



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 28 November, 2007

1. The House met at 2.30 p.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. Votes and Proceedings:
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 27 November, 2007.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. Virement of the sum of N500,000,000.00 for Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC):
Motion made and Question proposed, The House:

Notes, the request by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to vire the sum of N500,000,000.00 from the Sub-head on Legal Services with a total allocation of N1,000,000,000.00 in the Supplementary Appropriations, 2007 fund to enable the Commission conduct Bye-Elections as a result of the verdicts of various Election Petition Tribunals Nationwide;

Further notes, the necessity of this virement for effective implementation of the 2007 Appropriations Act and to enable the Commission conduct credible Bye-Elections;

Resolves:

That, the total sum of N500,000,000.00 be vired by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) pursuant to Section 3 of the 2007 Appropriation Act (*Hon. Festus A, Adegoke and 3 Others*).

Debate:

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

The House:

Noted, the request by Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to vire the sum of N500,000,000.00 from the Sub-head on Legal Services with a total allocation of N1,000,000,000.00 in the Supplementary Appropriations, 2007 fund to enable the Commission conduct Bye-Elections as a result of the verdicts of various Election Petition Tribunals Nationwide;

Further noted, the necessity of this virement for effective implementation of the 2007 Appropriations Act and to enable the Commission conduct credible Bye-Elections;

Resolved:

That, the total sum of N500,000,000.00 be vired by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) pursuant to Section 3 of the 2007 Appropriation Act (**HR. 18/2007**).

4. **A Bill for an Act to amend Certain Political, Public and Judicial Office Holders (Salaries and Allowances, etc.) Act, 2002 and Other Matters Connected Therein, 2007 — Second Reading:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to amend Certain Political, Public and Judicial Office Holders (Salaries and Allowances, etc.) Act, 2002 and Other Matters Connected Therein, 2007 be now read a Second Time (*Hon. Tunde Akoguri*)."

Debate:

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

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Committee of Whole.

5. **Consideration of Report:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Bill for an Act to Amend the Value Added Tax Act, 1993 and for Matters Connected therewith, 2007 and approve the Recommendations therein. (*Hon. Hashimu Abdullahi*)."

Question put and agreed to.

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

Question that Order VII, Rule 2 (2) be suspended to enable the Speaker preside in the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE VALUE ADDED TAX ACT, 1993;
 AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH, 2007

Committee Recommendation:

Clause I: Amendment of 1993 No. 102.

The value Added Tax Act (in this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is hereby amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Hashimu Abdullahi*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause I stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 38.

Section 38 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing section, the following, that is:

"the National Assembly may by a Resolution of each of the Houses of the National Assembly —

(a) Amend the rate of tax chargeable; and

(b) Amend, vary or modify the list set out in the first schedule to this Act" (*Hon Hashimu Abdullahi*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the title of paragraph (a) and *insert* the title "Power of the National Assembly to vary Schedules" instead thereof (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to

Question that Clause 2 as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2007 (*Hon. Hashimu Abdullahi*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 3 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Bill for an Act to Amend the Value Added Tax Act, 1993 and for Matters Connected therewith, 2007 and approved Clause 1, amended Clause 2 and approved Clause 3.

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

6. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 29 November, 2007 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akoguri*).

Adjourned accordingly at 3.28p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 27 November, 2007 :

On page 187, item 6, under the heading, Order VIII, Rule 9 (3) and (4): *Leave out* the name "Hon. Gbenga O. Elegbeleye" and *insert* the name "Hon. Gbenga O. Onigbogi" instead thereof.