



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 12 September, 2006

1. The House met at 10:00 a.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes** and Proceedings:
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 31 August, 2006.
By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. Messages:
Mr Speaker read the following Messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

31 August, 2006

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

Dear Hon. Speaker,

PRESENTATION OF FCT DRAFT BILLS

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives, the attached Bills for the establishment of:

1. *Abuja Metropolitan Management Authority;*
- (2) *Abuja Geographic Information Systems Agency;*
- (3) *FCT Public Service Commission; and*
- (4) *FCT Property Tax,*

/ hope the Bills will receive prompt attention of Honourable Members of the House.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed) OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

PRES/134

7 September, 2006

*Hon. Aminu Bello Masari, Speaker,
House of Representatives, National
Assembly Complex, Three-Arms Zone,
Asokoro - Abuja.*

Dear Hon. Speaker,

**RE: FORMAL WITHDRAWAL OF SOME BILLS PENDING
BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Further to my letter PRES/134 dated August 23, 2006 on the above subject matter (copy attached) asking for the withdrawal of some Bills pending before the National Assembly, I write to inform you that I have rescinded my decision to withdraw the Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Agency for the Prevention and Control of HIV/AIDS and Matters Connected Therewith.

I will appreciate if the Bill could now be slated among other Bills pending before the National Assembly for passage into law, while the remaining three Bills should be withdrawn as advised in my letter under reference.

Accept, Mr Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)



OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

(iii)

**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

PRES/134

23rd August, 2006

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

Dear Hon. Speaker,

**FORMAL WITHDRAWAL OF SOME BILLS PENDING
BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Following recent developments, I write, to formally withdraw the underlisted Bills currently pending before the National Assembly to enable further review and consultations by Government:-

- (i) A Bill for an Act to amend the Petroleum and Mineral Technology Development Fund Act, 2004;
- (ii) A Bill for an Act to establish the Nigeria Financial Intelligence Unit for Receiving, Analyzing and Disseminating Financial and Other Information and for Matters Connected therewith, 2006;
- (iii) A Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the National Agency for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS and Matters Connected therewith.
- (iv) A Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of a Commission for Anti-Terrorism; Economic and Financial Crimes and for Matters Connected therewith, 2001 (Note that this Bill has been overtaken by events, having regard to the passage into Law of the EFCC Act and the recent presentation of a new Bill for an Act to provide for measures to Combat Terrorism and related matters, 2006).

Accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest esteem and best wishes for the entire Honourable Members of the House of Representatives,"

Yours Sincerely
(Signed) OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO

Copy to:
Special Adviser on National Assembly Matters



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

6 September, 2006

Hon. Aminu Be.Uo Masari, Speaker,
House of Representatives, National
Assembly Complex, Three-Arms Zone,
Asokoro - Abuja.

Dear Hon. Speaker,

I am constrained to forward to you a complete report on the investigation substantially generated by the request from the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and following my own instruction for the investigation of the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) as a result of the allegation made by Congressman William J. Jefferson in his letter of May 28, 2004.

The Report of the Administrative Panel of Inquiry chaired by the Honourable Attorney-General of the Federation and the conclusions of the FEC on the issue are hereby forwarded to you for information of the members of the House of Representatives.

Just before the FEC considered the Report, the Vice—President submitted the Memorandum dated 6th September, 2006 to which my reply dated 6th September 2006 was given. All are attached to this letter.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO

Secretariat ordered to make copies of the Message and Report available to Hon. Members.

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PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

8 September, 2006

Honourable Aminu Bello Masari,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone, Abuja.

Dear Hon. Speaker,

2007 BUDGET

I do crave the indulgence of the National Assembly to grant me the slot of Wednesday, October 11, 2006, at 10.00 a.m to formally address the Joint Session of the National Assembly on Budget 2007.

While I thank you for your cooperation and understanding, please accept, Mr. Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed) **OLUSEGUN**
OBASANJO

4. **Announcements:**(i) *Defection:*

Mr Speaker announced the defection of Hon. Azumi Namadi (*Kiru/Bebeji*) Federal Constituency Kano State from the All Nigeria Peoples Party to the Peoples Democratic Party;

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28th August 2006.

.. m * **Alh. Aminu Bello Masari,**
The Honourable Speaker, Federal
House of Representatives, Federal
Republic of Nigeria, Three Arm Zone,
Abuja.

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Dear Honourable Speaker,

NOTIFICATION OF MY RESIGNATION FROM THE ALL NIGERIAN PEOPLES PARTY (ANPP) AND JOINING THE PEOPLE DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDP)

I wish to bring to the notice of the leadership of this House and the entire Honourable House of my resignation from the All Nigerian Peoples Party (ANPP) with effect from 28th August 2006.

The reasons for my resignation among others are the protracted problems which resulted into irreconcilable differences between the party leadership and the good people of Kiru and Bebeji. Based on these issues and after due consultation with the people of my constituency, that is the people that voted me in, it was agreed that I decamp to PDP, which I did with all my supporters.

Please find attached the relevant letters for your attention and information.

I also, wish to formally notify this Honourable House, that I joined the Peoples Democratic Party the very day I resigned my membership from the ANPP (28/8/2006).

Accept the assurances of my highest consideration and best regards.

Thank you. Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

Hon. (Hajiya) Azumi Namadi Bebeji

- (ii) **Visitors:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence in the Gallery, of National Union of Rivers State students.
- (iii) **Bereavement:**
Mr Speaker informed the House of the death of Alhaj i Saidu M. Nguroje as contained in the following letter:

(WUKARI/IBI FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY)
CHAIRMAN: House Committee on
UBE/Secondary Schools
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX
Three Arms Zone P.M.B. 141 Garki, Abuja.

12th September, 2006.

*The Speaker,
House of Representatives,
NASS, Abuja.*

Sir,

I am directed to inform you and the entire House of the death of Alhaji Saidu M. Nguroje, father to Hon. Babangida S. M. Nguroje, member representing Sardauna/Gashaka/Kurmi Federal Constituency.

The late Alhaji Saidu, who died on the 3rd September, 2006 has since been buried according to, Islamic rites in his home own of Nguroje Sardauna Local Government Area of Taraba State.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Hon. Joel Danlami Ikenya

For: Hon. Babangida S.M. Nguroje

- 5. **Presentation of Bill:**
National Maritime Administration and Safety Bill, 2006 (HB. 270) — *Read the First Time.*
- 6. **Adoption of Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation Act, 1988 and to Re-Enact the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation Act 2005; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2005 (HB. 160):**
Motion Made and Question Proposed,
The House, on Wednesday, 29 March, 2006 passed the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation Bill, 2006;

The Committee met in Conference on 30 August, 2006; resolved the differences arising therefrom and accepted a harmonized version of the Bill;

A clean copy of the Conference Report including the Bill is ready for presentation and adoption;

Resolves, to adopt the Conference Report on the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation Bill, 2006 (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

Question put and agreed to.

7. Adoption of Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Federal Capital Territory Primary Education Board and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB.28):

Order read; deferred till Thursday, 21 September, 2006.

8. Adoption of Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory Water Board and for matters Connected Therewith (HB. 29):

Consequently deferred till Thursday, 21 September, 2006.

9. Adoption of Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Hospital Management Board of the Federal Capital Territory, 2003 (HB. 26):

Consequently deferred till Thursday, 21 September, 2006.

10. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Amendment of the Investment and Securities Act 1999 and Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 (HB. 238) — Second Reading:

Deferred.

11. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Repeal of the National Housing Fund Act 1992 and to Establish the national Housing Trust Fund and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 (HB. 240) — Second Reading:

Deferred.

12. A Bill For an Act to Provide for the Amendment of the Trustee Investments Act and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 (HB. 242) — Second Reading:

Deferred.

13. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Urban and Regional Planning Act, Cap. N138 LFN, to Provide for the Renewal and Restoration of Rapidly Deteriorating Urban Areas in the Federation, and to Make Them an Attractive place in which to live and Work, and for Other Purposes Connected Therewith, 2006 (HB. 211) - Second Reading:

Motion made and question proposed, "That the Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Urban and Regional Planning Act, Cap. N138 LFN, to Provide for the Renewal and Restoration of Rapidly Deteriorating Urban Areas in the Federation, and to Make Them an Attractive place in which to live and Work, and for Other Purposes Connected Therewith, 2006 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 Joint Committee on Housing and Urban Development and Justice.

14. Consideration of a Report:

Joint Committee on Finance, Appropriation and Electoral Matters:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Finance, Appropriation and Electoral Matters on the Resolution of the Details of Releases to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and approved the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Hamisu Shira*):

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 JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, APPROPRIATION AND
ELECTORAL MATTERS ON THE RESOLUTION OF THE DETAILS OF RELEASES
TO THE INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (INEC)****Observations:**

- (0) That the earlier claims by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) for delay of certification by the Budget Monitoring and Price Intelligence Unit (BMPIU) were not correct;
- (ii) Of the N21.105 Billion applied to the Due Process by INEC, the Budget Monitoring and Price Intelligence Unit **(BMPIU) certified** N20.569 Billion within two days out of which the office of the Accountant General of the Federation has cash-backed N20.44 Billion;
- (iii) The Budget Monitoring and Price Intelligence Unit (BMPIU) still issued the certification to the tune of more than N20 Billion Naira in spite of the inability of INEC to give details information and supporting document regarding their procurement;
- (iv) INEC was economical in the disclosure of information regarding its procurement but contended that some of the information are classified;
- (v) That INEC has not been able to give a definite date for the registration and revalidation of Voters exercise;
- (vi) INEC has not disclosed how much of the sum cash backed has been accessed and utilized but promised to avail the Joint Committee in due course;
- (vii) The Joint Committee noted curiously some requests in the proposed Supplementary for Honoraria for Registration Officials and Allowances for Security Agents to cover the Registration Exercise;
- (viii) The Committee observes that the interactive exercise has put all the stakeholders on their toes and they are showing more seriousness in their respective responsibilities;
- (ix) In the course of the interactive, suggestions were made that in order to provide prudence in the management of our resources, Government should consider the possibility of redeploying the vehicles used for the National Headcount for possible utilization by INEC.

Prayer:

The Joint Committee should continue with the interactive session with the stakeholder, in order to ensure the conduct of a credible, acceptable and hitch free elections in 2007.

Debate:

Observations noted; prayer granted. Joint Committee ordered to brief the House from time to time.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in the Committee of Whole noted the Observations of the Joint Committee on Finance, Appropriation and Electoral Matters and granted the Prayer therein and ordered the Joint Committee to brief the House from time to time.

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

15. Joint Committee on Judiciary and Justice:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Judiciary and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Establish a Customary Court for the Federal Territory, Abuja and to Prescribe the model of its Operation; and Supervision, 2004 and approve the Recommendations therein" (Hon. Bala Ibn Na'Allah):

Question put and agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN THE COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Joint Committee's request to defer consideration of the Report to the next Legislative week, by leave of the House granted.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker reported that the House in the Committee of Whole deferred the consideration of the Report of the Joint Committee on Judiciary and Justice to the next Legislative Week.

16. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 13 September, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. *(Hon. Gilbert Nnaji).*

Adjourned accordingly at 11.47 a.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker