



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 16 October, 2007

1. The House met at 10.20 a.m. Madam Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Madam Speaker announced that she had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Monday, 15 October, 2007.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Petitions:**
The following petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:
 - (i) Hon. Ralph Okeke, from the family of Udechukwu Godwill, praying the House to intervene in the alleged infringement of his rights to fair hearing by a Court in Ireland and to grant other reliefs sought therein;
 - (ii) Hon. Godfrey Gaiya, from Sergeants Nuhu Simon and Joseph Bodam, praying the House to impress upon the Nigeria Police Force to obey the Court order, re-instate them and grant other reliefs sought therein;
 - (iii) Hon. Uche Ekwunife, from Nkpuorah, Nkpuorah and Co. (Legal Practitioners), praying the House to investigate the alleged gruesome murder of four (4) innocent citizens by the Divisional Police Officer and his team in Nnewi, Anambra State;
 - (iv) Hon. Aro Bamidele, from Ms Bosede Faleke, praying the House to intervene in her alleged termination of appointment by the Management of Hotel Dabras, Abuja and grant other reliefs sought therein;
 - (v) Hon. Chinenye Ike, from Ugiri Nnenna Gloria, praying the House to impress upon the Federal Medical Centre, Umuahia, Abia State to implement the House Resolution made in November 2004 on her matter;
 - (vi) Hon. Akeem Arole Fancy, from the Association of Disengaged Staff of the Defunct Cooperative Bank Plc, praying the House to impress upon the Skye Bank Pic, to pay their disengagement entitlements and grant other reliefs sought therein.

4. **Presentation of Report:**
Ad-Hoc Committee on the Operation of GSM Networks:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Investigation into the decay of services provided by the Global System Mobile Telecommunication (GSM) Networks" (Hon. Leo Ogoi).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

5. Consideration of Report:

Independent Ad-Hoc on Upgrade of the Official Residences of the Hon. Speaker and the Deputy Speaker:

Order read:

Privilege:

Rising on Order V, Rules 2 and 4, Hon. Mohammed Ali Ndunie recalled that the House had resolved in an Executive Session, held on 20 September, 2007, that Members should not make any press statements in relation to the *Ad-Hoc* Committee's investigation on the award of Contracts for the Residences of the Hon. Speaker and the Deputy Speaker and the Purchase of official Vehicles for the Leadership of the House. He alleged that some Members breached that Resolution, including Madam Speaker's spokespersons, by preemptively commenting on the Committee's Report prior to its consideration by the House.

He added that it was an unfortunate development that embarrassed and breached the privilege of the House. He therefore prayed the House to resolve that Madam Speaker should not preside over the Consideration of the Report.

Debate:

Debate adjourned.

6. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 17 October, 2007 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.00 p.m.

Patricia Olubunmi Etteh
Speaker