



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 9 August, 2006

1. The House met at 10.55 a.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. Votes **and** Proceedings:
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 8 August, 2006.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcements:**

(7) *Award of Doctorate Decree:*

Mr Speaker read a letter concerning Hon. Datti Baba-Ahmed (**Zaria** Federal Constituency), Kaduna State:

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*The Right Honourable **Aminu** Masari
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Nigerian Parliament
Abuja
Nigeria*

Dear Speaker

*I am pleased to inform you that **Dr Yusuf Datti** BABA-AHMED has been awarded the title Doctor of Philosophy as a result of the successful completion of his PhD studies at the University of Westminster.*

*If you have **any further** queries regarding Dr Baba-Ahmed's degree award at the University of Westminster, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

Yours sincerely

(Signed)

*Mike Fisher
Research Degrees Manager*

(ii) *Defections:*

Mr Speaker announced the defection of Hon. Maimunat U. Adaji (*Baruten/Kaiama Federal Constituency*) and Hon. Deacon Taiye Opaleke (*Ifelodun/Offa/Oyun Federal Constituency*), Kwara State in a letter jointly signed by the two Hon. Members, from the All Nigerian Peoples Party to the Peoples Democratic Party; by the authority of Hon. Abiola-Edewor (*Apapa Federal Constituency*), Lagos State, her defection from the Alliance for Democracy Party to the Peoples Democratic Party:



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX,
ABUJA.

8th August, 2006

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

FORMAL NOTICE OF DECAMPMENT

We write to formally inform you of our decision to disengage from and to relinquish our membership of the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) on whose platform we contested and won seat as Honourable members of the House of Representatives in the National Assembly representing Baruten/Kaiama Federal Constituency of Kwara State and Ifelodun/Ojfa/Oyun Federal Constituency of Kwara State respectively.

Regrettably, we were compelled to take this very important decision in our political career after an intensive soul search, deep reflection as well as very careful consideration of the political terrain and [he unfolding developments in the political equation in our body polity as at today.

Perhaps more important was the wide and due consultations we had with our political associates, supporters, friends, allies and the good people of our constituencies who gave us the opportunity to serve them.

The combination of all the above highlighted factors inspired us and firmly confirmed our resolve to move on as the only permanent thing in life is change. We therefore have no iota of doubt in our minds that, the time is ripe for us to take this bold and important leap in order to actualize our political ambition, the collective goals, aspirations and needs of our people, as we gradually but surely march towards establishing and entrenching a fledgling democracy in our beloved country Nigeria.

We wish to however state here categorically that our decision to leave the party is borne out of our sincere and genuine conviction that the interests of our people will be better served in the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) based on popular demand and our collective belief that the PDP is the only political platform on which our goals can be realized and not borne out of malice or other mundane considerations.

Consequently, We will like to use this medium to sincerely thank the leadership of the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) and the entire party for the opportunity given us to serve while we were in your fold, never forgetting the good times we had together and the dogged fight we all fought to move our country forward by consolidating our democracy, this we will always cherish and remember with nostalgia.

Wishing you the best in your endeavours always.

Thank you.

(Signed)

1. **HON. MAIMUNAT U. ADA**.JI (Baruten/Kaiama Federal Constituency, Kwara State).

(Signed)

2. **HON. DEACON TAIYE OPALEKE** (Ifelodun/Offa/Oyun Federal Constituency, Kwara State).

(iii) **Obituary:**

Mr Speaker further announced the death of a former Member of the House of Representatives (1979 - 1983) as contained in a letter by **the** family of the deceased:

Umu **Odoawaukwu** Family
Ndi Agbo Compound, Amafor
Akanu Ohafia
Ohafia Local Government Area
Abia State.
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Hon. Alhaji Bello Masari
The Hon. Speaker House
of Representatives
National Assembly
ABUJA

Dear Hon. Speaker,

OBITUARY

HON. OKE UKPO OKE, MEMBER. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1979-1983

The above - named Honourable Oke Ukpo Oke died on 7th May, 2006 after a prolonged illness at the age of 68 years.

