



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 9 November, 2006

1. The House met at 10.20 a.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceeding:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceeding of Wednesday, 8 November, 2006.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcement:**
(a) Obituary:
Mr Speaker read the following letter from Hon. Ita Enang:

Rt Hon. (Bar.) Ita Enang
CHAIRMAN, RULES & BUSINESS COMMITTEE
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9th November, 2006

Hon. Speaker,

House of Representatives

Sir,

TRANSITION OF LATE CHIEF N. U. AKPAN (OFR)
ERSTWHILE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF EASTERN NIGERIA

May I respectfully bring to the notice of Mr Speaker and all Hon. Members of the House the transition to glory of late Chief Ntieyong Udo Akpan, OFR.

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He was the Secretary to the Government of Eastern Nigeria comprising of today's 11 States of South-South and South East, from 1964 and doubled as Head of the Civil Service of Eastern Region from 1966. Prior to this, he was Secretary, Eastern Region Office, London. His ardent advocacy of one United Nigeria earned him the National Honour of OFR.

He was variously Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, University of Nigeria, Nsukka - 1970 -1973, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, University of Benin, 1980-1983, Chairman, Governing Council, Federal Polytechnic, Nasarawa, 2001 till death. He was a native of Ibiono Ibom L. G.Area, Akwa Ibom State, which I represent.

He would be buried on Friday, Nov. 10, 2006 at his home town, Mbiabong, Mono Worn L. G. Area. Akwa Ibom State.

Hon. Members are please notified and invited to accord this advocate of one united Nigeria, a deserved honour at his funeral.

(Signed)

Hon. Ita Enang

(b) Visitors:

Mr Speaker recognized the presence in the Chamber of the Deputy Clerk and Staff of the Lagos State House of Assembly on a one-week Attachment Study Programme to the National Assembly and in the Gallery to watch proceedings;

(i) teachers and students of Nana Basic Education Centre, Mpape, Abuja;

(it) teachers and students of Excellence International School, Tunga-Goro, Minna, Niger State.

4. Presentation of Report.

Joint Committee on Finance and Public Accounts:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Finance and Public Accounts on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Nigeria and for Matters Connected Therewith" (Hon. Oluwole Adeyemi).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

5. Gully Erosion in Parts of Idah, Ofu, Ibaji and Igalamela-Odolu Local Government Areas of Kogi States:

Motion made and Question proposed,

The House:

Notes that on Sunday, October 8, 2006 a heavy downpour occurred in Ugwolawo and Umomi in Ofu Local Government Area of Kogi State;

Further notes that deep gullies caused by the heavy erosion, cut off the only Federal road linking the four Local Government Areas of Idah, Ofu, Ibaji and Igalamela-Odolu thereby displacing families and making it impassable for vehicular and human movement;

Concerned that several accidents have been recorded resulting to death at the spots where the road submerged;

Aware that this road is the only route in the four Local Government Areas through which farmers convey their produce to the market;

Resolves to:

(i) call on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the affected families.

(it) urge the Federal Government to direct the Federal Ministry of Works and the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to rehabilitate the damaged road;

(iii) mandate the Joint Committee on Works and Emergency and Disaster Management to visit the affected "sites and report to the House (Hon. Frank. Itaka Ineke and other 5 others),-

Debate:

Amendments Proposed;

(/) *Leave out all the words in prayer (if) and insert the following instead thereof:*
"Urge the Executive Arm to direct the Federal Ministry of Works and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to take very urgent and immediate steps to rehabilitate the damaged road" (Hon. Adeyemi Oluwole).

Question that the amendment be made, put agreed to;

(ii) In prayer (ii) as amended, line 2, *leave out* the word "rehabilitate" and *insert* the word "reconstruct" instead thereof (*Hon. Datti Ahmed*).

Question that the amendment be made, put agreed to.

(iii) *Insert* a new prayer (iv) as follows:

"Urge the Executive Arm of Government to direct the Ministry of Works and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to establish Monitoring Post along all Federal Roads to ensure effective maintenance of all Federal Roads in the country" (*Hon. Peter S. Orimolaye*).

Question that the amendment be made, put agreed to.

Main Question as amended put and agreed to. The

House:

Noted that on Sunday, October 8, 2006 a heavy downpour occurred in Ugwolawo and Umomi in Ofu Local Government Area of Kogi State;

Further noted that deep gullies caused by the heavy erosion, cut off the only Federal road linking the four Local Government Areas of Idah, Ofu, Ibaji and Igalamela-Odolu thereby displacing families and making it impassable for vehicular and human movement;

Concerned that this several accidents have been recorded resulting to death at the spots where the road submerged;

Aware that this road is the only route in the four Local Government Areas through which farmers convey their produce to the market;

Resolved:

(i) Call on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the affected families;

(ii) Urge the Executive Arm of Government to direct the Federal Ministry of Works and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to take very urgent and immediate steps to reconstruct the damaged road;

(Hi) Further urge the Executive Arm of Government to direct the Ministry of Works and the Federal Maintenance Agency to establish Monitoring Post along all Federal Roads to ensure effective maintenance of all Federal Roads in the country;

(iv) Mandate the Joint Committee on Works and Emergency and Disaster Management to visit the affected sites and report to the House (**HR. 62/2006**).

6. Virement of the Sum of N19,586,507,404 (Nineteen Billion Five Hundred and Eighty Six Million, Five Hundred and Seven Thousand, Four Hundred and Four Naira only):

Motion made and Question proposed,

The House,

Notes the request by Mr President for approval to authorise the following Ministries, Departments and Agencies to vire the total sum of N20,490,779,482 (twenty billion, four hundred and ninety million, seven hundred and seventy-nine thousand, four hundred and eighty-two Naira) only as stated hereunder pursuant to his Message Ref. PRES/134 of October 17, 2006.

No.	Head	MDA	Proposed Virement (N)	Recommended for House Approval N
1.	320000	Education	5,146,341,920	5,146,341,920
2.	360000	Health	5,454,000,000	5,454,000,000
3.	620000	Environment	460,000,000	460,000,00
4.	700000	NSA	2,583,667,596	2,583,667,596

5.	390000	Internal Affairs	1 ,604,272,078	600,000,000
6.	230000	Police Affairs	55,945,956	55,945,956
7.	290000	Water Resources	3 ,204,537,500	3,204,537,500
8.	510000	Works	300,000,000	0
9.	410000	Justice	40,000,000	40,000,000
10.	580000	Solid Minerals	612,014,432	612,014,432
11.	650000	Culture and Tourism	400,000,000	800,000,000
12.	490000	Transport	60,000,000	60,000,000
13.	40000	Science and Technology	210,000,000	210,000,000
Total		—	20 ,490,779,482	19,586,507,404

recognizes the necessity for these virements for effective implementation of the 2006 Appropriation Act;

satisfied that Mr President's request is in accordance with Section 3 of the 2006 Appropriation Act;

Resolves:

That the sum of N19,586,507,404 (Nineteen billion, five hundred and eighty six million, five hundred and seven thousand, four hundred and four Naira) only be approved for virement by the said Ministries, Departments and Agencies (*Hon. Farouk M. Lawari*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to. Main

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House,

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Resolved:

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(HR. 63/2006).

7. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Amendment of the National Population Act (Cap. N67 LFN 2004) and for Related Purposes«2005 (SB. 19) — Second Reading.

Motion made and Question-proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Amendment of the National Population Act (Cap. N67 LFN 2004) and for Related Purpose, 2005 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*)

Debate;

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

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

8. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Youth Service Corps Act, No 51 of 1993 to Embody Certain Provisions Aimed at Enhancing the Welfare Needs of Corps Members, Enable their Acquisition of Special Business and Commercial Skills and Empower them Financially to be Better able to Fend for Themselves at the end of their Service and for Purpose Connected Therewith, 2006 (HB. 264) — *Second Reading:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Youth Service Corps Act, No 51 of 1993 to Embody Certain Provisions Aimed at Enhancing the Welfare Needs of Corps Members, Enable their Acquisition of Special Business and Commercial Skills and Empower them Financially to be Better able to Fend for Themselves at the end of their Service and for Purpose Connected Therewith, 2006 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. E. O. Adediji*).

Debate;

Committee on Justice mandated to advise the House on the import of the Bill.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Protect the Right of Employees; and for Other Related matters, 2006 (HB. 253) — *Second Reading:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Protect the Rights of Employees; and for Other Related matters, 2006 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabamila*).

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 Labour, Employment and Productivity.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria, 2006 (HB. 266) — *Second Reading:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria, 2006 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon M. S. Dikko*).

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.

11. **Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday, 14 November, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.37 p.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker