



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 21 February, 2006

1. - ~- The House met at 11.17 a.m., Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, February 16, 2006.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Message:**
Mr Speaker read a Message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

February 14, 2006.

*Honourable Aminu Bello Masari,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
House of Representatives, National
Assembly Complex, Abuja.*

Dear Hon. Speaker,

**PRESENTATION OF AN AMENDED BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH
THE NIGERIA FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT FOR RECEIVING,
ANALYSING AND DISSEMINATING FINANCIAL AND OTHER
INFORMATION AND FOR OTHER MATTERS
CONNECTED THEREWITH**

Honourable Members of the House of Representatives may wish to recall that vide my letter Ref. No. PRES/134 of June 28, 2005, I forwarded to the House, for consideration and passage into law, a Bill which seeks for an Act to establish the Nigeria Financial Intelligence Unit as a central body in Nigeria responsible for receiving and analysing financial and other information as well as disseminating same to all law enforcement agencies and other appropriate authorities.

Following subsequent discussions with officials of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and consultation with stakeholders in Nigeria, it was considered necessary to effect some amendments in the Bill aimed at meeting the full requirements of the FATF and strengthening the autonomy of the NFIU for maximum efficiency. Consequently, I am glad to forward herewith, an amended copy of the Bill which is to replace the one currently pending before the House of Representatives.

As earlier stressed in my letter under reference, the need for the House to urgently consider and pass this Bill into law can hardly be overemphasised. This is having regard, to the fact that the establishment of an autonomous NFIU remains a necessary prerequisite in getting Nigeria de-listed by the FATF.

In the same vein, I also wish to urge the Honourable Members to expedite action on the consideration and passage of the Bill for an Act to amend the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act, 2004, earlier forwarded vide my letter Ref. No. PRES/134 of June 30, 2005., This Bill is aimed at bringing the provisions of the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act 2004 in line with the provisions of the new Bill on the establishment of an autonomous NFIU.

While urging the House of Representatives for its cooperation in ensuring a speedy and simultaneous passage of these Bills, please accept the assurances of my highest esteem and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)
OLUSEGUNOBASANJO

Copy to:

- Special Adviser to the President on National Assembly

4. Announcements:

(i) Visitors:

Mr Speaker recognized the presence, in the Gallery of:

- (a) Members of the Legislative Arm of the Ovia North-East Local Government Council, Okada, Edo State; and
- (b) Staff and Students of Citadel International College, Ikare-Akoko, Edo State.

(ii) Bereavement:

Mr Speaker announced with regret, the death of the mother of Hon. Gabriel Y. B. Fom (KSM). She would be buried on Friday, 24 February, 2006.

- 5. A Bill for an Act to Authorize the Issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of N1,899,987,922,467 (One Trillion, Eight Hundred and Ninety-Nine Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven Million, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty-Seven Naira) only of which the sum of N91,610,000,000 (Ninety-One Billion, Six Hundred and Ten Million Naira) only is for Statutory Transfers and the sum of N289,500,000,000 (Two Hundred and Eighty-Nine Billion, Five Hundred Million Naira) only is for Debt Service, while the sum of N950,321,044,808 (Nine Hundred and Fifty Billion, Three Hundred and Twenty-One Million, Forty- Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eight Naira) only is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure and the balance of N568,556,877,659 (Five Hundred and Sixty-Eight Billion, Five and Fifty-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Fifty-Nine Naira) only is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure of the Government of the Federation for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2006 — Third Reading:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of N1 ,899,987,922,467 (One Trillion, Eight Hundred and Ninety-Nine Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven Million, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty-Seven Naira) only of which the sum of N91,610,000,000 (Ninety-One Billion, Six Hundred and Ten Million Naira) only is for Statutory Transfers and the sum of N289,500,000,000 (Two Hundred and Eighty-Nine Billion, Five Hundred Million Naira) only is for Debt Service, while the sum of N950,321,044,808 (Nine Hundred and Fifty Billion, Three Hundred and Twenty-One Million, Forty- Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eight Naira) only is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure and the balance of N568,556,877,659 (Five Hundred and Sixty-Eight Billion, Five and Fifty-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Fifty-Nine Naira) only is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure of the Government of the Federation for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2006 be read a Third Time" (Hon. Gilbert Nnaji).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

(SPECIAL SESSION IN HONOUR OF LATE HON. NSINI A. UMOSSOH)

6. Admittance to the Chamber:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That pursuant to Standing Order XVI, Rule 4, this House do admit members of the family and close relations of the late Hon. Nsini A. Umossoh to the Chamber for a Special Session (Hon. Gilbert Nnaji)_. _..

Question put and agreed to.

Family and close relations accordingly admitted to the Chamber.

Motion made and Question proposed,

The House:

Receives with sadness and sorrow, the news of the death of Hon. Nsini A. Umossoh (Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udiom/Obot Akara) Federal Constituency, which occurred on 28 January, 2006;

Deeply regrets the untimely death of this promising Nigerian at a time he had carved out a political niche for himself and was poised to deliver the dividends of democracy to his Constituents his State, and Nigeria;

In view of the loss of this eminent Nigerian to his people, the National Assembly and Nigeria, this House do pay Tributes to the departed in a Special Session, empathize with his family, condole the Government and people of Akwa Ibom State and pray for the repose of his soul (Hon. Gilbert Nnaji).

Condolence Address by the Hon. Speaker:

*Hon. Members, we are once again gathered in this hallowed Chamber to mourn the death of one of us, **Hon. Nsini Umossoh**, and to pay our Tributes to him.*

Barely a week now, we received, with shock, the news of the demise of our Colleague, after a prolonged illness. We all knew him to be a gentleman and an accomplished man in his own right.

Before he was elected to the House of Representatives in 2003, late Hon. Umossoh served the people of Akwa Ibom State in various capacities and left behind legacies for which he would be remembered. In recognition and appreciation of his contributions to the development of Akwa Ibom State he was elected to the House of Representative in 2003.

In the House, he served on the Committees on Banking and Currency; Inter-Parliamentary, Solid Minerals, Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and Integration in Africa. Hon. Nsini A. Umossoh, was a very active member of these Committees and would be remembered for his brilliant and courageous contributions. Hon. Umossoh believed in and worked for the unity and progress of this country.

He was indeed remarkable for his quiet and amiable disposition in and out of the Chamber. He was a very good team player and he related very well with his Colleagues in this House. We shall miss him.

I pray that God Almighty would grant the family he left behind the courage and fortitude to bear the loss of their illustrious son and the breadwinner, and grant his soul eternal peace.

Last Friday, I, the House Leader, some Members representing Akwa Ibom State in this House and other sympathisers visited the deceased's family compound in his village. We met his aged parents, brothers, sisters and children and commiserated with them on your behalf. We also assured them that the Deputy Speaker would lead a delegation of the House to the funeral ceremony on Friday, 24 February, 2006.

HON. NSINI A. UMOSSOH

(TRIBUTES)

End of Tributes

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12.30 p.m.

(Hon. Musa Wuyep rendered prayers for the peaceful repose of the souls of Hon. Nsini A. Umossoh and the mother of Hon. Gabriel Y. B. Fom).

Main Question put and agreed to.

Resolved that: The House:

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7. *Adjournment:*

That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Gilbert Nnaji*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.35 p.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker