



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 1 November, 2007

1. The House met at 11.00 a.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 Wednesday, 31 October, 2007.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Announcement:**
Visitors:
Mr Speaker *Pro-Tempore* recognized the presence in the Gallery, of Comrade Abdulwaheed Umar, President of the Nigeria Labour Congress and Mrs Ladi **Iliya** also of the Nigeria Labour Congress.
4. **Mr Speaker *Pro-Tempore*'s Valedictory Speech:**
The Speaker *Pro-Tempore* rendered his Valedictory Speech as follows:



SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Federal Republic of Nigeria

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS DELIVERED BY THE SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE,
RT HON. TERNGU TSEGBA ON THE OCCASION OF THE ELECTION
OF THE NEW SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF**

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

(NOVEMBER 1, 2007) FOR HEALING,

RECONCILIATION AND RESTORATION (HRR)

Respected colleagues, very Honourable Members of our young Nigerian democracy and legislature, we are here today in pursuit of Healing, Reconciliation and Restoration (HRR). This challenge has been thrust on us, not by those who voted us to hastily construct legislation for our new democracy; the challenge has been cast on us by our collective failure to sufficiently comprehend the heavy demands thrust on us by this new democracy. Because we have collectively contaminated the moral environment of this hallowed Chamber and our respected legislative institution, we are (thus) here today to celebrate like General Yakubu Gowon after the Nigerian civil war (1967 -70) when he said 'no victor, no vanquished' and proceeded to implement his 3Rs policy that led to phenomenal healing, reconciliation and restoration. Equally we are here today, in

*this hallowed Chamber, to say to each other, like Abraham Lincoln said to America's struggling democracy in 1861 and 1865 **"We are not enemies but friends" "with malice toward none"**.*

Dear colleagues and Honourable Members, before we proceed on the beautiful task of restoring public hope and trust via our HRR policy, we need to elect a new Speaker and a new House leadership that will embody and exercise these new objectives.

This electoral challenge invites and advises us to begin to operate within the new emerging spirit we hope to construct; to show to our constituents, to Nigeria, and to the world, that is watching us more closely than we imagine, that we can produce a new leadership by saying that we are no longer gladiators, we are Honourable Members and Distinguished legislators. We must, here, today, showcase a new respected House that says in one clear sharp voice, to Nigeria that we have retired from the trenches and theatre of the absurd, from physical action, to the Chamber and challenges of cerebral legislative inter-action.

*So dear colleagues let us today, with unanimity or through measured competition, elect a Speaker to exercise the new spirit we collectively pursue. Let us bring forth a new Speaker, a new leadership for a new House, to heal, the wounds (we) inflicted on ourselves, on our democracy, on Nigeria, who will speedily restore our tarnished personal and institutional integrity and who will reconcile us with our constituencies, ourselves and with Nigerians. Let us pick, here today, dear colleagues, a new Speaker who will be a beacon of our collective faith, hope and aspiration for a greater Nigeria based on executive-legislative collaboration; who will shield us, but learn from, the history of the immediate past who in his every action and deeds will continue to say like General Gowon did after the civil war **'no victor, no vanquished'**.*

So dear colleagues, may the new Speaker of our dreams live long.

So help us God".

5. Election of the Speaker:

Hon. Osagie Raphael Samson (*Orhionwon/Uhunmwode Federal Constituency*), nominated Hon. Dimeji Sabur Bankole (*Abeokuta South Federal Constituency*) and was seconded by Hon. Lynda Chuba Ikpeazu (*Onitsha North/Onitsha South Federal Constituency*).

Hon. Albert Abiodun Adeogun (*Ife Central/Ife East five North/Ife South Federal Constituency*) nominated Hon. Jolayemi George Oyewole (*Ayedire/Iwo/Ota-Oluwa Federal Constituency*) and was seconded by Hon. Faiade Ajibade (*Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejigbo Federal Constituency*).

The Clerk appointed Hon. Osagie and Hon. Ikpeazu, and Hon. Adeogun and Hon. Ajibade as Tellers.

The following Honourable Members voted for Hon. Dimeji Sabur Bankole:

S/No.	Names	S/No	Names
1.	Hon. A. A. Sule L. Mekera	22.	Hon. Adamu A. Gurai
2.	Hon. Abayomi Dauda Kako Are	23.	Hon. Adamu Abba Anas
3.	Hon. Abba Dawud Lawan	24.	Hon. Adamu Bashir
4.	Hon. Abdu Auwalu Gwalabe	25.	Hon. Adamu Jibril
5.	Hon. Abdu Muhammad Sani	26.	Hon. Adamu Usman Mohd
6.	Hon. Abdulkadir Jobe Tijjani	27.	Hon. Adebayo F. Odulana
7.	Hon. Abdulaziz Ahmed Tijjani	28.	Hon. Adedeji Emmanuel Omolayo
8.	Hon. Abdulkadir Hussein Namadi	29.	Hon. Adefolabi Morufdeen Adeola
9.	Hon. Abdulkadir M. Nasir	30.	Hon. Adewusi Babatunde
10.	Hon. Abdullahi Garba Bagudo	31.	Hon. Adikpe Agbonu A.
11.	Hon. Abdullahi Shuaibu Hashimu	32.	Hon. Aguma Igochukwu N.
12.	Hon. Abdulrahman Suleiman	33.	Hon. Ahmad Sama'ila Ilali
13.	Hon. Abdul-Wahab O. Isa	34.	Hon. Ahmad Tsoho Kargi
14.	Hon. Abolagba Johnson Aigbudu	35.	Hon. Ahman-Pategi Aliyu Bahago
15.	Hon. Abubakar Abdullaziz Yari	36.	Hon. Ahmed Idris
16.	Hon. Abubakar Abubakar	37.	Hon. Ahmed Mohammed Mukhtar
17.	Hon. Abubakar Garba Shehu	38.	Hon. Ahmed Mustapha
18.	Hon. Abubakar Moh'd Maifata	39.	Hon. Ahmed Njidda Gella
19.	Hon. Abubakar Shehu Bunu	40.	Hon. Ahwinahwi Solomon
20.	Hon. Adah Paul Andeshi	41.	Hon. Ajatta Joseph Jaiyeola
21.	Hon. Adaji Maimunat Usman	42.	Hon. Akande-Adeola Mulikat

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| 43. | Hon. Akinlade Abiodun Isiaq | 106. | Hon. Eluemunoh Chiedu Godswill |
| 44. | Hon. Akogun Tunde Ainukhatemon | 107. | Hon. Emmanuel Jime |
| 45. | Hon. Alaaga Demnege Christina | 108. | Hon. Emmanuel Oyeyemi Adedeji |
| 46. | Hon. Saidu Muhammad Gumburawa | 109. | Hon. Emmaunel Yisa O. Jev |
| 47. | Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba | 110. | Hon. Enang Ita Solomon James |
| 48. | Hon. Ali A. Atai Usman | 111. | Hon. Ewa Bassey Eko |
| 49. | Hon. Ali Ndume Mohammed | 112. | Hon. Eyiboh Eseme Sunday |
| 50. | Hon. Ali Wudil Muhammed | 113. | Hon. Eze Chukwudi Leonard |
| 51. | Hon. Aliyu Ahmed Wadada Danyaya | 114. | Hon. Fancy Arola Akeem |
| 52. | Hon. Al-Makura Mohammed Ahmed | 115. | Hon. Faruk Abdullahi Umar |
| 53. | Hon. Amadi Bethel Nnaemeka | 116. | Hon. Faseyi Samuel Duro |
| 54. | Hon. Aminu Musa Koko | 117. | Hon. Friday Itulah |
| 55. | Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari | 118. | Hon. Gabriel Ekpishoko Edi |
| 56. | Hon. Aribisala Adewale | 119. | Hon. Gaiya Godfrey Ali |
| 57. | Hon. Aro Samuel Bamidele | 120. | Hon. Galadima Shuaibu Umar |
| 58. | Hon. Asadu Patrick Oziokoja | 121. | Hon. Galadima Zakari Yau Moh'd |
| 59. | Hon. Asita Honourable O. | 122. | Hon. Gbenga O. Elegbeleye |
| 60. | Hon. Audi Zarewa Ahmed | 123. | Hon. GilbertE. Nnaji |
| 61. | Hon. Audu Ado Dogo | 124. | Hon. H. S. Dickson |
| 62. | Hon. Ayoade Ademola Adeseun | 125. | Hon. Habeeb A.B. Fasinro |
| 63. | Hon. Baba Gishiwari | 126. | Hon. Haliru Garba G/Hamma |
| 64. | Hon. Babangida S. M. Nguroje | 127. | Hon. Hamman-Tukur Aminu Ribadu |
| 65. | Hon. Bala Almu Banye | 128. | Hon. Hamzat Ganiyu Oladunjoye |
| 66. | Hon. Bala Ibn Na'allah | 129. | Hon. Haruna Hassan Ahmadu |
| 67. | Hon. Barnabas Y. Bala | 130. | Hon. Haruna Ibrahim |
| 68. | Hon. Bassey Edet Otu | 131. | Hon. Hassan A. Shekarau |
| 69. | Hon. Bassey Efflong Etim | 132. | Hon. Hassan Tukur Halima |
| 70. | Hon. Bature Umar M. | 133. | Hon. Ibejiako I. Ernest |
| 71. | Hon. Bello Emmanuel | 134. | Hon. Ibraheem Adebola Moshood |
| 72. | Hon. Beni Lar | 135. | Hon. Ibrahim Baba Chaicai |
| 73. | Hon. Berewari Christopher | 136. | Hon. Ibrahim Bawa Kamba |
| 74. | Hon. Bichi Ibrahim Mu'azzam | 137. | Hon. Ibrahim K. Mustapha |
| 75. | Hon. Binta Masi Garba | 138. | Hon. Ibrahim Khadija Buka A. |
| 76. | Hon. Bitrus B. Kaze | 139. | Hon. Ibrahim Makama Misau |
| 77. | Hon. Bmitosahi Mika'il Al-Amiu | 140. | Hon. Ibrahim Sabo Usman |
| 78. | Hon. Bodunrin Martha Halima | 141. | Hon. Ibrahim Umar Ballah |
| 79. | Hon. Bolarinwa Omolaja Bashir | 142. | Hon. Idachaba James Joseph |
| 80. | Hon. Braimah Abasi Ogwhne | 143. | Hon. Idoko David Onobi |
| 81. | Hon. Brisibe Tamarautare E. | 144. | Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi |
| 82. | Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum | 145. | Hon. Igbawua Chile W. |
| 83. | Hon. Chidoka Obinna | 146. | Hon. Igwe Paulinus Nwagu |
| 84. | Hon. Chima Innocent Ugo | 147. | Hon. Ihedioha Emeka Nkem |
| 85. | Hon. Chinyere Emmanuel Igwe | 148. | Hon. Ihiabe Samson Positive . |
| 86. | Hon. Chuba Ikpeazu Lynda | 149. | Hon. Iho David Mzenda |
| 87. | Hon. Chukwuegbo Ofor | 150. | Hon. Ike Chinenye Ferdinand |
| 88. | Hon. Chukwumaeze N. Nzeribe | 151. | Hon. Ike Chinwo |
| 89. | Hon. Clever M. Ikisikpo | 152. | Hon. Imawa Haruna Inusa |
| 90. | Hon. Dabiri Abike Kafayat | 153. | Hon. Independence Ogunewe |
| 91. | Hon. Daemi Kunaiyi Akpanaha | 154. | Hon. Iorwase Herman C. Hembe |
| 92. | Hon. Daniel Oritse G. Reyeniejju | 155. | Hon. Isa U. Ambaka |
| 93. | Hon. Danladi M. Liman | 156. | Hon. Isah Idris Alhaji |
| 94. | Hon. Danlami Hamza | 157. | Hon. Isah Idris Umaru |
| 95. | Hon. Darangi Muhammed K. | 158. | Hon. Isah Salihu Bashir |
| 96. | Hon. Deeyah, Emmanuel Nwiika | 159. | Hon. Isah Shaba Ibn Bello |
| 97. | Hon. Dimeji Sabur Bankole | 160. | Hon. Ishaika Moh'd Bawa |
| 98. | Hon. Donald Egberibin | 161. | Hon. Ishaku Joshua Sharah |
| 99. | Hon. Doris Uboh | 162. | Hon. Isibor Ifaluyi |
| 100. | Hon. Dunari Yusuf Sale | 163. | Hon. Isu Omo Christopher |
| 101. | Hon. EgahDobi Isah | 164. | Hon. James Baitachi |
| 102. | Hon. Egya Samuel Azamu | 165. | Hon. Jega Muhammed Umar |
| 103. | Hon. Ehiogie West Idahosa | 166. | Hon. Jerimon S. Manwe |
| 104. | Hon. Ekpo Ekperikpe | 167. | Hon. Jibo Muhammed |
| 105. | Hon. Elizabeth O. Ogbaga | 168. | Hon. John Enoch Owan Enoch |

295.	Hon. Warman W. Ogoriba	300.	Hon. Yusha'u Kanya Ibrahim
296.	Hon. Waziri Aminu Tambunwal	301.	Hon. Yusuf Bello Mai'adua
297.	Hon. Yacoob E. A. Alebiosu	302.	Hon. Yusuf Kolawole A.
298.	Hon. Yakubu Dogara	303.	Hon. Yusuf Shitu Galambi
299.	Hon. Yakubu Umaru Barde	304.	Hon. Zakari Salisu

The following Honourable Members voted for Hon. Jolaoye Goerge Oyewole:

S/No.	Names	S/No	Names
1.	Hon. Adegoke Festus Adewale	11.	Hon. Kayode Idowu
2.	Hon. Ajayi Agboola	12.	Hon. Kolawole Ismaila
3.	Hon. Akindahunsi Titilayo Melodia	13.	Hon. Matthew M. Omegara
4.	Hon. Akinwale Florence Atinuke	14.	Hon. Muraina Saubuna Ajibola
5.	Hon. Albert Abiodun Adeogun	15.	Hon. Niyi J. Akinyugha
b.	Hon. Awoyemi Leo Adejare	16.	Hon. Olakunde Oluwale
1.	Hon. Etteh Patricia Olubunmi	17.	Hon. Olopoenia Abass
8.	Hon. Falade Ajibade Michael	18.	Hon. Olugbenga Onigbogi
9.	Hon. Gbede Aderemi Waheed	19.	Hon. Olusegun Olayiwola Akinloye
10.	Hon. Jolaoye George Oyewole	20.	Hon. Raji-Rasaki Fatimat O.

The following Honourable Members abstained:

S/No.	Names
1.	Hon. Dave Salako
2.	Hon. Davies Sokote H.
3.	Hon. Tsegba Terngu
4.	Hon. Umeoji Chukwuma

The voting having been completed, the Clerk to the National Assembly announced that the Tellers had reached an agreement.

Total number of votes cast for Hon. Jolayemi George Oyewole 20

Total number of votes cast for Hon. Dimeji Sabur Bankole 304

Abstentions 4

Hon. Dimeji Bankole, having polled 304 votes being the higher number of votes cast was declared duly elected as Speaker of the House of Representatives.

6. Election of the Deputy Speaker:

Hon. Friday Itulah (*Esan North East/South West Federal Constituency*) nominated Hon. Usman Bayero Nafada (*Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*) and was seconded by Hon. Yakubu Barde (*Kajuru/Chikun Federal Constituency*).

At the close of nomination, Hon. Usman Bayero Nafada was returned unopposed and declared Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives.

7. Oath of Office (Deputy Speaker):

In accordance with Constitutional provision, the Clerk to the National Assembly administered the Oath of Office to the Deputy Speaker.

8. Oath of Office (Speaker):

In accordance with Constitutional provision, the Clerk to the National Assembly administered the Oath of Office to the Speaker.

9. **The Honourable Speaker's Maiden Speech:**

Protocols,

Dear Honourable Members,

WE STAND UPON THE THRESHOLD OF HISTORY

Please let me begin by expressing gratitude to the Almighty God for what has happened here today. I also want to express my sincere and unreserved gratitude to all of you, for expressing your choice today.

Honourable colleagues, we stand here today upon the threshold of history. The events of the last few months have certainly brought to ourselves and our nation mixed feelings. We recall the great expectations of our people with the inauguration of this noble House some five months ago, and hereby promise to rekindle those hopes by rising above and across the creases that followed in the aftermath of the unfortunate events from which we are presently emerging.

There is no gainsaying therefore, that we have been elected to leadership at a most trying time. A period when the need to restore public confidence, set the agenda and machinery for legislative business, evolve best practices for public procurement, ensure judicious use of public funds, entrench transparency and accountability, unite our honourable Members, and mobilize our energies towards the critical business of lawmaking and Constituency representation, are all at their most urgent.

I believe that my Deputy and I, and indeed the Body of Principal Officers that you are also putting together, alongside your good and honourable selves, all working as one indivisible and cohesive team, will respond to these challenges with resounding success.

I have a vision, a vision of a House of Representatives which shall once again be fondly referred to as the House of the Nigerian People! I believe that from this hallowed Chamber shall flow robust debates, exciting motions, timely bills, and quality Legislation that will significantly impact on the standard and quality of lives of our expectant people.

Permit me, at this juncture, to express my gratitude and extend an invitation to work with all those who contested with me today. Let us, together, build a synergy of ideas that will propel us forward and towards our ideals for a truly united platform for national development. May I also express our appreciation to the Clerk of the House and officials who have conducted this election. No tribute can truly and sufficiently capture our gratitude to the very robust Nigerian media. A Fourth Estate of the Realm which has remained a dogged signpost, in the recurrent elucidation of the core values to which Nigeria must adhere, if our democratic journey will lead us to that promised land.

Honourable Members, our nation is at a period when she is not only reforming, but has also evinced a strong resolve to emerge as one of the 20 largest and most viable economies of the world by the year 2020. This vision is one in which the strategic role of the Legislature, in the critical area of providing the legislative framework and robust oversight requires no emphasis, and our Team shall not shirk in our responsibility to this Chamber and the Nigerian people.

As we undertake the necessary steps which shall, hopefully, propel us in the right direction, we must restate the necessity for zero tolerance for corruption, support for Mr President's 7-point Agenda, a reaffirmation of institutional independence and interdependence within the arms of Government, an immediate consideration of all the issues arising for Constitutional Amendment, and the rather urgent need to engage in a Legislative agenda that will dramatically and positively impact on the lives of our people.

These and all these shall be our signpost. I promise you these in the name of God.

Thank you and God bless Nigeria.

10. **Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 7 November, 2007 at 2.00 p.m. (Hon. Ogbuefi Ozomgbachi).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.50 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker