



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 30 January. 2008

1. The House met at 2:40 p.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker **announced** that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 29 January, 2008.
By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Announcement:**
Mr Speaker read a letter from Hon. Nasiru **Muhammed** as follows:

HON. NASIRU MUHAMMED
MEMBER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
Abuja Municipal/Bwari Federal
Constituency, F. C. T. Abuja.

29th January, 2008

*Rt. Hon. Speaker House of
Representatives National Assembly
Abuja*

SEASON'S GREETINGS AND WELL WISHES TO THE HOUSE

*Please accept to convey the greetings and well wishes to **all** the Honourable Members of the House of Representatives by the good people of Abuja Municipal/Bwari Federal Constituency.*

*We thank Almighty God for the very rare singular opportunity to be the Host Constituency for the Two Hallowed Chambers of the National Assembly, the symbol and epitome **of democracy in** Nigeria.*

We wish you many more God's guidance and protection to see you through Legislative Businesses of the New Year 2008 and beyond, successfully, memorably and remarkably, ameen.

Happy Sallah, Christmas and New Year!!!

(Signed)
HON. NASIRU MUHAMMAD
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
AMAC/BWARI FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY
FCT, ABUJA.

4. Petitions:

Three Petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

- (i) Hon. Monif Akindeni Fatai (*Oshodi - Isolo Federal Constituency*), from Mr G. D. Ajibade, praying the House to intervene in the alleged wrongful dismissal of 45 former staff of Nigeria **Railway** Corporation and grant the relief sought;
- (ii) Hon. Tsegba Tengu (*Gboko Tarka Federal Constituency*), from Shapera Chiv, praying the House to prevail in the alleged wrongful dismissal from the Nigerian Police and grant the relief sought;
- (iii) Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari (*Yabo, Shagari Federal Constituency*), from Benedict Olisa Ugbo, praying the House to investigate his alleged wrongful dismissal from the Federal Judicial Service Committee and grant the relief sought therein.

5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Hon. Gbenga Oduwaiye, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs drew the attention of the House to the post - election crisis that engulfed Kenya, for several weeks leading to loss of many lives in that country. He noted that the lives of many Nigerians resident in Kenya were endangered as a consequence, and stressed the need for their immediate evacuation. He sought the leave of the House to present a Substantive Motion the next Legislative Day.

Question that the matter be taken as one of urgent public importance, put and agreed to.

Suspension of Order VIII, Rule 7:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend Order VIII, Rule 7 to enable the matter to be debated forthwith (*Hon. Bala **Ibn** Na'Allah*).

Debate:

The House Divided;

Ayes - 187.

Noes — 0.

7. Political Crisis in Kenya:

*Motion made and Question **proposed**:*

The House,

Notes that there has been an internecine war with ethnic colouration in Kenya as a result of the last elections.

Further notes that this conflict like previous ones in Liberia, Equatorial Guinea, Sierra Leone has claimed many lives irrespective of tribe or status;

Aware that there are many Nigerians living in Kenya pursuing various interests.

Observes that many countries have evacuated their nationals or have concluded plans to do so.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government of Nigeria through the **Ministry** of Foreign Affairs to take urgent steps to evacuate all Nigerians living in Kenya;

- (if) further urge the Federal Government to furnish the House with the arrangements on the evacuation of Nigerians from Kenya (*Hon. Gbenga Oduoye, Hon. Oduwaiye Gbenga Aremo, Hon. Tata A. Omar, Hon. Yakubu Dogara, Hon. Sokonte Davies, Hon. O. B. Obadina, Hon. Kareen T. Abisodun, Hon. Peter Linus **Umoh**, Hon. Maimunat Adaji, Hon. Mohammed K. Darangi, Hon. Kalu Igu Uduma, Hon. Lynda C. Ikpeazu, Hon. Sada Soli Jibia, Hon. Bashir Adamu, Hon. **Kabiru** M. Achida, Hon. Ahmed Tsoho Kargi, Hon. Mohammed A. Saleh, Hon. **Halima** Hassan Tukur, Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha, Hon. Danlanu Hamza, Hon. Dahiru. **Tubairu**, Hon. Muhammed **Sam**).*

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

The House,

Noted that there had been an internecine war with **ethnic** colouration in Kenya as a result of the last elections.

Further noted that this conflict like previous ones in Liberia, Equatorial Guinea, Sierra Leone had claimed many lives irrespective of tribe or status;

Aware that there are many Nigerians living in Kenya and pursuing various interests. *Observed*

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- (if) further urge the Federal Government to furnish the House **with** the arrangements on the evacuation of Nigerians from Kenya (**HR. 05/2008**).

7. Presentation of Report:

Joint Committee on Federal Capital Territory and Housing and Habitat:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Federal Capital Territory and Housing and Habitat on the investigation of the Revocation of Sale of Federal Government Houses to Civil Servants" (*Hon. Atai Aidoko Alt*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. 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, 2007 — Second Reading:

Order read; deferred.

9. A Bill for an Act to Enforce the Provision of the National Building Code by Providing for the Punishment for Non-compliance with the Code and for Related Matters, 2008 — Second Reading:

Motion and Question proposed, "That a **Bill** for an Act to **Enforce** the Provision of the National Building Code by providing for the Punishment for Non-compliance with the Code and for Related Matters, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Isah Idris Umar*).

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 Housing and Habitat.

10. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Climate Change Commission of Nigeria for the Strategic Planning and Co-ordination of National Policies in the Field of Climate change and Energy and for Matters Connected Therewith, 200S — Second Reading:

Order read; deferred.

11. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 31 January, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akoguii*).

Adjourned accordingly at 4:40 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker