



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 10 July, 2007

1. The House met at 10.10 a.m. Madam Speaker read Prayers.
2. Votes **and** Proceedings:
Madam Speaker announced that she had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 5 July, 2007.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. Fire **Outbreak from Ruptured** Pipelines belonging to Warri Refinery and Petrochemical Company in Ubeji, Warri South Local Government **Area of Delta State:**
Motion made and Question proposed, The House:

Notes the recent fire outbreak from Ruptured Pipelines belonging to Warri Refinery and Petrochemical Company in Ubeji, Warri South Local Government Area of Delta State;

Aware that the Nation, at this stage of its development needs more refineries to meet the huge demand of petroleum products by Nigerians;

Further notes that many fire outbreaks at the Refinery could not have occurred without immediate and remote cause(s);

Concerned that many people sustained injuries, while properties, monies were either destroyed or lost as a result of the fire outbreak;

Worried that unless immediate steps are taken to urgently forestall the incessant fire outbreaks in our nation's refineries, we may in future experience more of such tragic inferno.

Resolves to:

- (i) Mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) (when constituted) to investigate the immediate and remote causes of the fire outbreak;
- (if) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to send relief materials to the victims without delay (*Hon. Daniel Oritse G. Reyeniju and 19 others*).

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

- (0) *Insert* a new prayer (iii) as follows:
"Urge the leadership of the House to articulate modalities for the enforcement of motions passed by the House" (*Hon. Emeka Ihedioha*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

- (ii) *Insert a new prayer (iv) as follows:*
 "Compel relevant agencies to act within the confines of relevant statutes and bring succour to the victims" (*Hon. Chinyere E. Igwe*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

- (iii) *Leave out all the words in prayer (i) and insert a new prayer instead thereof:*
 "that the Ad-hoc Committee to be set up should also fish out members of those communities in which the rupture took place that are involve in pipeline vandalization with a view to mate appropriate sanctions on them as well" (*Hon. Henry M. Shawulu*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

Main Question put and agreed to. The House:

Noted the recent fire outbreak from Ruptured Pipelines belonging to Warri Refinery and Petrochemical Company in Ubeji, Warri South Local Government Area of Delta State;

Aware that the Nation, at this stage of its development needs more refineries to meet the huge demand of petroleum products by Nigerians;

Further noted that many fire outbreaks at the Refinery could not have occurred without immediate and remote cause(s);

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Resolved to:

- (i) *Mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) (when constituted) to investigate the immediate and remote causes of the fire outbreak;*
- (ii) *Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to send relief materials to the victims without delay (HR. 8/2007).*

4. **A Bill for an Act to make Public Record and Information more freely available, provide for Public Access to Public Records and Information, Protect Public Records and Information to the extent consistent with the Public Interest and the Protection of Personal Privacy, Protect Serving Public Officials from adverse consequences for disclosing certain kinds of Official Information without authorization and Establish Procedure for the achievement of those Purposes and Related Purposes Thereof, 2007 — Second Reading:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to make Public Record and Information more freely available, provide for Public Access to Public Records and Information, Protect Public Records and Information to the extent consistent with the Public Interest and the Protection of Personal Privacy, Protect Serving Public Officials from adverse consequences for disclosing certain kinds of Official Information without authorization and Establish Procedure for the achievement of those Purposes and Related Purposes Thereof, 2007 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Abike Dabiri).

Debate:

Debate adjourned, to enable Hon. Members ample time to study the Bill.

5. **Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 11 July, 2007 at 2.00 p.m. (Hon. Tunde Akogun)

Adjourned accordingly at 11.40 a.m.

Patricia Olubunmi Etteh
Speaker