Hon. Oke represented Ohafia Federal Constituency in the House of Representative from 1979 to 1983 under the defunct Nigerian People's Party (N.P.P.).

His burial has been fixed for the 14 and 15 July, 2006 at his home town Akanu Ohafia after a combined service.

He was married with children.

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Yours Faithfully,

(Signed)

UKPO UKPO OKE (Brother)
For the Family.

4. **Petitions:**

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

- (i) Hon Alex Nwofe, from 154 staff of Aluminum Smelter Company of Nigeria Ltd (ALSCON), **Ikot** Abasi for alleged wrongful termination of their appointments by the Company and praying the **House** to prevail on the Company to reinstate them in compliance with a Court Order of 13 May, 1999 and a Resolution of Akwa Ibom State House of Assembly;
- (ii) Hon. Akindahunsi, from Mr Stephen **Oludele** Oni, praying the House to prevail on Gaskiya Textile Mills Plc, Kano to effect the balance of payment due to him pursuant to an earlier agreement.

5. **Privilege:**

Hon. Nze Chidi Duru, Chairman, House Committee on Public Petitions, informed the House that in the course of investigating the petition by the Ogbako Etche, a socio-cultural organization in Rivers State, against the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria, the Committee invited the two parties to an Investigative Hearing on the Petition on June 28, 2006.

The two parties appeared. Dr B. O. Babalakin, Counsel for Shell Petroleum Development Company sought an adjournment to enable his client (SPDC) brief him fully. The Committee adjourned the Hearing to July 26, 2006. However, before the adjourned date, the Committee was served with a Court Order restraining it from further proceedings on the matter. Hon. Chidi Duru referred to Section 30 of the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, Cap. 208 LFN 1990 and declared that the action of the Court was a violation of the provisions of the Act, the Standing Orders of the House and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, and that a breach of the Privilege of the House had been committed. He prayed the House to advise on the development.

Debate:

Resolved to:

- (i) draw the attention of the National Judicial Council to the interference posed by the Court Order; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Public Petitions to proceed with the investigation.

6. **Presentation of Bills:**

- (i) Federal Capital Area Council (Administration) Bill, 2006 (HB. 204) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Council of Registered Management Consultant Bill, 2006 (HB. 205) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Satellite Towns Development Agency Bill, 2006 (HB. 206) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Land Use Act (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (HB. 207) — ***Read the First Time.***
- (v) National Branding Strategy (Special Provisions, etc.) Bill, 2006 (HB. 210) — *Read the First Time.*
- (vi) Petroleum Equalization (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (HB. 251) — *Read the First Time.*
- (vii) Michael Imoudu National Institute for Labour Studies (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (HB. 252) — *Read the First Time.*

7. **Consideration of Reports:**

Committee on Public Petitions

- (0) **Report on the Petition by Mr James Owolabi:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr James Owolabi against the Nigeria Police Force 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:

That Mr James Owolabi's issue be treated as retirement from service and that his entitlements should be worked out and paid accordingly {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 James Owolabi against the Nigeria Police Force and approved the Recommendation therein.

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

- (ii) Report on **the** Petition by Mrs Glory Keremah Family:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mrs Glory Keremah against the Nigeria Police 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:

That Glory Keremah (Mrs) proceeds to the Police Pension Office in Lagos as advised by the Police Authorities (**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 Glory Keremah against the Nigeria Police and approved the Recommendation therein.

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

- (iii) Report on the Petition by Mr Gyang **Bot** Dung:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Gyang Bot Dung against the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) 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 cannot recommend his reinstatement, since Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) diligently followed the Federal Government guidelines for the unbundling of the Authority (**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 Gyang Bot Dung against the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (**PHCN**) 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 Mr Oknlo Kenneth C:

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of **the** House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Okolo Kenneth C. against the Independent National Electoral Commission (**INEC**) 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 cannot recommend his reinstatement into the service of INEC (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 (he Petition by Mr Okolo Kenneth C. against the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and approved the Recommendation therein..

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

(v) Report on the Petition by Mr Rowland Dare Fatosin:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Rowland Dare Fatosin against the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) 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):

The Committee is unable to recommend his reinstatement as the Court of Appeal did not acquit him, even though the Court discharged **him** (Hon. Chidi Duru).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

The Committee is unable to recommend his reinstatement as the Court did not order his reinstatement (*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 Rowland Dare Fatosin against the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and approved Recommendations (i) and (ii).

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

- (vi) Report on the Petition by Mr Isaac A. Komolafe:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Isaac A. Komolafe against the National Centre for Genetic Resources and Bio-Technology (Federal Ministry of Science and Technology) 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 commends the Management of the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology for reinstating Mr Komolafe (*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 Isaac A. Komolafe against the National Centre for Genetic Resources and Bio-Technology (Federal Ministry of Science and Technology) and approve the Recommendation therein.

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

Secretarial ordered to convey the appreciation and commendation of the House to the Ministry.

- (vii) Report on **the** Petition by Mr **Wasiu Abolade**:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Wasiu Abolade against the Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation 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):

The Committee recommends Alhaji Abolade's retirement from Civil Service in the Public Interest with effect from March 13, 2006 (**Hon. Chidi Duru**).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

That Alhaji Abolade be paid all the entitlements due to him on retirement with effect from March, 2006 (**Hon. Chidi Duru**).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the words "with effect from" and insert the words "up till" instead thereof (**Hon. ita Enang**).

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 Mr Wasiu Abolade against the Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation and approved Recommendations (i and (ii) as amended.

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

(viii) Report on the Petition by Mr C. K. **Maxwell**:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr C. K. Maxwell against the Nigerian Postal Services (NIPOST) 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:

Re **commendation**:

That Mr Maxwell C. K. proceed to NIPOST Pension Section in Lagos to process his terminal benefits (**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 C. K. Maxwell against the Nigerian Postal Services (NIPOST) and approved the Recommendation therein.

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

- (a) Report **on the Petition** by **Babangida Abdullahi Idris**:
* *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Babangida Abdullahi Idris against the Federal Ministry of Power and Steel 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 (i):

The Senior Staff Committee of the Federal Ministry of Power and Steel had resolved the matter (*Hon. Chidi Duru*).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

Mr Babangida A. Idris has been recalled (*Hon. Chidi Duru*).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

The Committee notes the cooperation exhibited by the Federal Ministry of Power and Steel and commend the Management of the organization (*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 Babangida Abdullahi Idris against the Federal Ministry of Power and Steel and approved Recommendations (i), (ii) and (iii).

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

Secretariat ordered to convey the appreciation and commendation of the House to the Ministry.

- (x) Report **on the Petition** by Mrs **Anu-Oluwa Gambari**:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mrs Anu-Oluwa Gambari against the Administrative Staff College of Nigeria 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 upholds the recommendation of the then Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, which commuted Mrs Gambari's termination to retirement (**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 Anu-Oluwa Gambari against the Administrative Staff College of Nigeria and approved the Recommendation therein.

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

(xi) Report on the Petition by Mr Mathias Nmehielle:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Mathias Nmehielle against the National Population Commission 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:

Mr Mathias Nmehielle was properly disengaged from the services of the National Population Commission. We can not recommend his reinstatement (*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 Mathias Nmehielle against the National Population Commission and approved the Recommendation therein.

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

(xii) Report on the Petition by Christy Ojinnaka (Mrs):

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Christy Ojinnaka (Mrs) against the Q & Q Control Services Nigeria Limited 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:

That Q & Q Control Services pay Christy Ojinnaka, the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Naira (N277,500.00) only, being the amount calculated as her 13th month salary, leave allowance and other benefits as provided by her contract of employment (*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 Christy Ojinnaka (Mrs) against the Q & Q Control Services Nigeria Limited and approved the Recommendation therein.

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

Committee on Public Petitions commended for its outstanding performance.

8. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday, 15 August, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. {*Hon. Abdul Ningi*}.

Adjourned accordingly at 12.50 p.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker