



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 15 March, 2006

1. The House met at 2.25 p.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. Votes and Proceedings:
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, March 9, 2006.

.By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. Announcement:
Defection:
Mr Speaker read the following communication from Hon. Aina Tugbobo (*Ikeja Federal Constituency*), Lagos State:

15/3/06

Hon. Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja



Ikeja "Federal Constituency, Lagos State
House of Representatives
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.

Mr Speaker Sir,

CHANGE OF POLITICAL PARTY FROM ALLIANCE, FOR DEMOCRACY (AD) TO PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDP).

The above subject matter refers.

I write to formally notify Mr Speaker, Honourable Members and indeed the National Assembly of the recent change of my political party; that is from the Alliance for Democracy (AD) to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

The protracted and incurable factionalisation of the AD informed my decision to opt for the PDP which is a more accommodating party. The PDP has regard for its' members, no matter the position held and the oneness of the party despite its' size.

May I thank you Mr Speaker and Honourable Members for your support and understanding.

Please receive the assurances of my highest esteem.

(Signed)

HON. AINA TUGBOBO.

Ikeja Federal Constituency.

4. Petition:

A petition was received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

Hon. Mao Ohliabunwa, from the Association of Elected Councillors, Vice-Chairmen and Chairmen of Local Government Councils, Abia State (1999 - 2002), praying the House to intervene in the non payment of their outstanding salaries, allowances and entitlements by the Abia State Government.

5. 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 Vmar Faruk and 200 others).*

Following the controversy that trailed the motion, Mr Speaker, in his ruling, ordered the lead sponsor, Hon. Abdullahi Umar Faruk to obtain the names and signatures of other co-sponsors This Day. Consideration of motion deferred to Thursday, 16 March, 2006.

5. A Bill for an Act to Authorize the Issue From the Federation Account, the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federal Government and the internally generated Revenue Account of the Federal Capital Territory: the Sum of N53,920,000,000.00 (Fifty-Three Billion, Nine Hundred and Twenty Million Naira) only of which the Sum of N13,208,429,542.00 (Thirteen Billion, Two Hundred and Eight Million, Four Hundred and Twenty-Nine Thousand, Five hundred and Forty-Two Naira) only is for Personnel Costs and N5,754,629,550.00 (Five Billion, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Four Million, Six Hundred and Twenty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty Naira) only is for Overhead Costs, while the Balance of N35,361,102,158.00 (Thirty-Five Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty-one Million, One Hundred and Two Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty-Eight Naira) only is for Capital Projects for the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the Year Ending 31st December, 2006 — *Second Reading:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Issue From the Federation Account, the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federal Government and the internally generated Revenue Account of the Federal Capital Territory: the Sum of N53,920,000,000.00 (Fifty-Three Billion, Nine Hundred and Twenty Million Naira) only of which the Sum of N13,208,429,542.00 (Thirteen Billion, Two Hundred and Eight Million, Four Hundred and Twenty-Nine Thousand, Five hundred and Forty-Two Naira) only is for Personnel Costs and N5,754,629,550.00 (Five Billion, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Four Million, Six Hundred and Twenty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty Naira) only is for Overhead Costs, while the Balance of N35,361,102,158.00 (Thirty-Five Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty-one Million, One Hundred and Two Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty-Eight Naira) only is for Capital Projects for the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the Year Ending 31st December, 2006 be now read a Second Time (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

referred-to me Joint committee on federal Capital Territory and Appropriations.

6. *Adjournment:*

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, March 16, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Adjourned accordingly at 3.19 p.m.,

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker