



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 30 August, 2006

1. The House met at 2:35 p.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. Votes and Proceedings:
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 29 August, 2006.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. Announcement:
Lagos State House of Assembly Resolution on the Lagos State Infrastructure Project, Vide the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday 23 August 2006.

Referred to the Committee on Works for further legislative action.
4. Petitions:
Two Petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

(0 Hon. Mba Ajah, from the National Association of Nigerian Importers (NANI) praying the House to investigate the alleged illegal Auctioning, Seizure and Sales of goods imported by its Members by the Customs and the Task Force on Ports Decongestion and grant the reliefs sought therein.

(ii) Hon. S.H. Koshedo, from Dr. Olu Moses Mofunlewi, praying the House to investigate the circumstances of his compulsory retirement from the Service of the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation with a view to re-instating him.
5. *Executive Session:* — 2:40 p.m.

House in Plenary: — 4:07 p.m.
6. Presentation of Reports:
(i) *Committee on Banking and Currency:*

Motion made and Question proposed: "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Banking and Currency on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigerian Act, 1990 and Re-Enact the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigerian; and Matters Connected therewith, 2005 (HB. 161)". {Hon. CleverIkisikpo).

Question put and agreed to. Report

Laid.

(ii) **Joint Committee on Special Duties, National Emergency and Disaster Management:**

Motion made and Question proposed: "That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Special Duties, National Emergency and Disaster Management on the Investigation into the Wanton Killings and Destruction of Properties in Ika Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State" (Hon. George Thompson Sekibo).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. **A Nigerian Footballer Sentenced to Death in Singapore:**

The House:

Informed that Amara Tochi Iwuchukwu, a 19 year old Nigerian Footballer was arrested at Changi Airport on 27 November, 2004 in Singapore for allegedly being in possession of a substance suspected to be Heroin, a prohibited drug;

Further informed that he was subsequently sentenced to death by a Singapore High Court;

Worried that the Appeal Court in Singapore has confirmed the death sentence passed on the Nigeria footballer;

Disturbed that the refusal by the President of Singapore to grant clemency to the convict would expose Iwuchukwu to imminent execution by hanging, more so as the country is noted for having the highest rate of executions in the world;

Resolves to:

(0 call on the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR to intercede **with** the President of Singapore to grant Iwuchukwu clemency on the ground that he was 18 years old at the time of his arrest and the fact that he is a first offender:

(ii) Urge the Parliament of Singapore and the commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) to intercede with the President of Singapore to grant amnesty to Iwuchukwu.

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in prayer (ii) (Hon. Terngu Tsegba).

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

Question as amended, put and negatived.

8. **Adoption of Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to provide for the repeal of the National Boundary Commission, etc. Act, Cap. 238 LFN 1990 and among other Things, to Establish a new national Boundary Commission with more Powers and Functions; and for Related Matters, 2006:**

Motion made and Question Proposed: That a **Bill** for an Act to provide for the repeal of the National Boundary Commission, etc. Act, Cap. 238 LFN 1990 and among other Things, to Establish a new national Boundary Commission with more Powers and Functions; and for Related Matters, 2006:

The House:

On 1 March, 2006 passed the National Boundary Commission (Establishment, etc.) **Bill. 2006**

The **Conference** Committee met to resolve the differences arising therefrom and accepted a harmonized version of **the** Bill;

A clean copy of the Conference Report is ready for Presentation and Adoption;

Resolves, to adopt the Conference Report on the National Boundary Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2006. {Hon. George Thompson Sekibo}.

Question put and Agreed to.

9. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday 31 August, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Gilbert Nnaji*).

Adjourned accordingly at 5:07p.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker