



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 19 September, 2007

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1. The House met at 3.15 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, 18 September, 2007.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
 3. Announcements:
 - (a) *Bereavement:*
Madam Speaker acquainted the House with the death of the father of Hon. Olusegun O. Akinloye, High Chief A. M. A. Akinloye (*Seriki of Ibadanland*), which occurred on Tuesday, 18 September, 2007 at the age of 91 years.

A minute in silence was observed in honour of the deceased.
 - (b) *Visitors:*
Madam Speaker recognized the presence in the Gallery of:
 - (i) Students of Redeemer's Private School, Kara, Abuja, and
 - (ii) Ebonyi State Vacation Children.
 4. Petition:
A petition was received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

Hon. J. Halims Agoda, from Tenants, Stakeholders of Tafawa Balewa Square Complex and concerned Patriotic Nigerians, praying the House to investigate the sale of the Complex and grant them other reliefs sought therein.
 5. Presentation of Bills:
 - (i) Certain Political, Public and Judicial Office Holders (Salaries and Allowances, etc.) (Amendment) Bill, 2007 - *Read the First Time.*
 - (ii) Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2007 — *Read the First Time.*
 6. Irregular Supply of Power in Nigeria (A Case for Alternative Sources of Energy):
Motion made and Question proposed, The
House:

Notes, the need for the development of alternative sources of energy in Nigeria: Mini-hydro dams, solar energy wind powered, powered energy waste-to-energy, etc;

Further notes, that Nigeria has the poorest power supply reliability index in the world and that the Federal Government has embarked on the reinforcement of the existing power supply systems in the areas of power generation, transmission and distribution plant and network scheme;

A ware, that National Economic Empowerment Development Strategies (NEEDS) in 2004 set an electrification target of providing 75% of the entire population with access to electricity by 2020;

Acknowledges, that the medium to long-term target for rural electrification set-up by the Federal Ministry of Energy, envisages that at least 10% of new users will be supplied with electricity using renewable energy sources;

Recognizes, the cost-effectiveness of renewable energy sources as practiced in some states like Anambra, Imo, Jigawa, Ondo and Federal Capital Territory (FCT) while the mini-hydro dams are suitable in middle-belts states like Plateau, Benue, Kogi, etc.;

Resolves to:

- (j) mandate the House Committee on Power and Steel to investigate why the research findings on the alternative energy schemes have not been implemented nation-wide;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government as a matter of urgency to initiate policies on the alternative energy scheme to stakeholders in the energy sector and make adequate budgetary provision for its implementation in 2008 Appropriation Budget (*Hon. Don's Uboh and 15 others*).

Debate:

Motion, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

7. Improving the Quality of Manufactured Goods in Nigeria:
Motion made and Question proposed,
The House:

Notes, that the Nigerian market is flooded with sub-standard manufactured goods;

Concerned, about the adverse effects of such products on the welfare, standard of living and health of Nigerians;

Desirous, of ensuring that Nigerian consumers get value for their money;

Worried, that Nigeria should not continue to be a dumping ground for sub-standard imported goods;

Anxious, to make Nigerian manufactured goods competitive in export trade, particularly in the ECOWAS sub-region;

Determined, to promote the patronage of Made-in-Nigeria goods by the citizens;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to revamp, empower and reform the operations as well as enhance the funding of the Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON) for improved performance;
- (ii) mandate the Joint Committee on Industries and Commerce to conduct a Public Hearing on the quality of manufactured products in the Nigerian market and report its findings to the House (*Hon. Shuaibu Hashimu Abdullahi and 5 others*).

Debate:

Question put and negatived.

8. Adjournment:
That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 20 September, 2007 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 5.12 p.m.

Patricia Olubuiimi Etteh
Speaker