



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 20 September, 2007

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1. The House met at 11.15 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, 19 September, 2007.

By unanimous consent, we Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Petition:**
A petition was received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:
- Hon. John Kalipa, from Mr Silas Omubo, praying the House to intervene in his alleged wrongful dismissal from the Service of the Nigerian Postal Services (NIPOST) and grant other reliefs sought therein.

4. **Privileges:**
- (i) Invoking Order V. Rule2; Hon. Leo Ogor referred to the conduct of some Members at the Hearing of the Independent *Ad-Hoc* Committee investigating the upgrading of the Official Residences of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker. He described same as unparliamentary and a violation of Order IX, Rule 1 (7) and urged the House to refer the matter to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges for investigation.

Debate;

Question that the matter be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges, put and agreed to.

Matter referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges. Committee to report back to the House within one week.

- (ii) Relying on Order V, Rule 4 (Complaints against publications, etc.), Hon. Sada Soli Jibia referred to a publication in the "Daily Trust" Newspaper Edition of 20 September, 2007 reporting that Madam Speaker requested for Ninety-eight Million Naira (N98,000,000) for Body Massage Machine. He described the publication as a misrepresentation of facts and a breach of the collective privilege of the House.

Question that the House do resolve into an Executive Session to discuss issues relating to the conduct of some Members at the Hearing of Independent Ad-Hoc Committee to Investigate we Upgrading of the Official Residences of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker (Hon. Tunde Akogun) — Agreed to

House in Executive Session — **12.15 p.m.**

House in Plenary — **2.24 p.m.**

5. **Report on the Decisions at the Executive Session:**

Madam Speaker reported that the House at the Executive Session decided as follows. That:

- (i) Hon. Members should refrain forthwith from making any further press statements and interviews, on the matter before the *Ad-Hoc* Committee;
- (ii) no meetings should be called by any group in respect of the matter;
- (in) **only** Honourable Members invited by the *Ad-Hoc* Committee should attend the Sittings;
- (iv) **the** House accepted the apologies tendered by Hon. Emmanuel Jime and Hon. Melaye D. Dino on their misconduct during the Hearing of the Independent *Ad-Hoc* Committee investigating the upgrading of the Official Residences of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker.

Question that the decisions be adopted, put and agreed to.

6. **Rescission of the Decision of the House:**

Motion made and Question proposed. That the House do rescind its earlier decision on a Matter of Privilege referred to the **Committee** on Ethics and Privileges {Hon. Ita Enang}.

Question put and agreed to.

7. **Presentation of Report:**

Independent *Ad-Hoc* Committee on the Investigation of the Upgrading of the Official Residences of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker:

Order read; Presentation of Report by leave of the House, deferred till Tuesday, 25 September, 2007 enable it make up for lost time.

8. **Adjournment:**

That this House do adjourn **till** Tuesday, 25 September, 2007 at 10.00 a.m. {Hon. Tunde Akogun}.

Adjourned accordingly at 2.40 p.m.

Patricia Olubunmi Etteh
Speaker