



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 16 August, 2006

1. The House met at 2.40 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, 15 August, 2006.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. Announcements:
Conference Committees:
Mr Speaker named Conferees on the following Bills:
 - (a) federal Capital Territory Water Board (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2003 (HB. 29):
 - (i) Hon. Phillip T. Aduda
 - (ii) Hon. Kamu M, Labaran
 - (iii) Hon. Mutu Nicholas Ebomo
 - (iv) Hon. Bala Ngillari
 - (v) Hon. Edward Ogon
 - (b) Federal Capital Territory Hospital Management {Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2003 (HB. 26):
 - (i) Hon. Kawu Labaran
 - ¹ (ii) Hon. John Enoch Owan
 - (iii) Hon. Chidi Nwogu
 - (iv) Hon. Bala Ngillari
 - (v) Hon. Joel Danlami
 - (c) Federal Capital Territory Board of Internal Revenue (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2003 (HB. 27):
 - (i) Hon. Bala Ibn Na'Allah
 - (ii) Hon. Phillip T. Aduda
 - (iii) Hon. Ughanze N. Celestine
 - (iv) Hon. Saleh Sani Minjibir
 - (v) Hon. Ayinde Debo Mufutau
 - (vi) Hon. Hajia Fanta Baba Shehu

(d) Federal Capital Territory Primary Education Board Bill, 2003 (HB. 28):

- (i) Hon. Adeyemi Oluwole
- (ii) Hon. Joel Danlami Ikenya
- (iii) Hon. Ado Sidi Ali
- (iv) Hon. Shehu H. Lamby
- (v) Hon. Phillip Aduda
- (vi) Hon. Frank Ineke

4. Petitions:

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

- (i) Hon. Isa Matori, from Ansar-ud-deen Society of Nigeria, praying the House to investigate the Air lifting contract between its members and Alhaji Adur Rahman Arowolo carrying on business as Bin Shiekh Air Services Limited and to prevail on the company to refund the sum of Seventy-Four Million Six Hundred and Thirty-Eight thousand, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Four naira (N75,638,834.00) only paid to the Contractor;
- (ii) Hon. Agbo Ogah, from James Edoh Sunday, praying the House to intervene in the alleged wrongful termination of his appointment by the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) with a view to reinstating him;
- (iii) Hon. Usman Adamu, from Jidda Saleh, praying the House to intervene in his alleged wrongful dismissal from service by the Nigeria Army and reinstate him.

5. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Employees Right (Protection) Bill, 2006 (HB. 253) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) National Assembly Budget and Research Office Bill, 2006 (HB. 254) — *Read the First Time.* (iii) National Centre for Elderly Persons (Establishment) Bill, 2006 (HB. 255) — *Read the First Time.* (iv) Nigerian Urban and Regional Planning (Amendment) Bill, 2005 (HB. 211) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Computer Security and Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Bill, 2005 (HB. 214) — *Read the First Time.*
- (vi) National Agency for the Development of Rural Roads and Waterways (Establishment, Special Provisions) Bill, 2005 (HB. 217) — *Read the First Time.*
- (vii) National Mass Transportation Development and Management Corporation (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2005 (HB. 220) — *Read the First Time.*
- (viii) Fairly Used Tyres (Prohibition of Display for Sale, Purchase, etc.) Bill, 2005 — *Read the First Time.* (ix) Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2005 (HB. 222) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Presentation of Reports:

- (i) *Committee on Public Petitions:*
Report on the Petition by Mr Oguntinyinbo Charles Made:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Oguntinyinbo Charles Made against the Nigerian Immigration Service" (Hon. Chidi Duru).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (ii) *Committee on Public Petitions:*
Report on the Petition by Mr George K. Konfaa:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr George K. Konfaa against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC)" (*Hon. Chidi Duru*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (Hi) *Committee on Public Petitions:*
Report on the Petition by Mr Sunday Salawu:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Sunday Salawu against the Ajaokuta Steel Company" (*Hon. ChidiDuru*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (iv) *Committee on Public Petitions:*
Report on the Petition by Mr L. O. Opiti:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do -receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr L. O. Opiti against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation" (*Hon. Chidi Duru*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (v) *Committee on Public Petitions:*
Report on the Petition by Mr TJgwu Peter:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Ugwu Peter against the Power Holding Company of Nigeria Plc (PHCN)" (*Hon. ChidiDuru*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006:
Motion made and Question proposed,

The House on 23 August, 2005 passed the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency Bill, 2006;

The Conference Committee met on 5 June, 2006, resolved the differences arising therefrom and approved 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 Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency Bill, 2006 (*Hon. Emeka Atuma*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. A Bill for an Act to Authorise the Creation and Application of a National Branding Strategy for the Purposes of Promoting the Development of a Practical Governmental System that would Reflect an Image of Quality and Efficiency of its Products, Character and Services in the Global Market Place, Continuous Reform of its Institutions and Administrative Process of Steadfastness and Reliability of its Leadership Role in the International Community, and Provide for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2005 (HB. 210) — *Second Reading:*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Creation and Application of a National Branding Strategy for the Purposes of Promoting the Development of a Practical Governmental System that would Reflect an Image of Quality and Efficiency of its Products, Character and Services in the Global Market Place, Continues Reform of its Institutions and Administrative Process of Steadfastness and Reliability of its Leadership Role in the International Community, and Provide for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2005 be now read a Second Time" {*Hon. Halims Agoda*).

Debate:

Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time, put and agreed to.

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

9. Consideration of Report:
Committee on Public Accounts:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Accounts on the Findings and Recommendations on the Auditor-General's Report on the Accounts of Federal Agencies, and Status Reports on some Parastatals for 2000, 2001 and 2002 and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. Mustapha Abdullahi*).

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*)

REPORT OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS ON THE
 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT
 ON THE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL AGENCIES, AND STATUS REPORTS ON
 SOME PARASTATALS FOR 2000, 2001 AND 2002

General Recommendations:

- (i) In order to compel them to implement decisions, this House should approve that Chief Executives/ Accounting Officers of organizations and their officials who fail to answer Audit Queries or are supposed to implement PAC decisions and refuse to do so, should be recommended to the President for sanction. Furthermore, some percentage of the total allocation to such Ministries or Organizations, for the following year should be withheld, until such recommendations are implemented;
- (ii) Auditor General should submit Part II of his reports from 2001 to 2004 and all other outstanding reports to the National Assembly within one month;
- (iii) The Nigerian Finance (Control and Management) Act should be reviewed to similarly accommodate these provisions as in the South African Public Finance Management Act;
- (iv) In order to guarantee the independence of the Auditor General's office, an Audit Commission similar to the South African model, which should regulate the appointment of the Auditor General and other issues relating to the Auditor General's office, should form part of an amendment to the 1999 Constitution being undertaken;
- (v) The Auditor General or an Audit Commission should be given the responsibility of appointing external auditors for Parastatals and Corporations.

Debate;

Consideration of Report deferred till the next legislative week to enable Members peruse copies of the Report.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole, deferred consideration of the Report of the House Committee on Public Accounts on the Findings and Recommendations on the Auditor-General's Report on the Accounts of Federal Agencies, and Status Reports on some Parastatals for 2000, 2001 and 2002 to enable Members peruse copies of the Report.

Question put and agreed to.

10. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 17 August, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Adjourned accordingly at 3.55 p.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 16 August, 2006:

On page 32, Item 5 (i) *insert* as serial No. 42 "Chairman Rules and Business — Hon. Ita Enanj