



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 11 July, 2007

1. The House met at 3.05 p.m. Madam Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Madam Speaker announced that she had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 10 July, 2007.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Announcement:**
Bereavement:
Madam Speaker informed the House of the death of the mother of Hon. Oyewole Babafemi Diya, which occurred on Monday, 9 July, 2007.

Hon. Terngu Tsegba prayed for the repose of the soul of the deceased.
4. **Courtesy Call by a Delegation of Female Legislators from the State Houses of Assembly:**
Madam Speaker announced that a delegation of Female Legislators from the State Houses of Assembly had paid her a solidarity visit earlier in the day and stated that they would like to observe the Proceedings of the **House**.
5. **Admittance to the Chamber:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That Order XIV, Rule (9) be suspended to admit into the Chamber the delegation of Female Legislators from the State Houses of Assembly" (*Hon. Tunde Akoguri*).

Question put and agreed to.
6. **Establishment of a Sub-Station and a Campus of the National Institute for Horticultural Research (NIHORT) Ibadan, at Zauro, Kebbi State:**
Motion made and Question proposed. The House:

Notes, the responsibility of the Federal Government in harnessing the Nation's resources (both human and natural) in order to promote National Prosperity, an efficient, dynamic and self-reliant economy;

Appreciates the current Reforms Programme to boost the standard of living of the people through massive Agricultural development and supports;

Aware that Section (a), (a) - (g) of the Research Institute (Establishment, etc.) Order of 1975 encourages Agricultural Development in different ecological zones;

Recognizes that Horticulture is a very critical sub-sector to consider in realizing the set objectives of the reforms Programme and requires the enhancement of farmers' knowledge and skills in the Production, Processing, •Storage, Utilization and Marketing of Tropical Fruits and Vegetables;

Further notes that 75 % of the people of Kebbi State are farmers having the resources and willing manpower to contribute to the development of Horticulture in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources to consider establishing a Sub-station and a Campus of the National Institute for Horticultural Research (NIHORT) Ibadan, in Zauro town of Kebbi State to offer professional courses leading to the award of Certificate, National Diploma and Higher National Diploma in Horticulture (*Hon. Abdullahi Umar Farouk and 15 others*).

Debate:

Motion by leave of the House, withdrawn.

7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Customs, Excise, Tariff, etc. (Consolidation) Act, 1990 and for Connected Purposes, 2007 — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Customs, Excise, Tariff, etc. (Consolidation) Act, 1990 and for Connected Purposes, 2007 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*)

Debate:

Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time, put and agreed to.

Bill read a Second Time and committed to the Committee of Whole.

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Customs and Excise Management Act, 1990 and for Purposes Connected Therewith, 2007 — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Customs and Excise Management Act, 1990 and for Purposes Connected Therewith, 2007 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Debate:

Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time, put and agreed to.

Bill read a Second Time and committed to the Committee of Whole.

9. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 12 July, 2007 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 4.40 p.m.

Patricia Olubunmi Etteh
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 5 July, 2007:

On page 53, item 5, under the heading *Ad-Hoc* Committee on the Operations of GSM Network, *leave out* the name "Hon. A. Agon" and *insert* the name "Hon. A. Agoro" instead thereof.