



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 13 March, 2008

1. The House met at 11.20 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, 12 March, 2008.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. Announcements:
 - (a) **Bereavement:**
Mr Speaker announced the demise of Chief **Nwachukwu** (*Omere Oha I*), the father of Hon. **Austine** Nwachukwu which occurred on Saturday, 8th March, 2008.
 - (b) **Visitors:**
Mr Speaker announced the presence in the Gallery, of members of the National Association of **Political** Science Students, Benue State University, Makurdi.
 - (c) **Jurisdiction/Constituency Orders:**
Mr Speaker directed the following Hon. **Members** to meet with him **immediately after** the day's proceedings in respect of these urgent Constituency/Jurisdictional tasks:
 - (i) Hon. Shuaibu Gwamdu Gobir (*Outbreak of Measles in Isa Local Government Area, Sokoto State*);
 - (ii) Hon. Khadija Bukar Ibrahim (*Outbreak of Measles/Polio in Gujba Local Government Area, Yobe State*);
 - (iii) Hon. Baba Gishiwari (*Outbreak of Epidemics in Fune Local Government Area, Yobe State*);
 - (iv) Hon. Alaba Ojomo and Hon. G. Makanjuola, Chairmen, Committees on Health and Agriculture (*Outbreak of Newcastle Disease — kind of Poultry Disease in Jalingo, Taraba State*);
 - (v) Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde (*Outbreak of Measles and Chicken Pox in Kqjuru Local Government Area, Kaduna State*);
 - (vi) Hon. Ibrahim Baba Chaichai (*Dutse Local Government Area*), Hon. Yusuf S. Dunari (*Kaugawa Local Government Area*), Hon. Ibrahim Y. Kanya (*Babura Local Government Area*), **Hon. Yusuf S.** Galambi (*Gwaram. Local Government Area*) and Hon. Ibrahim M. Garba (*Gagarawa Local Government Area*) Jigawa State (*Reported outbreak of Measles in the above named Local Government Areas*);

- (vii) Hon. West Idahosa, Chairman, Committee on Internal Affairs (*Agitation among Personnel of Nigeria Prisons Service over Non-payment of Salaries*);
- (viii) Hon. N. Elumelu, Chairman, Committee on Power and Steel (*Resumption of Strike Action by Workers of National Iron Ore Mining Company (NIOMCO), Itakpe*);
- (ix) Hon. Members from Plateau State (*Resumption of Strike Action in Plateau State scheduled for 12 March, 2008*);
- (x) Hon. Jerry Manwe, **Chairman**, Committee on Communications (*Imminent Strike Action by-Nigeria Telecommunication (NITEL) Staff*);
- (xi) **Hon. AJayi** Agboola (*Ilaje, Ondo State*) and Hon. **Igwe** Nwagir, Chairman, Committee on Police Affairs (*Heightened Tension at Ugbonla and Ugbo Communities in Ilaje Local Government Area, Ondo State*);
- (.xii) Hon. Faruk Lawan, Chairman, Committee on Education (*21 Days Strike Ultimatum by Academic Staff Union of Polytechnics (ASUP) Expires on 10 March, 2008*);
- (xiii) Hon. Mustapha Ahmed (*Disquiet in Dutsen Tanshi over the Activities of Men of "Operation Flush ", in Bauchi State*);
- (xiv) Hon. Sada Soli Jibia and Hon. Duro **Faseyi**, Chairman, Committee on Environment (*Threat of Flood Disaster in Jibia Local Government Area, Katsina State*).

4. **Petitions:**

The following petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:

- (i) Hon. Arole Fancy (*Surulere II Federal Constituency*), from SCA Ralwan A.O. praying the House to investigate the non-payment of his salary by the Nigeria Customs Service;
- (ii) Hon. Chinedu Euemuno (*Oyi/Ayamelum Federal Constituency*), from the Part-Time Graduates and Students of the University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus, praying the House to investigate the injustice meted to them by the University and grant the reliefs sought;
- (iii) Hon. Abba Anas Adamu (*Birniwa/Kin-Kasamma/Guri Federal Constituency*), from Hassan A. Abdul-Jubril, praying the House to intervene in the alleged wrongful termination of his appointment by the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC);
- (iv) Hon. Eze Chukwudi Mayor (*Oru/Orsu/Oni East Federal Constituency*), from Ifeanyi Patrick Ubah, on behalf of Capital Oil and Gas Industry Limited, praying the House to prevail on the Nigerian Port Authority to provide equal opportunity to all terminal operators in the Nigerian seaports;
- (v) Hon. Godfrey Ali Gaiya (*Jaba/Zangon Kataf Federal Constituency*), from Musa Usman Gaiya, praying the House to intervene in **the** alleged wrongful termination of his appointment by the Federal Housing **Authoriy**, Kaduna;
- (vi) Hon. Peter Kehinde Odebunmi (*Ijero/Ekiti West/Efon Federal Constituency*), from Private Kayode Omidiji, praying the House to investigate his alleged unlawful dismissal from the Nigerian Army with a view to re-instating him;
- (vii) Hon. Bala Adamu Kuta (*Shiroro/Munya/Ra.fi Federal Constituency*), from Idris Umaru, praying the House to investigate his alleged unlawful dismissal from the service of the Federal Ministry of Education, with **a** view to re-instating him.

5. **Presentation of Bill:**

Nigerians with Disability Bill, 2008 — *Read the Firs Time*.

6. **Need to Exercise Caution in the Planned Leasing of four International Airports in the Country:**

Morion made and Question proposed.

The House:

Notes that a Nation's airports, particularly, its International Airports, vulnerably expose her on a daily basis, to the outside world as people from all over the world travel in and out of her borders;

Further notes that given the unique position of airports as a nation's windows to the outside world, security concern should be that of Government, judging by the lesson in our contemporary **world**, where external aggression has been successfully launched against some nations through their airports;

Worried that the planned leasing of four International Airports in the country, namely: the Muritala Mohammed Airport, Lagos, Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja, Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport, Kano, the Port Harcourt International Airport, sadly, reflects government little appreciation for security consciousness in our International Airports;

Anxious that in the event of the said four International Airports being leased to foreigners, the nation stands to loose control and initiative over security matters in the said Airports as they relate to our Sovereignty and National interest;

Determined to ensure that the internal security of the nation is not compromised by the pursuit of government policy of privatization and commercialization of public enterprises in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the government to suspend the planned leasing of the said International Airports:
- (ii) Summon the Minister of Transportation (Aviation) to furnish the House with detailed technical **information** on the security network in the said Airports as well as their financial standing and other relevant matters to enable the House determine the desirability or otherwise of the proposed leasing (*Hon. Patrick A. Ikharaila and 20 Others*).

Debate:

Question put and negative.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Desertification Control Commission and Vest with the Responsibility for the Control and Management of Desertification; and for Related Matters, 2008** — *Second Reading: Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Desertification Control Commission and Vest with the Responsibility for the Control and Management of Desertification; and for Related Matters, 2008. be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mohammed A- Maifata*).

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 Environment.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Police Public Complaints Bureau with Powers to Investigate, Inquire, Recommend and Prosecute cases of EXTRA-JUDICIAL Killings, Human Rights Abuses, Unlawful Extortion by the Police and Other Related Matters, 2008** — *Second Reading: Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Police Public Complaints Bureau with Powers to Investigate, inquire, Recommend and Prosecute cases of Extra-Judicial Killings, Human Rights Abuses, Unlawful Extortion by the Police and Other Related Matters, 2008, be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Kayode Amman*).

Debate: - Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time, put and

negatived.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Students Union Activities (Control and Regulation) Act, Cap. S14 Laws of Federation 2004 to Empower Institutions Highest Governing Body to Sanction Students and Bodies and Remove Clauses which Infringe on the Fundamental Human Rights of Students, 2008** — *Second Reading: Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Students Union Activities (Control and Regulation) Act, Cap. S14 Laws of Federation 2004 to Empower Institutions Highest Governing Body to Sanction Students and Bodies and Remove Clauses which Infringe on the Fundamental Human Rights of Students, 2008, be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Iorwase H. Hembe*).

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 Education.

10. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday, 18 March, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Baba **Shehu** Agate*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.55 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur BankoJe
Speaker