



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 12 March, 2008

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1. The House met at 10.42 a.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**  
Mr Speaker announced that, he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 11 March, 2008.

*By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.*

*House in Executive Session* — 11.12 a.m.

*House in Plenary* — 12.12 p.m.

3. **Petition:**  
A petition was received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:  
  
Hon. Jerry S. Manwe (*Ardokola/Lau/Karmin Lamido Federal Constituency*), from Cpl Sardauna Andrew, praying the House to investigate his alleged wrongful dismissal from the Nigeria Police Force, with a view to re-instating him.

4. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**  
Pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 4, Hon. Patrick A. Ikhariale drew the attention of the House to recent publications in some Nigerian Newspapers indicating that the Federal Government had finalized arrangements to lease out four of the nation's International Airport. He noted that the concessions if carried out had serious adverse security implications. 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 agreed to.*

*Matter deferred till the next Legislative Day.*

5. **Presentation of Reports:**  
*Committee on Public Petitions:*  
  - (i) **Report on the Petition by Stephen Emegha:**  
*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Stephen Emegha against the Central Bank of Nigeria" (Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum).*

*Question put and agreed to. Report*

*Laid,*

(ii) **Report on the Petition by B. O. Umezina:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by B. O. Umezina on behalf of the Ezeobi, Okeke and Okpagu families of Nise, Anambra State against the Nigeria Police Force" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid.*

(iii) **Report on the Petition by Mr Babatunde A. Ezekiel:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Babatunde A. Ezekiel against the Industrial Training Fund (ITF)" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid.*

6. **Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on the 2008 Appropriation Bill:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That **this** House do receive the Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Reconsideration of the 2008 Appropriation Bill (*Hon. Usman Bayero Nafada*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

7. **Rescission of the Resolution of the House on Conference Report on the 2008 Appropriation Bill (Order IX, Rule 6:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*,

That the 2008 Appropriation Bill was passed by the House on Tuesday, 12 February, 2008 and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence;

The Senate passed the same **Bill** with some differential;

The Two Chambers met in Conference on Wednesday, 13 February, 2008 and adopted a harmonised version of the Bill;

The House adopted the Conference Report on 20 February, 2008;

Consequent upon the observations by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on some Heads of Estimates *via* a letter dated 22 February, 2008, the House constituted an *Ad-Hoc* Committee to examine the President's observations;

The Committee accordingly re-examined the observations and made necessary adjustments;

Resolved that:

The Resolution of the House (**HR. 10/2008**) on the Conference Report on the 2008 Appropriation Bill be rescinded to the extent of the adjustment in —

(a) Recurrent Expenditures:

- (i) Defence/Army/Air Force,
- (ii) Transportation,
- (iii) National Planning Commission,
- (iv) Senate,
- (v) House of Representatives,
- (vi) National Assembly General Services,
- (vii) Judgment Debts;

- (b) Capital Expenditures:
- (0) Agriculture and Water Resources,
  - (ii) Federal Capital Territory,
  - (iii) Health,
  - (iv) Interior,
  - (v) Science and Technology,
  - (vi) Transportation,
  - (vii) National Sports Commission,
  - (viii) National Planning Commission,
  - (ix) Code of Conduct Bureau,
  - (x) Police Service Commission,
  - (xi) National Assembly;
- (c) Clauses 8 and 13 and Clause 10 as amended (*Hon. Ira Enang*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report of the Joint Ad-Hoc Committee on the 2008 Appropriation Bill accordingly adopted (HR. 14/2008).*

8. State of Insecurity in the Country vis-a-vis Armed Robbery and Incessant Assassinations:

*Motion made and Question proposed,*  
The House:

*Notes* the alarming rate of armed robbery, and general insecurity in the Country;

*Worried* that Residents in the country, can no longer move freely to conduct their daily activities for fear of the incessant attacks by these armed bandits;

*Regrets* the recent assassination of our late colleague, Hon. Segun Oladimeji, Hon. Samuel Gonna, former Chairman of Kwali Area Council, Federal Capital Territory and the armed robbery attacks on various banks in the country;

*Recalls* the number of assassinations that have taken place in the past in the country without possible clues for the arrest of the perpetrators of these dastardly acts;

*Further regrets* the bad image these nefarious activities have given the country;

*Acknowledges* that every citizen has a right to be adequately protected by the Government as enshrined in the 1999 Constitution;

*Determined* to curb the menace of the men of the underworld and guarantee adequate protection for all Nigerians;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the House Committee on Police Affairs to ensure that the Inspector-General carry-out a detailed and thorough investigation into the assassination of late Hon. Segun Oladimeji and conclude investigations of other high profile assassinations in the country and report its findings to the House (*Hon. Mikail Al-Amin Bmitosahi and 28 Others*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and negatived.*

9. Need to Urgently Stem the Incessant Killing of Policemen while Escorting Bullion Van and Guarding the Bank Premises:

*Motion made and Question proposed,*

The House:

*Notes* the increase of armed robbery on banks premises and Bullion Vans as widely reported in our national dailies resulting in untimely death of Policemen guarding the banks;

*Worried* that on the average over 100 Policemen and Private Security Guards attached to banks are killed monthly as a result of these dastardly attacks;

*Further worried* that innocent lives have been lost and properties worth Millions of Naira are carted away as a result of these attacks;

*Disturbed* that a situation where Policemen attached to banks and those escorting Bullion Vans are prone to incessant attacks has instilled fear in the minds of innocent citizens going to these banks for transaction;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Joint Committee on Banking and Currency, Police Affairs and National Security and Intelligence to urgently investigate this ugly incident with a view to proffering solution and Report to the House within two weeks (*Hon. Patrick A. Ikhariale and 21 Others*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and negatived.*

10. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Council for Public Assistance to Widows, Dependent Children and Orphans, and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto, 2008 — *Second Reading:*  
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Council for Public Assistance to Widows, Dependent Children and Orphans, and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Arole Fancy*).

*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 Women Affairs and Youth Development.*

11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian LNG (Fiscal Incentive Guarantees and Assurances) Act, Cap. N87, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 — *Second Reading:*  
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian LNG (Fiscal Incentive Guarantees and Assurances) Act, Cap. N87, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Gbenga Oduwaiye*).

*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.*

12. Adjournment:  
That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 13 March, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

*Adjourned accordingly at 1.30 p.m.*