



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 5 July, 2007

1. The House met at 10.13 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, 4 July, 2007.  
*By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.*
3. **Announcements:**
  - (i) *Visitors:*  
Madam Speaker recognized the presence in the Gallery, of members of the National Association of Polytechnic Public Administrative Students (NAPPAS) Dorben Polytechnic Chapter, Garki, Abuja.
  - (ii) ***Ad-Hoc Committee on Foreign Affairs:***  
Pursuant to the House Resolution of Wednesday, 4 July, 2007, **HR. 4/2007** vide the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 4 July, 2007, Madam Speaker announced the Membership of the *Ad-Hoc* Committee on Foreign Affairs, to investigate the gruesome killing of Mr Osamuyi Akpitanbi as follows:

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| Hon. H. S. Dickson        | — | Chairman |
| Hon. Samson Osagie        |   | i        |
| Hon. Martha Badunrin      |   |          |
| Hon. Boni Bukar La wan    |   |          |
| Hon. Ibrahim Khalid       |   |          |
| Hon. Ofor Chukwuegbu      |   |          |
| Hon. Fatimat Raji Rasaki. |   |          |
- Ad-hoc Committee ordered to report back to the House within two (2) weeks.*
4. **Gradual Decay of Services Provided by Global System Mobile Telecommunications (GSM) Networks:**  
*Motion made and Question proposed, The House:*

*Notes, the importance of Communication to the social, political and economic growth of the country;*

*Aware, of the enthusiasm that greeted the roll out of Global System Mobile Telecommunications (GSM) Services in the Country in 1999;*

*Further notes, that GSM Services in other African countries like Ghana and South Africa have been followed up with Network expansions and efficient service delivery;*

*Observes*, with concern that call drop rates of the various GSM Providers in the country have increased substantially thereby frustrating users and causing Economic and Social dislocation;

*Disturbed*, by the delay of the National Communications Commission (NCC) to call the nonchalant attitude of the Operators to order;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) as a Regulatory Agency, having supervisory role over the service providers, to put adequate control measures in place to improve service delivery;
- (ii) mandate the House Committee on Communications (when constituted) to investigate the cause(s) of the epileptic services rendered by the Service Providers and report back to the House (*Hon. Arole Fancy and 5 Others*).

*Debate:*

**Amendments Proposed:**

- (i) *Insert* a new prayer (*Hi*) as follows:  
"mandate the Federal Government through the Ministry of Communications to make complementary investment in the communications sector within a year to ensure low cost of doing business and improve efficiency (*Hon. M. S. Abdu*).

*Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.*

- (ii) In prayer (i), line 1, immediately after the word "NCC", *insert* the words "and the Association of Advertising Practitioners of Nigeria (AAPN)" and in line 3, immediately after the word "delivery", *insert* the words "and advertising services to the society" (*Hon. Doris Uboh*).

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

- (iii) *Leave out* prayer (ii) and *insert* the following instead thereof:  
"constitute an *Ad-Hoc* Committee to organize a Public Hearing on GSM service delivery with a view to improving the services and lowering the tariffs" (*Hon. Aminu Safqna*)

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

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

The House:

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*Noted*, the importance of Communication to the social, political and economic growth of the country;

*Aware*, of the enthusiasm that greeted the roll out of Global System Mobile Telecommunications (GSM) Services in the Country in 1999;

*Further noted*, that GSM Services in other African countries like Ghana and South Africa have been followed up with Network expansions and efficient service deliver

*Observed*, with concern that call drop rates of the various GSM Providers in the Country have increased substantially thereby frustrating users and causing Economic and Social dislocation;

*Disturbed*, by the delay of the National Communication Commission (NCC) to call the non-chalant attitude of the Operators to order;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) urge the National Communications Commission (NCC) and the Association of Advertising Practitioners of Nigeria (AAPN) as Regulatory Agencies having supervisory roles over the service providers to put adequate control measures in place to improve service delivery and advertising services to the society;
- (ii) constitute an *Ad-Hoc* Committee to organize a Public Hearing on GSM service delivery with a view to improving the services and lower the tariffs (**HR. 7/2007**).

5. **Ad-Hoc Committee on the Operation of GSM Networks:**  
Pursuant to the Resolution of the House (**HR. 7/2007**), Madam Speaker announced the Membership of the *Ad-Hoc* Committee on GSM as follows:  
Hon. Leo Ogor — *Chairman*  
Hon. Aminu Safana Hon.  
Muktar Ahmed Hon.  
Mayor Eze Hon. Jerry  
Manwe Hon. A. Agon  
Hon. Doris Uboh Hon.  
Elizabeth Ogbasa Hon.  
Arole Fancy.
6. **Adjournment:**  
That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday, 10 July, 2007 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).  
*Adjourned accordingly at 11.55 a.m.*

**Patricia Olubunmi Etteh**  
*Speaker*