



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 29 January, 2008

1. The House met at 11:05 a.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. Votes and Proceedings:
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 24 January, 2008.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. Petitions:
Five Petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:
 - (i) Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari (*Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*), from the Civilian Staff of the C Department, Rivers State Police Command, praying the House to investigate the neglect and marginalization of the Civilian Police Personnel by the Nigeria Police and grant the other relief sought;
 - (ii) Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari (*Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*), from Bar. Akinyemi Kumolu Johnson on behalf of his client, Powtr Ozuah, praying the House to intervene in a case of official high handedness and neglect by the Nigerian Navy and grant the relief sought therein;
 - (iii) Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari (*Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*), from Mr Anuiony Morka, praying the House to prevail on his alleged dismissal from the Nigeria Ports Authority (NPA) and grant the relief sought therein;
 - (iv) Hon. Leo Ogor (*Isoko Federal Constituency*), from Bar. Oba Okubie and Co. on behalf of their client, Mr. G.O. Onomeregwa, praying the House to intervene in the alleged wrongful termination of his employment from Warri Refinery and Petro Chemical Company and grant the relief sought;
 - (v) Hon. David Idoko (*Ado, Ogbadubo/Okpoku Federal Constituency*), from Mr Christopher O. Idu, praying the House to intervene on the alleged wrongful disengagement from the services of the Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC) and grant the relief sought therein.
4. Presentation of Bills:
 - (i) (0 Petroleum Refineries (Incentives, Regulation and Miscellaneous Provision) Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time*;
 - (ii) Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time*;
 - (iii) Pension Reform Act (Amendment) Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time*;
 - (iv) Police Public Complainants Bureau (Establishment) Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Competition Commission and for Purposes Connected Therewith, 2007 — *Second Reading*:

Order read; deferred.

6. A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Practice and to make Provisions for the Animal Health and Husbandry Technologists Regulation Board of Nigeria and for other Matters Connected Therewith, 2007 — *Second Reading*:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Practice and to make Provisions for the Animal Health and Husbandry Technologists Regulation Board of Nigeria and for other Matters Connected Therewith, 2007 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Baba Shehu Agaie*).

Resumption of 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 on Agriculture.

7. Consideration of Report:

Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Mr Archibong B. Ekereke:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Archibong B. Ekereke against the Management of the National Assembly on the Payment of Severance Allowance to Legislative Aides and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE) (*Mr Deputy Chair in the Chair*)

Debate:

Recommendation (i):

Since money appropriated for Severance payments to Personal Assistants and Legislative Assistants were made on the basis of a 4 year period and the appointments of these Aides were only documented in 2005 by the Commission, the balance should be worked out and paid to their Principals to forward same to these Aides as recommended by the Clerk to the National Assembly (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

With respect to Legislative Aides who did not serve up to 2 years, they should be paid severance package on pro rata basis (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

-Amendment

Proposed:

Insert a new Recommendation (iii) as follows:

"The Senior Legislative Aides, Legislative Aides and Secretaries should be paid for four years, irrespective of the time their letters of appointment were given" (*Hon. Igo Aguma*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

Chairman to report proceedings.

CHOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Archibong B. Ekereke against the Management of the National Assembly on the Payment of Severance Allowance to Legislative Aides and approved Recommendations (i) and (ii).

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

8. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 30 January, 2008 at 2.00 p.m. (Hon. *Baba Shehu Agaie*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.35 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker