



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 8 August, 2006

1. **The House met at 10.35 a.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.**
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Second Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 7 June, 2006.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Oaths of Allegiance and Membership:**
Member-elect, Abubakar Abubakar (*Gombe/Funakaye/Kwami*) Federal Constituency, Gombe State took and subscribed the Oaths as prescribed by law.
4. **Address by the Rt. Hon. Aminu Bello Masari, Speaker, House of Representatives at the Commencement of the Fourth Session of the Second Assembly of the Fourth Republic:**
Mr Speaker addressed the House as follows:

Hon. Members,

On Wednesday, 7th June, 2006, this Honourable House adjourned for recess at the end of the Third Legislative Session. I wish to most heartily welcome all of you to the Fourth and final Session of this Assembly. I hope that the recess period offered us another opportunity to interact with our constituents, obtain their views on political, economic and social developments in the country, feel their pulse, and explain the efforts of this august House at improving their lot and building a better Nigeria for them, and to reflect deeply on our achievements so far as a Legislative body and as individual Members.

As a critical branch of Government, we must rededicate ourselves to the service of the nation. In my Address to mark the end of the Third Legislative Session, I urged all the relevant Committees of the House to actively monitor sectoral implementation and to submit their mid term appraisals of such implementation including impediments to the House for consideration as soon as we resumed. I also reminded the Committee on Appropriations to demand of the Minister of Finance, the Governor of the Central Bank and the Accountant-General of the Federation, submission of periodical reports on the implementation of the 2006 Appropriation Act, the status of regular accounts and the excess crude account to the National Assembly before resumption. These reports would not only acquaint the House with developments in the management of the national economy, they would also assist the House in drawing attention to perceived lapses, leakages, misappropriation and mismanagement wherever they occurred. As a Legislative body, it is our constitutional duty to effectively monitor the implementation of every annual budget approved by the National Assembly as it is only through this instrument that development can reach the people who have elected us to serve them.

I also wish to seize this opportunity to draw attention to the many Bills pending before this august House and the need for the Committees to which they were referred to report the Bills without delay for consideration and passage. In my end of Session address on June 7, 2006, and published in the Votes and Proceedings in

your possession, I expressed concern about the Public Procurement Bill, the Fiscal Responsibility Bill and the Revenue Allocation (Federation Accounts) Bill among others which have not been reported to the House. As we are resuming today, the Committees are urged to submit their reports before the end of the month — failing which the Rules and Business Committee would be directed to list for consideration in the Committee of Whole, all Bills committed to Standing or Special/Ad-Hoc Committees and pending in these Committees for up to six months. Progress must be recorded on these Bills in the next two weeks for their onward transmission to the Senate for concurrence on its resumption from recess. I am not unmindful of the fact that preparations for elections in 2007 are gathering momentum but this development should not slow down the activities of the House. Indeed, I am happy to note that this August House has impacted positively towards improving the quality of life in this country through the passage of people oriented legislations.

I also wish to urge all the Standing Committees to intensify their oversight functions over Ministries, Departments and Agencies under their respective jurisdictions. These bodies are accountable to the House as the House is accountable to the electorate. In due course, all the Standing Committees would be required to present their score cards to the House for assessment of their performance in Plenary Sessions.

Hon. Members, today marks the commencement of the fourth and final Session of this Assembly. I thank God for bringing all of us back safely and I pray that His Grace and favours would see us through to the end of the Session.

Nigeria is an emerging democracy and there is no going back in our collective resolve to continue to work towards consolidating the gains of our nascent democracy and to leave behind an enduring legacy.

Once more, you are welcome back and may God continue to bless Nigeria and its people.

5. Messages:

Mr Speaker read the following Messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria: (0



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

13 June, 2006

Senator Ken Nnamani,
President of the Senate, Senate
Chambers, National Assembly
Complex, Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Dear President of the Senate,

1CJ JUDGEMENT: AGREEMENT BETWEEN NIGERIA AND CAMEROON

I hereby attach the Agreement between Nigeria and Cameroon on the modalities of implementation of International Court of Justice, ICJ, judgement on the land and maritime dispute between Nigeria and Cameroon.

"I also attach a map signed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and Presidents of Nigeria and Cameroon as an appendix to the Agreement.

I would appreciate your expeditious ratification of the Agreement, please.

Accept the assurances of my highest consideration. Yours Sincerely

(Signed) OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO

Copy to:

0 Hon. Speaker, House of Representatives. S
0 Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs
0 Attorney-General of the Federation
0 Governor of Cross River State
0 Secretary to the Government of the Federation

STATE HOUSE,
ABUJA,
NIGERIA.

Reference: PRES/134/97/87/111/226/24/72-2/65-1

June 26, 2006

The President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers, National
Assembly Complex, Abuja.

S The Honourable Speaker,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.

The Chief of Justice of Nigeria,
Supreme Court of Nigeria, Abuja.

The Attorney General of the Federation
& Honourable Minister of Justice
Ministry of Justice, Federal Secretariat,
Abuja.

The Honourable Minister,
Federal Ministry Finance,
Abuja.

The Governor,
Central Bank of Nigeria,
Abuja.

The Chairman,
Independent Corrupt Practices
& Other Related Offences Commission,
Abuja.

The Inspector General of Police,
The Nigeria Police, Police
Headquarters, Abuja.

The Chairman,
Economic and Financial Crimes Commission,
Presidential Villa,
Abuja.

The Principal Secretary to the President,
State House,
Abuja.

Reference:

A. Letter dated 23 June, 2006 by Prof. Kader Asmal, President, Financial Action Task Force,
FATE, France.

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/ am directed to forward Reference A to you and to convey to Mr President's directives on page 2.

2. *Humbly submitted for your further action, Sir.*

*. (Signed)
Taiwo Ojo
Special Assistant to the President*

Enclosure:

1. *Copy of Reference A*

Copy to:

Internal Information

COS - President

PS - President

External Information:

SGF

Copies of the Agreement ordered to be made available to Members.



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

PRES/134

20 June 2006.

*The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.*

Dear Hon. Speaker,

**PRESENTATION OF YEAR 2006 BUDGET OF THE
NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

I am forwarding herewith the 2006 Budget of the Niger Delta Development Commission for consideration and approval by the House of Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

While it will be most appreciated if the budget is given urgent consideration and approval, please accept, Mr Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely

*(Signed) OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO*

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PRESIDENT,

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

27 June 2006

*The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone, Asokoro -
Abuja.*

Dear Hon. Speaker,

**PRESENTATION OF THE NATIONAL CONSUMER
REGULATORY COMMISSION BILL**

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the House, the attached Bill for an Act for the establishment of the National Consumer Credit Regulatory Commission (NOCRO) for the general regulation of consumer credit and information in Nigeria, registration of credit bureau and credit providers, promotion of fair access to consumer credit and economic empowerment of Nigerians, prohibition of unfair credit marketing practices and other matters connected therewith,

I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Honourable Members of the House as it is a very important component of our economic reform and development agenda.

Yours Sincerely

*(Signed) OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO*



PRESIDENT,

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

7 July 2006

*The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone, Asokoro -
Abuja.*

Dear Hon. Speaker,

**PRESENTATION OF THE MERCHANT
SHIPPING BILL 2006**

Please find attached herewith the Merchant Shipping Bill 2006 for formal consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives.

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/ hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Honourable Members of the House,

Yours Sincerely

(Signed)
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

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PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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17 July 2006

*The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone, Asokoro -
Abuja,*

Dear Hon. Speaker,

*PRESENTATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
NATIONAL IDENTITY MANAGEMENT
COMMISSION BILL*

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives, the attached Bill for and Act to make provisions for the establishment of a National Identity Database and the National Identity Management Commission charged with the responsibilities for the maintenance of the national database, the registration of individuals, and the issuance of general multipurpose identity cards and for matters connected therewith.

I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Honourable Members of the House.

Yours Sincerely

(Signed)
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

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PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

31 July 2006

*The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone, Asokoro -
Abuja.*

Dear Hon. Speaker,

A BILL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, 2006

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives, the attached Bill which seeks to establish the Federal Capital Territory College of Education and charged with the responsibility to, among other things:

- (a) *Provide full-time courses in teaching, instruction and training:*
 - (i) *in technology, applied science, commerce, arts, social sciences and technology, humanities and management;*
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 - (ii) *in such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of the development of Nigeria;*
 - (iii) *research in the development and adaptation of techniques as the Council may from time to time determine.*
- (b) *conduct courses in education for qualified teachers;*
- (c) *arrange conferences, seminars and workshop in relevant fields of learning; and*
- (d) *perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council which may promote the objectives of the College.*

I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention; of Honourable Members of the House.

Yours Sincerely

(Signed) OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO

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PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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31 July 2006

*The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone, Asokoro -
Abuja.*

Dear Hon. Speaker,

A BILL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY AGENCY
FOR MASS EDUCATION

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives, the attached Bill which seeks, among other things, to establish the Federal Capital Territory Agency for Mass Education to develop in the adults within the Federal Capital Territory, the ability to use skills acquired to enhance their social and physical status.

hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Honourable Members of the House.

Yours Sincerely

(Signed)

OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

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PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

31 July 2006

The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone, Asokoro -
Abuja.

Dear Hon. Speaker,

A BILL FOR THE ENACTMENT OF THE
MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES ACT, 2006

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives, the attached Bill for an Act to repeal the Miscellaneous Offences Act NO. 20, 1984 and enact the Miscellaneous Offences Act 2006 to abolish life sentence and provide for other related matters.

I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Honour able Members of the House.

Yours Sincerely

(Signed)

OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

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PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

2 August 2006

The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone, Asokoro -
Abuja.

Dear Hon. Speaker,

NATIONAL MARITIME ADMINISTRATION
AND SAFETY BILL, 2006

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives, the attached Bill which seeks to provide, among other things, for the establishment

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of National Maritime Administration and Safety Agency and to provide for the administration of maritime safety and security, maritime labour, pollution of the marine environment, shipping registration and commercial shipping.

I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Honourable Members of the House.

Yours Sincerely,

*(Signed) OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO*

6. Announcements:

Mr Speaker read the following communications from the Secretary to the Government of the Federation and the office of the Permanent Secretary, Ecological Fund:



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION
THE PRESIDENCY, FEDERAL SECRETARIAT, SHEHU SHAGARI WAY,
ABUJA - NIGERIA

Website: www.osgf.gov.ng E-mail: info@osgf.gov.ng

Reference: SGF. 22/S. 16/276

- 09-5233540

21st July, 2006

Mallam Nasiru 1. Arab,
Clerk to the National Assembly,
National Assembly,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

**GENERAL INSECURITY IN ABIA STATE DUE TO INCESSANT
ARMED ROBBERY (HR.5512006)**

I refer to your letter Ref No. NASS/CHR/020/VOL.IX/46 of 29th June, 2006 on the above subject and write to inform you that the resolution of the House was brought to the attention of Mr President, who directed that copies of the Governor of Abia State's letter dated 2nd June, 2006; Mr President's reply Ref. No. PRES/44 of 13th June, 2006; Governor's subsequent reaction dated 19th June, 2006; and the National Security Adviser's reply to the Governor's letter Ref. No. NSA/OPS/337/S of 28th June, 2006 should be forwarded to the House for their information.

2. Accordingly, I forward herewith, copies of the relevant correspondence on the subject for necessary further action.

(Signed)

Chief U. J. Ekaette, CFR, mni
Secretary to the Government of the Federation.

Copies of all the correspondence on the subject matter ordered to be made available to Members.

**(ii) OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARY
ECOLOGICAL FUND**

Tel/fax: 09-2345540



THE PRESIDENCY
FEDERAL SECRETARIAT COMPLEX II
BLOCK C, FIRST FLOOR
SHEHU SHAGARI WAY,
P.M.B. 9
ABUJA

EF/SEFCP/S.1/VOL.II/357

20th July, 2006

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation,
Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation,
Federal Secretariat, Phase I,
Abuja.

RE: DEVASTATING EROSION IN AUCHI AND ITS ENVIRONS
HR. 53/2 006

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter Ref No. 59495/S.1/T 151 dated 13th July, 2006 forwarding a copy of the House of Representatives Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 25th May, 2006, which, among other things, relates to the above subject matter.

2. I am to inform you that at the instance of Mr. President, the Ecological Fund Office submitted an up-to-date report on the Auchi gully erosion project vide its letter no. HMIGA/SD/10/VI/363 of 51 April, 2006, a copy of which is attached hereto as Annex I.

3. In the report, it was indicated that the Auchi Gully Erosion Project which was financed through the Ecological Fund Office commenced in 2001 under the supervision of the Benin-Owena River Basin Development Authority. After reaching a stage of 30%, the project was stalled due to the project manager's tardiness and lack of foresight. The project was therefore, consequently terminated. Sequel to an appeal to Mr. President by the Otaru of Auchi, the project was re-estimated at the cost of N1.8 Billion. However, because of paucity of funds, the President graciously approved the sum of N600 million to address the most critical aspects of the Auchi erosion problems.

4. Following this approval, the Executing Agency, Benin-Owena River Basin Development Authority, commenced the pre-qualification of companies that will tender for the project in accordance with the extant due process guidelines. However, the Executing Agency undertook the pre-qualification procedures based on the whole project, which was estimated in the sum of N2.2 billion. This was in far excess of the sum approved by the President. Accordingly, the Ecological Fund Office requested them to limit the scope to the financial approval granted by the President which will be regarded as phase 1 of the Auchi Erosion Control Project. Thereafter, the Executing Agency submitted an extracted bill of N598,322,842.09.

5. Having concluded the pre-qualification of companies for the project, the Executing Agency has commenced the tender procedures for the project, and will thereafter submit the evaluation results of such tenders to the Ecological Fund Office for on-ward transmission to the Budget Monitoring and Price Intelligence Unit, BMPIU, for review and certification, after which a memorandum will be presented to the Federal Executive Council for approval. A copy of an invitation to this Office, to participate in the Tender Opening and Analysis by the Benin Owena River Basin Development Authority held on 5th July, 2006 is attached as Annex 111.

6. Please accept the assurances of the Honourable Minister's highest regards.

(Signed) Elizabeth B. P.
Emuren (Mrs)
Permanent Secretary

CC: Clerk to the National Assembly,
National Assembly, Three Arms
Zone, Abuja.

Above for your information and necessary guidance with reference to your letter no. NASS/CHR/020/VOL.IX/24 of 13th June, 2006, please.

(Signed) Elizabeth
B. P. Emuren (Mrs)
Permanent Secretary

- (iii) *Appointment:*
Mr Speaker also read a letter from Hon. H. A. B. Fasinro (*Eti-Osa Federal Constituency*), Lagos State:

HABEEB ADEKUNLE B FASINRO
Honourable Member
Representing
Eti-Osa Federal Constituency



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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July 13, 2006

*The Hon. Speaker, House
of Representatives,
National Assembly, Abuja.*

Sir,

**APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, WEST AFRICAN
CHAPTER OF THE PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK ON THE
WORLD BANK (PNOWB)**

I write to inform you that I have been elected as the Deputy Chairman, West African Chapter of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank (PNoWB) at the recent meeting of the body held in Bamako, Mali.

Created in early 2000 as a small informal network, PNoWB has grown to include members from some 110 countries. The Network has expanded through the creation of four national and regional chapters in India, East Africa, Japan and Middle East/North Africa with the objective of promoting and supporting the work of parliamentarians in the design, implementation and monitoring of development policies and advocating in both rich and poor countries for development.

The PNoWB helps in strengthening the voice of parliamentarians on key developmental issues and advocates transparency, accountability and concrete action especially towards the realization of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Among PNoWB's activities are field visits to World Bank projects to check results on the ground and assess the implementation of the country owned poverty reduction strategies; an online question & answer system enabling parliamentarians to ask any question about the Banks projects and policies;

The launching of this chapter has come at a pivotal time, just a year after 2005, which has been called the "Year of Development". At last July's G8 summit at Gleneagles, September's UN World Summit in New York, and December's WTO Ministerial meeting in Hong Kong, governments committed to concrete development on the continent of Africa.

PNoWB parliamentarians from Africa will be assessing how commitments made in the areas of aid, trade, climate change, and debt relief are being implemented in their respective countries and within the continent at large.

I promise to use my position to promote superior parliamentary process and fashion out ways in which, as parliamentarians, we can accelerate the country's march towards meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015 through our legislative activities. Please accept the assurances of my highest regards.

Thank you, sir.

(Signed)

Hon. Habeeb A. B. Fasinro

- (iv) *Defection:*
Mr Speaker further read a letter from Hon. Adamu Gora Kalba (*Kaltungo/Shongom Federal Constituency*), Gombe State:



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(MAKAMAN KALTUNGO)

Chairman, Sub-Committee on Oil & Gas Free Zone (Onne) PH
National Assembly Complex, Three Arms Zone,
Annex I, Room 1.145 P.M.B,
141, Garki - Abuja.

July 14, 2006

*The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly, Abuja.*

Dear Mr Speaker,

NOTIFICATION ON CHANGE OF POLITICAL PARTY

I write to formally convey to you and the Honourable House my decision to change my political party from All Nigeria People's Party (ANPP) to join the People's Democratic Party (PDP).

After wide consultation with my constituents, elders,, leaders and in particular consideration of the invaluable and the inestimable achievements of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) led Government of my State - Gombe State. Under the able leadership of His Excellency, Alhaji (Dr) Muhammad Danjuma Goje, I have decided to and have indeed joined the People's Democratic Party. This decision is further re-enforced by the unending crisis and deepening factional divisions in the All Nigerian People's Party (ANPP).

I therefore beg that you kindly convey this decision to the Honourable House. I

remain your most faithfully,

(Signed)

*Hon. Adamu G. Kalba
(Makaman Kaltungo)*

*Long Live The People's Democratic Party
Long Live The House of Representatives
Long Live The Federal Republic of Nigeria.*

- (v) *All Nigeria People's Party (ANPP) Congress:*
Mr Speaker announced that he had received a communication from the leadership of the Party in the House that the Party's Congress would hold on Thursday, 10 August, 2006. He remarked that in deference to the Party, the House would adjourn on Wednesday, 9 August, 2006 to allow for full participation of its Members at the Congress.

7. Petitions:

The following petitions were received and referred to Committee on Public Petitions :

- (i) Hon. George T. Sekibo, from seven members of the Ibuluwa Ama Community of Okrika Local Government Area of Rivers State, praying the House to prevail on the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Pipelines and Product Marketing Company Limited (PPMC) and Port Harcourt Refining Company Limited (PHRC) to ensure payment of adequate compensation to the victims of pipelines fire outbreak which occurred in 2004.

(ii) Hon. Tijjani J. Faniyi, from Inspector Williams Osinimi, praying the House to intervene in the matter of his suspension from duty by the Nigeria Police Force and grant him the relief sought in the petition.

8. Presentation of **Bills:**

- (i) Petroleum Profits Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (HB. 243) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Child Right (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (HB. 244) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Companies Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (HB. 245) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Central Bank of Nigeria Bill, 2006 (HB. 250) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Banks and Financial Institution Bill, 2006 (HB. 249) — *Read the First Time.*
- (vi) Ports and Harbour Authorities Bill, 2006 — *Read the First Time.*

9. Presentation of **Reports:**

- (i) *Committee on Petroleum Resources:*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Petroleum Resources on the Investigative Hearing on the Alleged \$10.8 Billion Tax Evasion, Fraud and Corruption by Chevron Nigeria Limited and its Associated Companies" (Hon. Cairo Ojougboh).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (ii) *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 a Bill for an Act to Establish a Customary Court for the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and to Prescribe the Mode of its Operation; and Supervision, 2004" (HB. 127) (Hon. Bala Ibn Na 'Allah).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (iii) *Joint Committee on Appropriations, Finance and Justice:*
"That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Appropriations, Finance and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Prudent Management of the Nations Resources, Ensure Long Macroeconomic Stability of the National Economy, Secure Greater Accountability and Transparency in Fiscal Operations Within a Medium Term Fiscal Policy Framework, and the Establishment of the Fiscal Responsibility Council to Ensure the Promotion and Enforcement for the Nation's Economic Objectives and Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2005 (HB.203)" (Hon. Abdullahi Idris).

Order Read; Joint Committee granted leave to submit Report by the end of the month.

- (iv) *Report of the Joint Committee on Finance and Electoral Matters:*
Pursuant to the Referral Order to the Joint Committee on Finance and Electoral Matters *vide the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 7 June, 2006*, to resolve and agree with the Offices of the
* Director-General (Budget), the Accountant-General of the Federation and the Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission on the total amount so far released to the Independent National-Electoral Commission, Mr Speaker invited the Chairman, House Committee on Finance to brief the House on the Order.

Hon. Abdullahi Idris reported that the Joint Committee held two meetings with the Chairman Independent National Electoral Commission, the Offices of the Director-General (Budget) and the Accountant-General of the Federation and resolved the initial contradictions observed on the releases so far made to the Commission.

He explained that subsequent releases to the Commission were stalled by non compliance with the requirements of Due Process by the Commission. The Joint Committee obtained the commitment of Director-General (Budget) and the Accountant-General of the Federation that adequate releases would

be made to the Commission as soon as the Commission complied with the requirements of Due Process. Furthermore, another meeting would be held with these bodies in the second week of August and thereafter, the Joint Committee would present a comprehensive report to the House on the matter.

Concluding, Hon. Idris declared that the Joint Committee also obtained an interim assurance from the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) that the 2007 elections would be a reality, devoid of hitches, free and fair.

He sought the leave of the House to present the report of the Joint Committee on Tuesday, 15 August, 2006.

Leave granted.

10. Consideration of Reports:

Committee on Public Petitions

(i) Report on the Petition by Mrs A. A. Ojo:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mrs A. A. Ojo against the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH) and approve the Recommendations therein" (Hon. Chidi Duru).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Debate:

Recommendation (i):

That the Governing Board of UMTH reinstate Ojo into the service of the Teaching Hospital (Hon. Chidi Duru).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

That she refund the sum of money received as gratuity (Hon. Chidi Duru).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mrs A. A. Ojo against the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH) and approved Recommendations (?) and (ii).

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and Agreed to.

(ii) Report on the Petition by Miss Funke Jimoh

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Miss Funke Jimoh against the Nigeria Police and approve the Recommendations therein" (Hon. Chidi Duru).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

*(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)**Debate:**Recommendation (i):*

That Miss Funke Jimoh be reinstated by the Nigeria Police and be provided with adequate medical attention (**Hon. Chidi Duru**).

*Question put and agreed to.**Recommendation (ii):*

That the Petitioner be paid her entitlement to date without further delay (**Hon. Chidi Duru**).

*Question put and agreed to.**Chairman to report Proceedings.*

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mrs Funke Jimoh against the Nigeria Police and approved Recommendations (i) and (ii).

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and Agreed to.

(MI) **Report on the Petition** by Mr **Chris Osah**:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Chris Osah against the Federal Civil Service Commission and approve the Recommendations therein" (**Hon. Chidi Duru**).

*Question put and agreed to.**Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.*

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

*(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)**Debate:*

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Recommendation:

Mr Osah's petition is without merit as the Commission acted within the ambits of its extant rules (**Hon. Chidi Duru**).

*Question put and agreed to.**Chairman to report Proceedings.*

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Chris Osah against the Federal Civil Service Commission and approved the Recommendation therein.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and Agreed to.

(iv) **Report** on the Petition by Mrs **Gbulie Chinwe**:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mrs Gbulie **Chinwe** and 3 others against the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and approve the Recommendations therein" (**Hon. Chidi Duru**).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE) {Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair}

Debate:

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends that the affected candidates be advised by their parents to read and write another UME Exams next time (*Hon. Chidi Duru*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mrs Gbulie Chinwe and 3 others against the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and approved the Recommendations therein.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and Agreed to.

(v) Report on the Petition by Dr A. O. Adeniyi:

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Dr A. O. Adeniyi against the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) and approve the Recommendation therein" (*Hon. Chidi Duru*).*

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Debate:

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends that the petition cannot be sustained (*Hon. Chidi Duru*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Dr A. O. Adeniyi against the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) and approve the Recommendation therein.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and Agreed to.

(vi) Report on the Petition by Abba-Ahmed T.:

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Abba-Ahmed T. against the Management of Raw Materials Research Development Council (RMRDQ and approve the Recommendation therein" (*Hon. Chidi Duru*).*

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

*(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)**Debate:**Recommendation:*

The Committee recommends that the House discountenance the petition for lack of merit *{Hon. Chidi Duru}*.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in the Recommendation and *insert* the following instead thereof;

"The Committee recommends that the House dismiss the petition for lack of merit" *(Hon. Ibn Na'Allah)*.

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

Chairman to report Proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Abba-Ahmed T. against the Management of Raw Materials Research Development Council (RMRDC) and approved the Recommendation as amended.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and Agreed to.

(vii) *Report on the Petition by Mr Tijani S. O.:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Tijani S. O. against the Nigerian Postal Services (N1POST) and approve the Recommendation therein" *(Hon. Chidi Duru)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

*(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)**Debate:**Recommendation:*

The Committee recommends that the House dismiss the petition for lack of merit *(Hon. Chidi Duru)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Tijani S. O. against the Nigerian Postal Services (N1POST) and approved the Recommendation therein.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and Agreed to.

(viii) *Report on the Petition by Mr. Richard I. Olele:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Richard I. Olele against the Nigerian Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and approve the Recommendation therein" *(Hon. Chidi Duru)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Debate:

Recommendation:

The Committee observes that Mr Olele Richard could not establish or prove his case against NITEL and his petition should be dismissed (*Hon. Chidi Duru*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Richard I. Olele against the Nigerian Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and approved the Recommendation therein.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.

11. Adjournment:

That this House **do** now adjourn till Wednesday, 9 August, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.35 p.m.

Aniinu Bello Masari
Speaker