



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 18 January, 2006

1. The House met at 2.59 p.m. pursuant to adjournment. Mr Deputy Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, January 17, 2006.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcement:**
Transmission of Bill:
Mr Deputy Speaker read the following letter from the Acting Clerk, House of Representatives to the Clerk, Senate:

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*The Clerk,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly,
Abuja.*

RECEIVED

Office of the clerk_
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of

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO VEST AUTONOMY ON THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF ITS FINANCIAL AFFAIRS AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH, 2005 (HB. 85)

The House has passed the above Bill and transmits same to the Senate for concurrence.

2. *Kindly bring the notice of passage and request for concurrence to the attention of the Senate soonest.*
3. *A copy of the Bill signed by me and endorsed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives is attached, please.*

(Signed)
C. O. Nwosah
Ag. Clerk, House of Representatives,
21st October. 2005.

4. Petition:

A Petition was received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:

Hon. Edward Eta Ogon, from Mr Oko Austyn Araki, a former staff of the Nigeria Immigration Service, praying the House to prevail on the Organisation to pay him all his benefits.

5. **Presentation of Report:****Committee on Judiciary:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Judiciary on a Bill for an Act to Transfer from the Presidency to the National Judicial Council, Responsibility for the Administration and Payment of Pension, Gratuity and Other Retirement Benefits of Judicial Officers, 2005" (Hon. Bala Ibn Na'Allah).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

6. Restoration of **the Rule of Law and** Observance of **the** Constitution in Oyo State:

The House:

Notes the recent violation of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in the impeachment of Governor Rasheed Ladoja of Oyo State and recent political development in the State;

Condemns the role played by the Acting Chief Judge of the State in the impeachment process;

Further condemns the role played by the 18 members of the State House of Assembly in the impeachment process;

Emphasizes and reiterates the importance of obedience to the rule of law and the Constitution in the sustenance of our democracy;

Resolve to:

(i) *Call* on all authorities and persons to obey the rule of Law and thereof regard the Ruling/Judgement of the High Court of Oyo State declaring the impeachment of Governor Rasheed Ladoja of Oyo State null, void and of no effect;

(ii) *Request* the Inspector-General of Police to ensure the obedience to the orders of the Court and restore the security aides of the Governor and generally restore law and order in Oyo State;

(iii) *Continue to recognize* Senator Rasheed Ladoja as Governor of Oyo State under the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

(iv) *Further call* on the Chief Justice of the Federation and the National Judicial Council to investigate the propriety of the actions of the Oyo State Acting Chief Judge and sanction him as deemed appropriate (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila and 17 others).

Pursuant to Order IX, Rule (5), Mr Deputy Speaker referred the Motion to the Committees on Judiciary and Justice to advise the House on the next Legislative Day.

House in Executive Session — **3.45 p.m.**

House in Plenary — **5.40 p.m.**

7. **Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, January 19, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (Hon. Abdul Ningi).

Adjourned accordingly at 5.45 p.m.

Austin Opara
Deputy Speaker