



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 16 March, 2006

1. The House met at 12.44 p.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Late Commencement of Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker apologized and attributed the late commencement of Proceedings to the ceremonies associated with the Opening of the on-going Summit of Women Parliamentarians.
3. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, , March 15, 2006.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

4. **Oaths of Allegiance and Membership:**
Member-elect, Christian Chidozie Okeke (*Idemili North/South*) Federal Constituency, Anambra State, took and subscribed the Oaths as prescribed by law.
5. Announcement:
Obituary:
Mr Speaker announced that he had received a communication from Hon. George Ford Nwosu, informing the House of the death of Hon. Samuel Oluo, Member, House of Representatives (*Eche Omuna*) Federal Constituency, 1992 - 1993 on Tuesday, 21 February, 2006.
6. **Petitions:**
Two petitions were received and referred to the House Committee on Public Petitions.
 - (i) Hon. Binta Garba, from Mr Anthony Irekpen and 20 others, former staff of KRPC (NNPC), praying the House to prevail on the NNPC to convert the termination of their appointments to retirement;
 - (ii) Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum, from Emeka Obi Okoye, Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer DDO Liquid Resources Ltd, praying the House to investigate the Abuja Bus Shuttle Concession Bidding by the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) with a view to granting the relief sought therein.

Hon. Moses Ado Okino, sought to present a petition challenging the inclusion of his name in the Order Paper of Wednesday, 15 March, 2006 as one of the co-sponsors of a Motion titled "Commendation for the Speedy Passage of the 2006 Appropriation Bill" without his consent. He dissociated himself from the Motion and prayed the House to investigate the issues raised in his petition.

Rising on a Point of Order, Hon. Halims Agoda claimed that the purported petition by Hon. Moses Okino was in breach of Standing Order VIII, Rule 3 (5) and should not be entertained by the House.

Matter referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges for determination.

7. Commendation for the Speedy Passage of the 2006 Appropriation Bill:

Motion made and Question proposed,

The House:

Notes that the 2006 Budget was diligently and speedily considered and passed by the National Assembly;

Observes that the President, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo assented to the 2006 Appropriation Bill within a reasonable time;

Appreciates the increases in the 2006 Budget Estimates for critical sectors, namely: Education, Health and Agriculture among others, which are the direct fruits of collaboration and cooperation between the Executive and the National Assembly;

Resolves to:

- (i) *Commend* the two Houses of the National Assembly for their prompt and patriotic consideration and passage of the 2006 Appropriation Act;
- (ii) *Equally commend* the President of the Federation for his speedy assent to the 2006 Appropriation Act;
- (iii) *Urge* the President and Commander-in-Chief to fully implement the 2006 Appropriation Act;
- (iv) *Further urge* all persons exercising Legislative or Executive powers to treat all future Annual Budgets in the same speedy manner as the 2006 Appropriation Act {*Hon. Abdullahi Umar Faruk and 5 others*}.

Debate:

Main Question put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the 2006 Budget was diligently and speedily considered and passed by the National Assembly;

Observed that the President, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo assented to the 2006 Appropriation Bill within a reasonable time;

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- (iii) *Urge* the President and Commander-in-Chief to fully implement the 2006 Appropriation Act;
- (iv) *Further urge* all persons exercising Legislative or Executive powers to treat all future Annual Budgets in the same speedy manner as the 2006 Appropriation Act (*HR. 50/2006*).

8. Adjournment:

And it being 2.41 p.m., the House adjourned till Tuesday, 28 March, 2006 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 2.41 p.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker