



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 19 January, 2006

1. The House met at 11.12 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, January 18, 2006.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcement:**
Mr Speaker announced that the 1st National Summit on Disaster Management and Emergency Preparedness jointly organized by the House Committee on Disaster Management and the Presidency would hold from 24 to 27 January, 2006 at the Banquet Hall, Presidential Villa, Abuja. He urged Hon. Members to attend.

House in Executive Session — 11.16 a.m

House in Plenary — 11.45 a.m

4. **Joint Committee on Judiciary and Justice:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Judiciary and Justice on the Restoration of the Rule of Law and Observance of the Constitution in Oyo State" (Hon. Alex Nwofe).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

5. **Spate of Violation of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:**
Pursuant to the resolution of the House on Wednesday, 18 January, 2006 mandating the Joint Committee on Justice and Judiciary to examine the legal implication of a Motion on the Restoration of the Rule of Law and Observance of the Constitution in Oyo State, the Chairman of the Committee, Hon. Alex Nwofe reported that both the reliefs sought in the suit before the Court and the Resolution of the Motion before the House, were substantially the same.

Sequel to the above, and conscious of the Committee's impartial role in such matters without offending the established Rules of the House of Representatives as well as all the cherished principles of separation of powers in a democracy; Hon. Alex Nwofe moved that:

The House:

Notes the spate of violation of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in recent times;

Emphasizes and reiterates the importance of obedience to the Rule of Law and the Constitution which is *sine qua non* in the sustenance of democracy all over the world;

Resolves to:

Urge political office holders, Judicial Officers and Security Agencies in Oyo State and Nigeria generally to respect the Rule of Law and the Constitution in the discharge of their duties in the interest of our nascent democracy {*Hon. Alex Nwofe and Others*}.

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new prayer (ii) as follows:

"Call on the Inspector General of Police and other Security Agencies to faithfully obey and strictly comply with the Orders of the Courts already issued in the matter" (*Hon. Wunmi Bewaji*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Main Question put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted the spate of violation of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in recent times;

Emphasized and reiterated the importance of obedience to the Rule of Law and the Constitution which is *sine qua non* in the sustenance of democracy all over the world;

Resolved to:

- (i) *Urge* political office holders, Judicial Officers and Security Agencies in Oyo State and Nigeria generally to respect the Rule of Law and the Constitution in the discharge of their duties in the interest of our nascent democracy;
- (ii) *Call* on the Inspector-General of Police and other Security Agencies to faithfully obey and strictly comply with the Orders of the Courts already issued in the matter (**HR. 48/2006**).

6. Presentation of Reports:

- (i) *Committee on Banking and Currency:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Banking and Currency on a Bill for an Act to enable effect to be given in the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Agreement on the Establishment of the West African Monetary Zone (WAMZ); and Matters Connected Therewith" (*Hon. Clever Ikisikpo*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

- (ii) *Committee on Banking and Currency:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Banking and Currency on a Bill for an Act to Domesticate the Statute of the West African Central Bank (Ratification and Enforcement) Bill, 2005" (*Hon. Clever Ikisikpo*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

- (iii) *Committee on Marine Transport:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Marine Transport on a Bill for an Act to Enable Effect to be given in the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage 1969, as Amended; and Matters Connected Therewith" (*Hon. Emeka Ihedioha*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

- (iv) *Joint Committee on Petroleum Refineries, Petroleum Resources and Justice:*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Petroleum Refineries, Petroleum Resources and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Enable Effect to be Given in the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage 1971, as Amended; and Matters Connected Therewith" (Hon. Emeka Ihedioha).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

7. A Bill for an Act to Make Provision for the Establishment of the Nigeria Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI); and Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2005 (HB. 137) — Third Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Make Provision for the Establishment of the Nigeria Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI); and Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2005 (HB.137) be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Abdul Ningi).

Question that the Bill be now read the Third Time, put and agreed to. Bill

read the Third Time and Passed.

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Petroleum Act, Cap. 350, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 1990; and for Related Purposes, 2005 (HB.130) — Third Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Petroleum Act, Cap. 350, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 1990; and for Related Purposes, 2005 (HB. 130) be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Abdul Ningi).

Question that the Bill be now read the Third Time, put and agreed to. Bill

read the Third Time and Passed.

9. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn **till** Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (Hon. Abdul Ningi).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.30 p.m.

Aminu **Bello Masari**
Speaker