



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 11 March, 2008

1. The House met at 11.20 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read Prayers.
2. Votes and Proceedings:
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that, he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 6 March, 2008.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. Announcements:
 - (i) *Visitors:*
Mr Deputy Speaker recognised the presence in the Chamber of four Hansard Reporters on attachment programme from the Ogun State House of Assembly.
 - (ii) *Death of the Emir of Katsina:*
Mr Deputy Speaker announced the death of the Emir of Katsina, Alh. Kabir Usman and called for a minute in silence in honour of the deceased.

A minute in silence was observed in honour of the deceased.
4. Petitions:
The following petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:
 - (i) Hon. Kolawole Ismaila (*Ila/Boluwaduro/Ifedayo Federal Constituency*), from Cpl. Olasunkanmi Babatunde, praying the House to investigate his alleged wrongful dismissal from the Nigeria Police Force, **with** a view to re-instating him;
 - (ii) Hon. Godfrey AH Gaiya (*Jaba/Zangon Kataf Federal Constituency*), from Sgt. Jacob Swam, praying the House to intervene on his alleged wrongful dismissal from the Nigeria Police Force and ensure obedience to the Court Order for his reinstatement;
 - (iii) Hon. Patrick Ikhariale (*Esan Cenirai/Esan West/Iguebcn Federal Constituency*), from Zecheri Enakhimion, praying the House to prevail on the Honourable Minister of Housing and Urban Development to release his certificate of occupancy;
 - (iv) Hon. Omo Christopher Isu (*Afikpo North/Afikpo Souih Federal Constituency*), from 47 former Staff of the National Orthopedic Hospital, Enugu, praying the House to intervene in their alleged wrongful dismissal from service and grant the reliefs sought therein.
5. Presentation of Bills:
 - (i) Nigerian Institute of Translators and Interpreters Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time.*

(ii) Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (Amendment) Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time.* (iii)

Chartered Institute for Training and Development of Nigeria Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time.*

6. Matters of Urgent Public Importance:

Pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 4 (1), (3), the following matters were brought before the House:

(a) Hon. Mohammed Sani Abdu referred to a publication in the Daily Trust Newspaper of Monday, 10 March, 2008 indicating that the staff of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) was planning to commence a nationwide strike action over the forceful ejection of the employees of PHCN from their quarters in Lagos by military personnel. He therefore urged the House to consider the matter as one of urgent public importance.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance, put and negatived.

(b) Hon. Folake Olunloyo Oshinowo also drew the attention of the House to the flood disaster occasioned in Ibadan Metropolis, the effect of which destroyed homes and properties of residents. She therefore urged the House to consider the matter as one of urgent public importance.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance, put and negatived.

7. Importation of Contaminated Fuel into the Country:

Motion made and Question proposed,
The House:

Notes the widely reported case of the importation of contaminated fuel into the country by one of the major marketers;

Worried that the blended premium motor spirit (pms) otherwise known as petrol contained, about 20 per cent ethanol, which is far higher than the 5 per cent tolerated blend ratio as recommended by relevant agencies including the Department of Petroleum Resources;

Disturbed that many Nigerians have suffered adversely as a result of this unfortunate incident with damages caused to their vehicles as a result of the use of the product;

Resolves to:

Mandate the House Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to conduct an investigative hearing on the matter by inviting all the relevant agencies including the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) and report back to the House within two (2) weeks {*Hon. Clever Ikisikpo and 18 Others*}.

Debate:

Question put and negatived.

8. Food Poisoning in Abwochichie — Bekwarra Local Government Area in Cross River State:

Motion made and Question proposed,
The House:

Notes the recent food Poisoning that occurred in Abuochiche town in Bekwarra Local Government Area in Cross River State in which over 500 people have been hospitalized and 15 others were reported dead;

Further notes that the test conducted on the victims by Medical Experts showed that the food poisoning was caused as a result of people eating 'moi-moi' (bean cake) prepared from beans preserved with poisonous chemicals believed to be preservatives;

Concerned that the incident if not immediately checked by the appropriate regulatory agency may soon spread to other parts of the country;

Disturbed that the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) has not totally succeeded in its war against the production and sale of fake drugs in the country and should therefore intensify its campaign against the wrong application of genuine drugs by the citizenry;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Health to expedite action in the completion of the on-going Model Primary Health Centers in each of the Local Government Area in the country;
- (if) Urge the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to ban the use of poisonous chemicals as food preservatives;
- (Hi) Urge National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to visit the Local Government Area with a view to assisting the victims;
- (iv) Urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources and State Ministries of Agriculture through their Extension Units to intensify the education of farmers on the appropriate methods of Food Preservation (*Hon. Paul Adah and 14 Others*).

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Leave out* all the words in Prayer (ii) (*Hon. Rufus Omeire*).

Question that the amendment be made put and negatived.

- (ii) In line 1 of Prayer (if), immediately after the word "to", *leave out* the word "ban" and **insert the** word "regulate" instead thereof (*Hon. Chille W. Igbawua*).

Question that the amendment be made put and negatived.

- (Hi) *Leave out* all the words in Prayer (iii) (*Hon. Chille W. Igbawua*).

Question that the amendment be made put and negatived.

Main Question put and negatived.

9. *Adjournment:*

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 12 March, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.47 p.m.

Usman Bayero Nafada
Deputy Speaker