organise Minority Party Members in debates and divisions, and persuade them on voting one way or the other {*Hon. Ita Enang*} — *Agreed to*.

Question that Order VII, Rule 8 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order VII, Rule 9: Committee

Recommendation:

9. Deputy Minority Leader.

- (1) The Functions of the Deputy Minority Leader shall be:
 - (a) to assist the Minority Leader in the performance of his functions;
 - (b) perform such other functions as the Speaker and *the* Minority Leader may from time to time assign to them.
- (2) The functions of the Deputy Minority Whip shall be:
 - (a) to assist the Minority Whip in the performance of his functions;
 - (b) perform such other functions as the Speaker and Minority Whip may from time to time assign to him.
- (3) After due notice to the House, the Majority Party and the Minority Parties may change their Leader and Whip, Deputy Leader and Deputy Whip, provided that the change is made by a majority of the members of the parties in the House themselves (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed*

Question that Order VII, Rule 9 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order VII, Rule 10: Committee

Recommendation:

10. Principal Officers of the House.

Only Members with cognate legislative experience shall be eligible for appointment as Principal Officers of the House (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Order VII, Rule 10 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XII—Procedure on Bills:

Order XII, Rule 1 (2):

Committee Recommendation:

- (2) Any member who wishes to bring in a Bill shall give notice of provisions proposed to be embodied in the Bill to the Clerk, who shall cause them to be published in the Official Gazette or House Journal and shall send a copy to every member (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Order XII, Rule 1 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order XII, Rule 11 (c):

Committee Recommendation:

- (c) The Conference Committee shall deliberate only on areas of disagreement between the House and the Senate. The Conference Committee shall not insert in its report any matter not committed to it by either the House or the Senate, nor shall it be in order to strike out from the Bill, any matter agreed to by the House and the Senate: Provided that where the Conference Committee observes apparent Constitutional infraction by the provision which the House and Senate has agreed to, it shall, in her report draw the attention

of the House and Senate to same. If both Houses agree, such provision will now form part of the harmonised Bill (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XII, Rule 11 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XII, Rule 12(c):

Committee Recommendation:

- (c) If the House agrees to override Mr President's veto, then the Bill shall become Law if it is again passed by the House and the Senate by two-thirds majority and the assent of the President shall *not be required* (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XII, Rule 12 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XII, Rule 14:

Committee Recommendation:

14. More than one Bill on the same subject matter may be introduced, but when the second reading of a Bill has been agreed to or negatived, the question shall not be proposed for the second reading of another Bill of the same subject matter during the same session. On the Order of the day relating to such a Bill being read, the Speaker shall direct that the Bill be withdrawn: Provided that such two Bills may with leave of the House be consolidated and debate taken together as if it were one Bill (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XII, Rule 14 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XII, Rule 15 (2):

Committee Recommendation:

- (2) Every sponsor of a private Bill shall:
- (a) make a declaration providing publication of the notices referred to in Clause (1) (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XII, Rule 15 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XII, Rule 15 (4):

Committee Recommendation:

- (4) Every Select Committee on such a Bill shall require proof of the facts and other allegations set forth in the Bill as showing that it is expedient that the Bill should be passed, and may take such oral or other evidence as it may think requisite, and thereafter if the Committee finds that the said facts and allegations are not proved, it shall report accordingly; but if the Committee finds that the said facts and allegations have been proved, the Committee shall consider the several clauses of the Bill, and may strike out clauses, add new clauses, and make any other amendments which it shall deem necessary, and in respect of all amendments which it makes, shall describe their purport in a special report to the House (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XII, Rule 15 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XII, Rule 16 (2): Committee

Recommendation:

- (2) The Rules and Business Committee shall determine the number of days to be allotted for the second reading of the Bill. At the hour appointed for interruption of business on the last of such allotted days, the Speaker shall put the question to bring the proceedings on the Second Reading to conclusion; Provided that the question on Second Reading may be agreed to on a day earlier than the last day so allotted (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XII, Rule 16 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XII, Rule 16(19):

Committee Recommendation:

(19) Joint Finance Committee.

