



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 14 September, 2006

1. The House met at 10.07 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read Prayers.
2. Votes and Proceedings:
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 13 September, 2006.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcements:**

Visitors:

Mr Deputy Speaker recognized the presence in the Gallery, of:

- (i) 40 Members of the House of Representatives, Students Union Government, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus, Enugu State;
- (ii) Members of the Legislative Arm, Oshimili South Local Government Area, Delta State.

4. **Petitions:**

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

- (i) Hon. Nkechi Nwaogu, from Mrs Maryann C. Uzoigwe, praying the House to investigate her alleged arbitrary and wrongful retirement from the service of the Lagos International Trade Fair Complex Management Board and to grant the reliefs sought in the petition;
- (ii) Hon. Pascal Adigwe, from Mr George C. O. Okonta praying the House to prevail on the Nigeria Police Force to comply with the court judgment in Suit No. A/66/89 (George Chuks Onyekwe Okonta vs Commissioner of Police, Bendel State and 4 others) on alleged Police brutality against him and to grant the reliefs sought in the petition.

5. **Personal Explanation (Order 8, Rule 5):**

Hon. Chidi Duru drew the attention of the House to the ravaging gully erosion which occurred recently in his Aguata Federal Constituency and severed the only Federal Highway to his Constituency from the rest of the world.

He referred to House Resolution **14/2005** vide the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 14 April, 2005 on "*the Rampaging Gully and Soil Erosion in Ekwulobia Town in Aguata Local Government Area, Anambra State*" and acknowledged that the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Federal Ministry of Environment had complied with the House Resolution on the subject matter. He expressed regret that the House Committees mandated to visit the affected areas had not done so and that the recurrent disaster had compelled his people to make a detour through Imo State to reach their homes in Ekwulobia, Anambra State. Concluding, he urged the House to give effect to its Resolution of 14 April, 2005.

House Committee on Disaster Preparedness and Management ordered to visit the locus in quo immediately and report to the House.

6. Presentation of Report.

Committee on Agriculture:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Agriculture on a Bill for an Act to Establish Guaranteed Minimum Price for Farmers and to Empower the Federal Government fix a Minimum Price yearly at which Produce or Commodity of Farmers who fail to find a ready Market for their Produce would sell these Produce to the Federal Government at the Price fixed by the Government and for Connected Purposes (Hon. Usman Mani Nasarawa).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

7. A Bill for an Act to Establish Digital Storage Centres, Electronic, Communications and Transactions; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 (HB. 232) — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, " That a Bill for an Act to Establish Digital Storage Centres, Electronic, Communications and Transactions; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Victor Lar).

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

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Joint Committee on Communication and Justice.

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Petroleum Equalisation Fund (Management Board, etc.) Act, 1990 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 (HB. 251) — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed," That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Petroleum Equalisation Fund (Management Board, etc.) Act, 1990 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 be now read a second Time" (Hon. Nicholas Mutu).

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 Petroleum Refineries and Products Marketing.

9. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Infants Health Welfare Scheme to Provide Free Health Services for every Infant in the Federation from his Birth to the Age of Five Years and to Require the Compulsory Immunization of Every such Infant against Prevalent Communicable Diseases, for the Purposes of Eliminating Incidences of Infant Mortality and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto, 2006 (HB. 208) — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed," That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Infants Health Welfare Scheme to Provide Free Health Services for every Infant in the Federation from his Birth to the Age of Five Years and to Require the Compulsory Immunization of Every such Infant against Prevalent Communicable Diseases, for the Purposes of Eliminating Incidences of Infant Mortality and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto, 2006 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Abike Dabiri).

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 Health.

10 Consideration of Report:

Joint Committee on Petroleum Refineries and Products Marketing and Justice:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Petroleum Refineries and Products Marketing and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Petroleum Production and Distribution (Anti Sabotage) Act, Cap. 353 LFN to Vest the Regular Court with Jurisdiction to try Offenders Under the Act; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2005 and approve the Recommendations therein" (Hon. Obeten O. Obeten).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report — agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE PETROLEUM PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION
(ANTI SABOTAGE) ACT, CAP. 353 LFN TO VEST THE REGULAR COURT WITH JURISDICTION TO
TRY OFFENDERS UNDER THE ACT; AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH, 2005

Committee Recommendation.

Clause 1: Offence of sabotage.

- (1) Any person who does any of the following things that is to say—
 - (a) willfully does anything with intent to obstruct or prevent the production or distribution of petroleum products in any part of Nigeria; or
 - (b) willfully does anything with intent to obstruct or prevent the procurement of petroleum products for distribution in any part of Nigeria; or
 - (c) willfully does anything in respect of any vehicle or any public highway with intent to obstruct or prevent the use of that vehicle or that public highway for the distribution of petroleum products;
 - (d) which shall list the following as offences under this Act:
 - (i) Denial of access of rights of way,
 - (ii) Obstruction of containment and clean ups,
 - (iii) receiving of stolen petroleum products, pipelines and ail oil and gas infrastructural facilities.
- (2) Any person who —
 - (a) aids another person; or
 - (b) incites, counsels or procures any other person, to do any of the things specified in subsection (1) of this section shall, whether or not that other person actually does the things in question, be guilty of the offence of sabotage under this Act (*Hon. Obeien O. Obeten*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Consideration of Report deferred to enable the Committee renumber the clauses in the Bill.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole, considered the Report of the Joint Committee on Petroleum Refineries and Products Marketing and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Petroleum Production and Distribution (Anti-Sabotage) Act, Cap. 353 LFN to Vest the Regular Court with Jurisdiction to Try Offenders Under the Act; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2005. It approved Clause 1 and deferred consideration to enable the Committee renumber the clauses in the Bill.

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

11. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday, 19 September, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Gilbert Nnaji*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.25 p.m.

Austin Opara
Deputy Speaker