



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 7 February, 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 Wednesday, 6 February, 2008.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcement:**
Country Review Mission of the African Peer Review Mechanism:
Mr Speaker read a letter from Hon. Sada Soli Jibia, Chairman, Committee on Cooperation and Integration in Africa reminding Hon. Members to attend the scheduled Interactive Session with the Country Review Mission (CRM) of the African Peer Review Mechanism in House Conference Hall 0.28 (Zero Floor), New Building this day, 7 February, 2008 at 2.00 p.m. He urged all Hon. Members to attend.

4. **Presentation of Report:**
Committee on Appropriations:
That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of Two Trillion, Four Hundred and Fifty-Three Billion, Six Hundred and Thirty-Eight Million, One Hundred and Ninety-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine Naira (N2,453,638,196,979) only of which the sum of One Hundred and Eighty-Seven Billion, Six Hundred Million (N 187,600,000,000) only is for Statutory Transfer and the sum of Three Hundred and Seventy-Two Billion, Two Hundred Million Naira (N372,200,000,000) only is for Debt Service, while the sum of One Trillion, Two Hundred and Fifty-Nine Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty-Five Million, Five Hundred and Seventeen Thousand and Twenty-One Naira (N1,259,365,517,021) only is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure and the balance of Six Hundred and Thirty-Four Billion, Seven Hundred and Seventeen Million, Six Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Nine Naira (N634,717,679,959) only is for Capital Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st December, 2008 (**Hon. Festus Adegoke**).

Order read; deferred.

5. **Influx of Chadian Refugees into Gamboru-Ngala in Borno State:**
Motion made and Question proposed,
The House:

Notes that on 3rd February, 2008 rebels invaded N'Djamena, the capital of the Republic of Chad;

Further notes that following this invasion, more than 2000 refugees emigrated into Gamboru-Ngala a boundary town in Borno State in Nigeria, in an attempt to flee from the war-torn country;

Disturbed at the increasing rate the refugees are migrating into these neighbouring towns;

Worried at the security, economic, health implications and its attendant problems as a result of this influx of refugees;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Refugee Commission to establish refugee camps to host the refugees in the area;
- (ii) further urge National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide emergency relief services to the refugees;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to visit the affected areas and report back to the House within a reasonable time (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Nongono and 9 Others*).

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In Prayer (*in*), line 2, immediately after the word "House" *leave out* the words "within a reasonable time" and *insert* "ten days instead thereof" (*Hon. Rufus Omeire*).

Question that amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert* a new Prayer (iv) as follows:
"call on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, cognisance of leadership role played by Nigeria in Africa to immediately swing into diplomatic actions capable of resolving the Chadian crisis" (*Hon. Bala Barnabas*).

Question that amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (iii) *Insert* a new Prayer (v) as follows:
"urge the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to take preventive diplomacy to nip the Chadian Crisis in the bud" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question that amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (iv) *Insert* a new Prayer (vi) as follows:
"that the Inspector-General of Police and Chairman, National Security Joint Committee and the Governor of Borno and neighbouring States should take urgent steps to ensure the security of lives and properties of Nigerian citizens living around there and also ensure security of lives and properties of the refugees" (**Hon. Uche Ekwunife**).

Question that amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (v) *Insert* a new Prayer (vii) as follows:
"commend the Borno State Government for the efforts in providing temporary abode for the Refugees even before the Federal Authorities and urge her to do more to forestall any humanitarian crisis" (*Hon. Solomon U. Agidani*).

Question that amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (vi) *Insert* a new Prayer (viii) as follows:
"mandate the Ministry of Health to always take preventive measures on the possible out-break of epidemic in the Refugee Camps by making provision for sufficient medical attention" (*Hon. Jumoke Okoya-Thomas*).

Question that amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (vii) *Insert* a new Prayer (ix) as follows:
"Request the Non-Governmental Organisations like Red Cross etc to assist the stretch resources of National Emergency Management Agency with materials for the care of Refugees" (*Hon. O. K. Salako*).

