



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 31 October, 2007

1. The House met at 2.42 p.m. Mr Speaker *Pro-Tempore* read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker *Pro-Tempore* announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 30 October, 2007.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Communication from the Clerk to the National Assembly:**
Mr Speaker *Pro-Tempore* read the following communication from the Clerk to the National Assembly:



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*The Hon. Speaker Pro-Tempore
House of Representatives National
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VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

In accordance with ORDER II, Rule 8, of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, I wish to report that a vacancy has occurred in the Office of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives. This is sequel to the resignation of the two former office holders in a letter dated 30th October, 2007, addressed to me.

2. Accordingly, following the House Rule, elections into the two offices shall be held at the next sitting of the House on Thursday 5 November, 2007 at 10.00 a.m.

(Signed)

NASIRU I. ARAB
Clerk to the National Assembly

4. **Order VII, Rule 11 (4):**

Relying on Order VII, Rule 11 (4), Hon. Agoro Lanre Adeniran *{Irepo/Orelope/Olorumsogo Federal Constituency}*, drew the attention of the House to the absence of the list of names of Hon. Members who voted in the election of the Speaker *Pro-Tempore* in the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 30 October, 2007. He prayed the House to order that an amendment be made to include the names of Members that voted in the election as an addendum to the Votes and Proceedings.

Ruling, Mr Speaker *Pro-Tempore* stated that the Order would not strictly apply to the election of Speaker *Pro-Tempore* as in the inauguration of a new Parliament. He therefore overruled the Point of Order.

5. **Personal Explanation (Order VII, Rule 1):**

Hon. West Idahosa referred to item 9 of the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 30 October, 2007 (Election of Speaker *Pro-Tempore*) and stated that he was not consulted prior to his nomination for election to the post of Speaker *Pro-Tempore* as he was neither present nor accepted the nomination. According to him, this invalidated his nomination.

Mr Speaker *Pro-Tempore* remarked that since Honourable West Idahosa was duly nominated and seconded, the entry in the Votes and Proceedings would remain. Rather, it should be noted that Hon. West Idahosa was nominated in *absentia*.

House in Executive Session — 2.53 p.m.

House in Plenary — 4.25 p.m.

6. **Consideration of Report:**

Independent Ad - Hoc Committee on the Upgrading of the Residences of the Hon. Speaker and the Deputy Speaker:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Independent Ad-Hoc Committee on the Upgrading of the Residences of the Hon. Speaker and the Deputy Speaker" (*Hon. David Idoko*).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

{Mr Speaker Pro-Tempore in the Chair}

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON THE UPGRADING
OF THE RESIDENCES OF THE HON. SPEAKER AND THE DEPUTY SPEAKER**

Recommendation (i):

The Management should prescribe standard operating procedure for the award of contracts in **the** House of Representatives in accordance with extant Regulations (*Hon. David Idoko*)—*Agreed to.*

Recommendation (ii):

That the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) should take steps to make the Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's official residences habitable for immediate occupation (*Hon. David Idoko*)—*Agreed to.*

Recommendation (iii):

That the management of the National Assembly should take steps to formally determine the contract in view of the voluntary repudiation of the contract and withdrawal from sites by the respective contractors (*Hon. David Idoko*)—*Agreed to.*

Recommendation (iv):

That the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Leaders in the House were elected by the Party Caucus and should go back to their Caucus to seek fresh mandates (*Hon. David Idoko*)—*Agreed to.*

Chairman Pro-Tempore to report proceedings:

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker *Pro-Tempore* in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the Independent *Ad-Hoc* Committee on the Upgrading of the Residences of the Hon. Speaker and the Deputy Speaker and adopted the Hon. Idoko's Panel Report and approved the Recommendations.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.

7. **Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 1 November, 2007, at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 4.40p.m.

Terngu Tsegba *Speaker*
Pro-Tempore