



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 5 September, 2007

1. The House met at 3.18 p.m. Madam Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Late Commencement of Sitting:**
Madam Speaker apologised for the late commencement of Sitting which she attributed to the inauguration of some Committees of the House.
3. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Madam Speaker announced that she had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 4 September, 2007.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
4. Message:
Madam Speaker read a Message from the **President**, Commander-in-Chief, Federal Republic of Nigeria:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRESAU

August*, 2007

The **Honourable** Speaker, House
of Representatives, National
Assembly Complex, Three Arms
Zone, Abuja.

Madam Speaker,

2007 APPROPRIATION AMENDMENT BILL AND
2007 SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL,
PART II

I forward herewith, for your kind consideration and passage into law, the 2007 Appropriation Amendment Bill and the 2007 Supplementary Appropriation Bill, Part II.

Consistent with our medium-term fiscal objectives, the Appropriation Amendment Bill and Supplementary Appropriation Bill seek to provide additional resources to support reform in the public service.

This carefully targeted spending, proposal is designed to enhance effective service delivery in the public sector.

*It is my hope **that** the House of Representatives will pass the Appropriation Amendment Bill and the Supplementary Appropriation Bill in your usual expeditious manner.*

Please accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours most sincerely,

*(Signed) UMARU MUSA
YAR'ADUA*

5. Privilege:

Relying on Order V, Rule 1 (b), 4, Hon. Mohammed Ali Ndume drew the attention of the House to the publications in the Daily Trust Newspapers and other print and electronic media alleging a Six Hundred and Twenty-Eight Million Naira (N628m) contract scam in the House of Representatives. He submitted that the implications would seriously undermine the privileges of the House and sought leave of **the** House to move a Motion **without** notice to that effect.

Leave granted.

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do set up an Independent Ad-Hoc Committee **to** thoroughly investigate the matter with **a** view to restoring the integrity of both the House and its Leadership {Hon. Mohammed Ali Ndume}.*

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "Committee", insert the words "cutting across party lines" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to. Resolved:

That the House do set up an Independent Ad-Hoc Committee cutting across party lines to thoroughly investigate the matter with **a** view to restoring the integrity of both **the** House and its Leadership (**HR. 9/2007**).

6. Independent Ad-Hoc Committee to Investigate the Upgrading of the Official Residences of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker:

Madam Speaker named Members of the **Independent Ad-Hoc Committee** to Investigate the Upgrading of the Official Residences of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker as follows:

	Hon. David Idoko Onobi	-	Chairman
(ii)	Hon. Rabe Nasir	—	PDP Member
{in}	Hon. Nasiru Mohammed	—	Member
(iv)	Hon. Sani Saleh Minjibir	- - - - -	Member
(v)	Hon. Chinedu Godswill Eluemunoh	- - - - -	Member
(iv)	Hon. Depo Oyedokun S.	- - - - -	Member
(vii)	Hon. Yakubu Dogara	- - - - -	Member
(viii)	Hon. Habeeb A. B. Fasinro	- - - - -	Member
(ix)	Hon. Peter Linus Umoh	- - - - -	Member

Madam Speaker further announced the terms of reference for the Committee as follows:

- (j) Examine the award of contracts for the upgrading of the official residences of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker; and
 - (ii) Examine the contract for the purchase of official and utility vehicles for the Leadership of the House.
- Committee ordered to report to the House in two weeks.*

7. Petitions:

Two Petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

- (i) Hon. Oluwale Oke, from I. O. Ilesamni, praying the House to investigate his wrongful retirement from the services of Pipelines and Products Marketing Company Limited and grant other reliefs sought in the petition;
- (h) Hon. Dino Melaye, from E. B. O. Tbitoye, Barristers and Solicitors to Assistant Superintendent of Police Fatima Adebayo, praying the House to intervene in her unlawful retirement from the services of the Nigeria Police Force and grant other reliefs sought in the petition.

8. Presentation of **Bills**:

- (j) Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2007 — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Competition (Antitrust) Bill, 2007 — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Energy Commission of Nigeria (Amendment) Bill, 2007 — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Federal Character Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2007 — *Read the First Time.*

9. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Customs, Excise Tariffs, etc. (Consolidation) Act, 1990 and **for** Connected Purposes, 2007 — **Third Reading**:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Customs, Excise Tariffs, etc. (Consolidation) Act, 1990 and for Connected Purposes, 2007 be now read the Third Time {*Hon. Tunde Akogun*}.

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

Bill read the Third Time and Passed.

10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Customs, Excise Management Act, 1990 and for Connected Purposes, **2007 — Third Reading**:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Customs, Excise Management Act, 1990 and for Connected Purposes, 2007 be now read the Third Time (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

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

Bill read the Third Time and Passed.

11. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Competition Commission and for Purposes Connected Therewith, 2007 — **Second Reading**:

Order read, deferred.

13. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 6 September, 2007 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

A djournd accordingly at 4.28 p.m.

Patricia Olubunmi Etteh
Speaker