The Speaker shall in consultation with the President of the Senate appoint equal number of Joint Finance Committee Members on the Joint Finance Committee in accordance with Section 62 (3) of the 1999 Constitution (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XII, Rule 16 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XIV—Membership of Committees**Order XIV, Rule 6(3): Committee****Recommendation:**

- (3) Notwithstanding the requirements of the immediate preceding clause, a majority of those present and in attendance being the requisite number required under the rules of the Committee to be present for the purpose of taking testimony (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order XIV, Rule 6 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XIV, Rule 6 (6) (a):**Committee Recommendation:**

- (a) timeously made and/or (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order XIV, Rule 6 (6) as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XV—Miscellaneous**Order XV, Rule 5:****Committee Recommendation:****5. Press.**

The House may grant a general permission to the representative of any journal or media house to attend the sitting of the House provided that if the journal or media house publishes a report of the proceed considers unfair, such permission may be revoked (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order XV, Rule 5 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVI — Proceedings on Treaties**Order XVI, Rule 1: Committee****Recommendation:****1. Treaty laid before House.**

When a Treaty shall be laid before the House of Representatives for ratification, it shall be read a first time, **and** shall thereafter be subject to the procedure on Bills as stated in Order VII of the Standing Orders (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order XVI, Rule 1 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVI, Rule 2: Committee**Recommendation:****2. Treaties resumed from Session to Session.**

Treaties transmitted by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the House of Representatives for ratification shall be resumed at the second or subsequent session of the same House at the stage in which they were left at the final adjournment of the session at which they were transmitted; but all proceedings on Treaties shall terminate with the life of the House, and they shall be resumed at the commencement of the next House as if no proceeding has previously been **had** thereon, subject to the provisions of Order XV Rule 8 or other Special Orders (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order XVI, Rule 2 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII—Committees of the House**Order XVII, Rule A 4—House Services Committee****Committee Recommendation:**

- (h) to study the Internal Security Policy of the House of Representatives and the National Assembly and advise on same;
- (i) to design the Policy and Process of intelligence gathering, synthesis and possible response in matters of Internal Security;
- (j) to design and implement pre-emptive measures on the Security of the precinct and appurtenances of the residential quarters of Members and periodically alert on perceived threat to Security;
- (A:) to address such other matters as may in the course of the assignment be referred to it (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order XVII, Rule A 4 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule A 9 — Other Special or Ad-Hoc Committees**Committee Recommendation:**

The House may appoint other Special Committees to perform such duties as the need may arise: Provided that where the function of any Special or Standing Committee in the Standing Orders is assigned to any Special or Ad-Hoc Committee, the provision herein shall stand amended to vest jurisdiction in such named Committee for the duration of the assignment named in the Resolution or direction of the Speaker (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule A 9 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 1 — Committee on Agriculture**Committee Recommendation:**

(a) Oversight the Ministry responsible for Agriculture (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 1 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 2—Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management**Committee Recommendation:**

(a) Oversight the Debt Management Office of the Federation (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B2 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 3— Committee on Air Force**Committee Recommendation:**

(a) Nigerian Air Force development projects (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B3 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 4 — Committee on Anti-Corruption, National Ethics and Values**Committee Recommendation:**

if) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 4 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 6 — Committee on Army**Committee Recommendation:**

(a) oversight the Nigerian Army;

(c) development projects of the Nigerian Army (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 6 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 7 — Committee on Aviation**Committee Recommendation:**

(h) general oversight the activities of the Ministry responsible for Aviation (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B1 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 9 — Committee on Capital Market**Committee Recommendation:**

(c) to ensure that all revenues generated howsoever by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) are remitted to the Federation Account (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 9 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 10 — Committee on Commerce**Committee Recommendation:**

(a) Oversight the Ministry responsible for Commerce

(c) international commodity agreement;

(e) Nigerian Export Promotion Council;

(f) Nigerian Investment Promotion Council;

(g) Nigerian Export Processing Zones Authority (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to. Question that

Order XVII, Rule B 10 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B11" — Committee on Communications

Committee Recommendation:

(a) oversight the Ministry responsible for Communication (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule BII as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Creation of new Committee — Committee on Customs and Excise

Committee Recommendation:

(1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Customs and Excise consisting of not more than 20 members appointed at the commencement of the life of the House.

(2) The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:

- (a) oversight the Nigerian Customs and Excise Service.
- (b) ensuring that all revenue collected by the Nigerian Customs are promptly and remitted into the Federation Account, and lay the report on actual monthly remittances before the House quarterly.
- (c) monitor the expenditure and sectorial application of monies deducted and retained by the Nigerian Customs as cost of collection and report same quarterly to the House;
- (d) ensure compliance in the enforcement of all regulations in the Export Processing Free Trade Zones;
- (e) oversee the running, maintenance and curricula of all Training Institution of the Nigerian Customs and ensure standard;
- (f) review of the Customs and Excise laws;
- (g) annual budget estimates of the Nigerian Customs, including cost of collection (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that the new Committee Customs and Excise stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 13 — Committee on Defence

Committee Recommendation:

- (a) oversight the Ministry of Defence and Office of the Chief of Defence Staff;
- (o) Nigerian Defence Academy and other Military Educational Institutions
- (p) Defence Industry Corporation of Nigeria (DICON)*
- (u) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 13 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 14 — Committee on Narcotics, Drugs and Financial Crimes

Committee Recommendation:

- (a) all matters relating to the enforcement and administration of laws on Narcotics, Drugs and Psycho-tropic substances;
- (b) oversight the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC);
- (c) oversight all organisations, agencies and institutions established by law on, Narcotics Drugs and Financial Crimes (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 14 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 15 — Committee on Education

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in (2) (m) and renumber accordingly (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule 15 as amended stand part of the Standing Order, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 17 — Committee on Environment

Committee Recommendation:

(n) oversight the ecological Funds;

(0) design flood and ocean erosion and desertification control measures and legislation (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 17 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule BIS — Committee on Federal Capital Territory

Committee Recommendation:

(a) Oversight the matters affecting the Federal Capital Administration, except the Area Councils (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 18 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Creation of New Committee — Committee on Federal Capital Territory Area Councils

Committee Recommendation:

(1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Federal Capital Territory Area Councils consisting of not more than 20 members appointed at the commencement of the life of the House.

(2) The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:

(a) review of the Laws establishing the Structure and Administration of the Area Councils;

(b) initiation of Policies on Cultural and Social Affairs of the Area Councils;

(c) oversight the Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory;

(0) Area Council and Chieftancy Matters,

(ii) Area Council Service Commission;

(d) annual budget estimates of the Area Councils;

(e) enforcing implementation of the budget as approved for each Area Council (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that the new Committee on Federal Capital Territory Area Councils stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 19 — Committee on Federal Character

Committee Recommendation:

Merged with Committee on Public Service Matters and its jurisdiction transferred thereto. Now to be known as Committee on Public Service and Federal Character (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 19 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 20 — Committee on Finance

Committee Recommendation:

if) monitor and enforce the implementation of the Fiscal Responsibility Act;

(h) royalties, Companies Income Tax, Petroleum Profit Tax, Stamp Duties, Capital Gains Tax and Personal Income Tax on Armed Forces Personnel, External Affairs Officers, National Economic Intelligence Committee, Non-resident persons and Residents of the Federal Capital Territory;

(0) oversight over the implementation of Budget Monitoring and Price Intelligence Act;

(/) Federal Inland Revenue Service;

- (k) budgeting the monies retained by the Federal Inland Revenue Service as cost of collection and monitoring the application thereof and recommending to the House (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

Amendment Proposed:

- (i) Leave out all the words in Order 20 (2) (h) (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.
- (ii) Insert a new Standing Committee to oversight the implementation of Budget Monitoring and Price Intelligence Act, to be known as Committee on Public Procurement (*Hon. Independence Ogunewe*).

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

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 20 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 23 — Committee on Governmental Affairs

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the words "and Youth Development" in the marginal note (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Leave out the provision of subclause (c) and insert the following new sub-rules:

- (e) National Refugee Commission;
- (f) National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP);
- (g) Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 23 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 24 — Committee on Habitat

Committee Recommendation:

Committee merged with Committee on Housing and Urban Development and its jurisdiction transferred thereto. Now Committee on Housing and Habitat.

Sub-rule (2) (g) issues of Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Strategies relative to Habitat Agenda deleted and transferred to Committee on Millennium Development Goals (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 24 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 25 — Committee on Health

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of the following Sub-rules and move them to the Committee on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Control:

- (r) formulation of effective legislative measures for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS.
- (s) encouraging and coordinating measures and research on possible cure of the disease and recommending legislative budgetary measures in furtherance of same.
- (r) coordinating and harmonizing the activities of governmental and non-governmental agencies on HIV/AIDS and generally to ensure effectiveness of the efforts of its control, remedy and cure for AIDS patients (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 25 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Creation of New Committee — Committee on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Control

Committee Recommendation:

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Control consisting of not more than 20 members appointed at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
- (a) formulation of effective legislative measures for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS;

- (b) encouraging and coordinating measures and research on possible cure of the disease and recommending legislative budgetary measures in furtherance of same;
- (c) coordinating and harmonizing the activities of governmental and non-governmental agencies on HIV/AIDS and generally to ensure effectiveness of the efforts of its control, remedy and cure for AIDS patients;
- (d) oversight the agencies responsible for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS and malaria control measures and policies of the government;
- (e) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that the new Committee on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Control stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 26 — Committee on Housing and Urban Development now Committee on Housing and Habitat:

Committee Recommendation:

Insert a new sub-rule (g) immediately after (f) as follows:

"(g) oversight the implementation of mortgage policies of government" (Hon. Ita Enang) — Agreed to.

- (p) act as catalyst in relation to other House Committees whose functions or areas of oversight functions are closely or directly related to Habitat Agenda principles and commitments, regarding sustainable development;
- (q) act in consultation and tandem with such House Committees in specialised programmes of United Nations Centre for Human Settlements UNCHS (Habitat) programmes;
- (r) promote the implementation of the resolution of the Regional Council for Africa of Global Parliamentarians on Habitat, on institutionalising Habitat Committees, in Parliaments of member countries to wit: State Assemblies and Local Governments;
- (s) advise the House regarding networking, regionally and internationally to strengthen dialogue and technical cooperation in the areas of urban development strategies;
- (t) maintain close and symbiotic relations on behalf of the House, with the following organisations and all others engaged in Habitat Agenda programmes:
 - (u) Global Forum of Parliamentarians on Habitat (GF-PH) and Regional Council for Africa of Global Parliamentarians on Habitat (RCA-GPH);
 - (i) United Nations Centre for Human Settlements UNCHS (Habitat),
 - (ii) Commonwealth Consultative Group on Human Settlements and Commonwealth Secretariat on Habitat matters,
 - (iii) Commonwealth Human Ecology Council,
 - (iv) Habitat for Humanity International, and all other agencies and organisations who may wish to co-operate with the House in these areas as outlined above,
 - (v) Issues of Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Strategies relative to Habitat Agenda;
- (w) liaise with other House Committees to promote and help actualise Habitat Agenda principles and key commitments;
- (x) advise the House on Habitat Agenda and issues requiring legislation or review of existing legislation to bring into conformity key principles and commitments of the Habitat Agenda;
- (y) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 26 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 27 — Committee on Human Rights

Committee Recommendation:

Committee merged with Committee on Justice to be known as Committee on Justice and Human Rights.

Sub-rule (2) (a), (b), (c) and (g) transferred to new Committee on Justice and Human Rights;

Sub-rule (2) (d) "Coordination and implementation of Child Right Act and other matters related thereto" deleted and transferred to Committee on Women Affairs and Youth Development;

Sub-rule (2) (e) "National Refugee Commission" deleted and transferred to Committee on Governmental Affairs;

Sub-rule (2) (f) "National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP)" deleted and transferred to Committee on Governmental Affairs (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 27 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 29 — Committee on Information and National Orientation

Committee Recommendation:

Insert a new sub-rule (m) "regulation of importation of obscene literature and photograph", and renumber accordingly (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 29 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 30 — Committee on Interior Affairs

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the word "Internal" in the Marginal note and insert the word "Interior" instead thereof now to be known as Committee on Interior Affairs (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new sub-rule (2) (g) as follows:

"Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps" and renumber accordingly (*Hon. Austin Nwachukwu*).

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

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 30 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 33 — Committee on Justice

Committee Recommendation:

Committee merged with Committee on Human Rights to form Committee on Justice and Human Rights.

Insert the following new sub-rules immediately after sub-rule (f) and renumber accordingly:

(k) all human rights issues including petition on rights;

(i) Human Rights Commission;

(m) Public Trustees (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 33 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 36 — Committee on Marine Transport

Committee Recommendation:

Insert a new sub-rule (a) as follows and renumber accordingly:

(a) oversight Parastatals and Institutions under the Maritime Industry (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 36 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Creation of New Committee — Committee on Millennium Development Goals

Committee Recommendation:

(.1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Millennium Development Goals consisting of not more than 20 members appointed at the commencement of the life of the House.

- (2) The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
- (a) oversight on broad implementation of Millennium Development Goals and the Agencies responsible for their implementation;
 - (b) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that the new Committee on Millennium Development Goals stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

*Order XVII, Rule B 37 — Committee on National Planning and Economic Development
Committee Recommendation:*

Insert the word "Population" immediately after the word "Planning" in the marginal note to read "Committee on National Planning, Population and Economic Development";

Leave out the provision in sub-rule (2) (d) (Hon. Ita Enang) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 37 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

*Order XVII, Rule B 39 — Committee on Navy
Committee Recommendation:*

Leave out the provision in sub-rule (2) (a) and renumber accordingly (Hon. Ita Enang) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 39 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

*Order XVII, Rule B 41 — Committee on Peace and National Reconciliation
Committee Recommendation:*

Leave out the entire Committee (Hon. Ita Enang) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 41 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

*Order XVII, Rule B 42 — Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream)
Committee Recommendation:*

Leave out the provision in sub-rule (2) (c) and transfer it to Upstream and renumber accordingly.

Insert a new sub-rule (2) (g) as follows:

"(g) Petroleum Equalization Fund" (Hon. Ita Enang) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 42 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

*Order XVII, Rule B 43 — Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream)
Committee Recommendation:*

Insert a new sub-rule (2) (i) as follows:

"(i) Petroleum Technology Development Fund" (Hon. Ita Enang) — Agreed to.

Insert the following new sub-rules:

- (g) National Petroleum Investment Management Services;
- (h) Nigerian Petroleum Development Company;
- (i) Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR);
- (j) National Engineering and Technical Company (NETCO) (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 43 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

*Order XVII, Rule B 45 — Committee on Population
Committee Recommendation:*

Transferred to Committee on National Planning, Population and Economic Development (Hon. Ita Enang) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 45 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 46 — Committee on Poverty Alleviation

Committee Recommendation:

In sub-rule (2) (a), leave out the words "but not covered by the Committee on Women Affairs or any other Committee" (*Hon. ha Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 46 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 47 — Committee on Power

Committee Recommendation:

Insert the words "and Steel" to read "Committee on Power and Steel" (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Insert a new sub-rule (2) (e) as follows:

"(e) National Rural Electrification Agency" (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Insert the jurisdiction of the former Committee on Steel immediately after sub-rule (e) as follows:

(f) iron and steel development and founders;

(g) aluminum development and Aluminum Companies;

(h) investment in steel and aluminum exploration;

(i) National Iron Ore Mining Company (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Insert a new sub-rule (j) as follows:

"(j) oversight parastatals under Ministry of Power and Steel" (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

Amendment Proposed:

In sub-rule (2) (a) immediately after the word "Generation" insert the word "Transmission" (*Hon. Leonard Dilkon*).

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

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 47 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 49' — Committee on Public Service Matters

Committee Recommendation:

— Leave out the word "Matters" and insert the words "and Federal Character" instead thereof (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Insert the jurisdiction of the former Committee on Federal Character immediately after sub-rule (e) as follows:

(f) all matters relating to Federal Character Commission;

(g) to receive and treat complaints of non compliance with Federal Character principles and the law (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 49 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 51 — Committee on Science and Technology

Committee Recommendation:

In sub-rule (2) (c), insert the words "and nuclear" immediately after the word "energy" (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 51 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 54 — Committee on Sports and Social Development

Committee Recommendation:

Insert new sub-rules (g) and (h) as follows: (g)

Lottery and Gambling;

(h) rehabilitation of the disabled" inserted and the subsequent sub-rule renumbered accordingly (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision in sub-rule (2) (h) (Hon. Saudatu Sani).

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

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 54 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 56 — Committee on Steel

Committee Recommendation:

Committee merged with Committee on Power and its jurisdiction transferred thereto (Hon. Ita Enang) — Agreed to.

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 56 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 60 — Committee on Women Affairs

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in sub-rule (2) (d) and transfer same to Committee on Sports and Social Development (Hon. Ita Enang) — Agreed to.

Leave out the provisions in sub-rules (l), (k), (l), (m) and transfer to new Committee on Youths Development (Hon. Ita Enang).

Amendments Proposed:

(1) Retain the original provision in sub-rule (2) (d) and renumber accordingly (Hon. Saudatu Sani),

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

(ii) In Sub-Rule 2 (d), leave out the word "disabled" wherever it appears and insert the words "Physically and mentally challenged", instead thereof (Hon. Saudatu Sani).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 60 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Creation of New Committee — Committee on Youths Development

Committee Recommendation:

(1). There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Youths Development consisting of not more than 20 members appointed at the commencement of the life of the House.

(2) The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:

- (a) youth development generally;
- (b) youth social development matters;
- (c) youth movement activities and association;
- (d) National Youth Service Corps (NYSC);
- (e) annual budget estimates (Hon. Ita Enang) — Agreed to.

Question that the new Committee on Youths Development stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 63 — Committee on Inter Party Relations

Committee Recommendation:

Committee scraped (Hon. Ita Enang).

Amendment Proposed:

Create a new Committee to be known as "Committee on Inter and Intra-Party Relations" (Hon. Ita Enang).

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

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 63, as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 64 — Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness

Committee Recommendation:

In sub-rule (2) (c), *leave out* the words "and illegal bunkering preventive measures for" and *insert* the word "in" instead thereof {*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Leave out the provision in sub-rule (2) (d) (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 64 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Order XVII, Rule B 65 — Committee on Internal Security

Committee Recommendation:

Committee scraped and its jurisdiction transferred to House Services Committee (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order XVII, Rule B 65 as amended, stand part of the Standing Orders, put and agreed to.

Creation of New Committee:

Committee Recommendation:

Create a new Committee to be known as Committee on Legislative Compliance (*Hon. Ita Enang*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that the New Committee stand part of Order XVII, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Madam Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole, considered the Report of the . *Ad-Hoc* Committee on the Review of the House Standing Orders and approved Orders I — XVI and amended Order XVII. The following additional Committees were also created; Committee on Inter and Intra-Party Relations, Committee on Legislative Compliance and Committee on Public Procurement.

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

Ordered, That the Standing Orders be printed.

(ii) *Ad-Hoc Committee on Members Welfare:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Members Welfare and approve the Recommendations therein" (Hon. Festus Adegoke).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Members Welfare, put and agreed to.

Question, that Order VII, Rule 2 (2) of the House Rules be suspended to enable the Hon. Speaker preside in the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Madam Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

Every Honourable Member should have a Pager in addition to a Laptop to facilitate his/her job (*Hon. Festus Adegoke*) — *Agreed to.*

Recommendation (ii):

That each Committee of the House should have a Researcher/Consultant (*Hon. Festus Adegoke*) — *Agreed to.*

Recommendation (iii):

Party Flags should be introduced in all Honourable Members' Offices as being practised in the United States of America and other World Parliaments (*Hon. Festus Adegoke*) — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report Proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Madam Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole, considered the Report of the ; *Ad-Hoc* Committee on Members' Welfare and approved Recommendations (i), (ii) and (iii).

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

5. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday, 3 July, 2007 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.49 p.m.

Patricia Olubunmi Eteh
Speaker