Question that amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(viii) *Insert a new Prayer (x) as follows:*

"mandates the Committee on Emergency and Disaster to examine the capacity and readiness of the National Emergency Management Agency to respond to emergencies such as the one under discussion" (*Hon. Emmanuel Jime*).

Question that amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(ix) *Insert a new Prayer (xi) as follows:*

"urge the Federal Government of Nigeria to convene a meeting with the warring factions similar to Lagos Peace talks of the 1980 in order to broker peace and again intensify research effort into the age-long Chadian crisis with a view to finding a lasting solution" (*Hon. Sada Soli*).

Question that amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(x) *Insert a new Prayer (xii) as follows:*

"direct the relevant security agencies to ensure the security of live and properties of Nigerians and mandate the Nigerian Immigration Service (Border Patrol Unit) to effectively man our border frontiers and locate the Refugees in available refugees Camps" (*Hon. Austine Nwachuhvu*).

Question that amendment be made, put and agreed to.

*Main question as **amended**, put and agreed to.*

The House:

Noted that on 3rd February, 2008 rebels invaded N'Djamena, the capital of the Republic of Chad;

Further noted that following this invasion, more than 2000 refugees emigrated into Gamboru-Ngala a boundary town in Bomo State in Nigeria, in an attempt to flee from the war-torn country;

Disturbed at the increasing rate the refugees are migrating into these neighbouring towns;

Worried at the security, economic, health implications and its attendant problems as a result of **this** influx of refugees;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the National Refugee Commission to establish refugee camps to host the refugees in the area;
- (ii) further urge National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide emergency relief services to the refugees;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to visit the affected areas and report back to the House within ten days;
- (iv) call on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, cognisance of leadership role played by Nigeria in Africa to immediately swing into diplomatic actions capable of resolving the Chadian crisis;
- (v) also urge the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to take preventive diplomacy to nip the Chadian Crisis in the bud;
- (vi) further call on the Inspector-General of Police and Chairman, National Security Joint Committee and the Governor of Borno and neighbouring States to take urgent steps in order to ensure the security of lives and properties of Nigerian citizens living around there and also ensure security of lives and properties of the refugees;
- (vii) commend the Bomo State Government for the efforts in providing temporary abode for the Refugees even before the Federal Authorities and urge her to do more to forestall any humanitarian crisis;
- (viii) further mandate the Ministry of Health always take preventive measures on the possible outbreak of epidemic in the Refugee Camps by making provision for sufficient medical attention;
- (ix) request the Non-Governmental Organisations like Red Cross etc to assist the stretch resources of National Emergency Management Agency with materials for **the** care of Refugees;

- (x) also mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster to examine the capacity and readiness of the National Emergency Management Agency to respond to emergencies such as the one under discussion;
- (xi) urge the Federal Government of Nigeria to convene a meeting with the warring factions similar to Lagos Peace **talks** of the 1980 in order to broker peace and again intensify research effort into the age-long Chadian crisis with a view to finding a lasting solution;
- (xii) direct the relevant security agencies to ensure the security of live and properties of Nigerians and mandate the Nigerian Immigration Service (Board Patrol Unit) to effectively man our boarder frontiers and locate the Refugees in available refugees Camps" (**HR. 00/2008**).

6. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Pricing Regulation Agency (Establishment) Act 2003, and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 — Second Reading:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Pricing Regulation Agency (Establishment) Act 2003, and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila*).

Debate:

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

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Joint Committee on Petroleum Resources (Down Stream) and Governmental Affairs.

7. **Extension of Sitting:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do extend the Day's Sitting to enable it deliberate on the other items on the Order Paper" (*Hon. Baba Shehu Agaie*).

Question put and negatived.

8. **Adjournment:**

That this House do adjourn till Tuesday, 12 February, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Baba Shehu Agaie*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.25 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker