



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 14 December, 2006

The House met at 11.17 a.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.

Votes and Proceedings:

Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 13 December, 2006.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

Message:

Mr Speaker read the following Message from the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

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December 14, 2006

*The Rt Hon. Alhaji Bello Masari,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex, Three
Arms Zone, Abuja.*

Dear Hon. Speaker,

2006 SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL II

I am pleased to forward herewith, for your consideration, the 2006 Supplementary Appropriation Bill II.

Consistent with our medium-term fiscal objectives, the Supplementary Appropriation Bill II focuses on infrastructure, particularly the Integrated Power Plants (including substantial funds for transmission and distribution), and long-term investments to develop our natural gas sector.

We firmly believe that this carefully targeted spending proposal will provide long-term solutions to the challenges currently faced in the power sector, and lay the foundations for substantial future revenues from natural gas. This will in turn further stimulate economic growth and accelerate poverty reduction.

It is my hope that National Assembly will pass the Supplementary Appropriation Bill II expeditiously.

Please accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

4. **Announcement:**

Defection:

Mr Speaker announced the defection of Hon. Modu Alh. Musa as follows:



Hon. Modu Alh. Musa

FEDERAL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Kukaw a/ Mobbar/ Abadam/Guzamal a

Federal Constituency (Borno State)

14th December, 2006

*The Hon. Speaker, House of
Representatives,
National Assembly Complex
Abuja.*

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX,
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Dear Hon. Speaker,

**CHANGE OF POLITICAL PARTY: PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDP) TO ALL NIGERIA
PEOPLES PARTY (ANPP)**

I wish to formally inform Mr Speaker of my recent decision to change my political party as stated above.

*As a former AD stakeholder and member PDP for a short period the above decision is the final wish of our
people of which I must comply with.*

*May I thank you Mr Speaker and Honourable members for your support and hope that we will have most cordial
politicking at ANPP.*

Please receive the assurance of my highest esteemed.

Thanks.

(Signed)

Hon. Modu Alh. Musa

5. **Presentation of Bill:**

Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (HB. 293) — *Read the First Time.*

Presentation of Reports:

Committee on Public Petitions:

(i) Report on the Petition by Engr S. B. Ojih & 20 others:

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee
on Public Petitions on the Petition by Engr S. B. Ojih & 20 others against the Nigeria National
Petroleum Corporation" (Hon. Ita Enang).*

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

(ii) Report on the Petition by Ojo Andrew Olugbenga:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Ojo Andrew Olugbenga against the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation" (*Hon. ita Enang*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

(iii) Report on the Petition by Aminu Mustapha:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Aminu Mustapha against the Code of Conduct Tribunal" (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

(iv) Report on the Petition by Azuzuama Community:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Azuzuama Community against the Nigeria Agip Oil Company" (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

(v) Report on the Petition by Bartholomew N. Nneli:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Bartholomew N. Nneli against the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation" (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid

7. Request for Virement by the National Assembly and the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC):

The House:

Notes the request by the National Assembly to vire the sum of N523, 000,000 from its Recurrent Vote distributable as follows:

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| (i) | Recurrent | - | N323, 000,000.00, |
| (ii) | Capital | — | N200,000,000.00, |

to enable the National Assembly partition and furnish its National Assembly Budget and Research Office;

Further notes, the request by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to vire the sum of N3,120,000,000 from its Capital Vote to its Recurrent Vote to enable the Commission pay its casual workers in the On-Going Voters' Registration Exercise;

Recognizes, the necessity for these virements for the effective implementation of the 2006 Appropriation Act and for the success of the electoral process;

Resolves:

That the total sum of N523,000,000 and the total sum of N3,120,000,000 be vired by the National Assembly and the Independent National Electoral Commission {INEC} respectively, pursuant to Section 3 of the 2006 Appropriation Act (*Hon. Farouk Lawan*).

Question put and agreed to.

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Question put and agreed to.

Amendment Proposed;

In line 2, immediately after the word "voters", *leave out* the figure "90" and *insert* the figure "60" instead thereof (*Hon. Abubarkar Momoh*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

Question that Section 10 as amended stand part of the Bill put and agreed to.

Amendment of Section 17:

Section 17 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after subsection (4), a new subsection (5)—

- (5) It shall be unlawful to use the Voters¹ Register established through the Direct Data Capturing Machine for the purpose of the 2007 General Election. And in view of the foregoing provision, INEC shall conduct 2007 Elections with an updated Manual Voters Register (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In line 2, immediately after the word "Election" *leave out* the words "And in view of the foregoing provision, INEC shall conduct 2007 Elections with an updated manual voters registration" (*Hon. Halims Agoda*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert* a new subsection 6 as follows:

"Pursuant to subsection 5 above, as amended, it shall be lawful for INEC to conduct the 2007 General Election with an updated manual Voters' Register" (*Hon. Halims Agoda*). -

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Question that Section 17 as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Amendment of Section 21:

Section 21 of the Principal Act is hereby amended as follows;

"Not later than 45 days before a general election, the supplementary voters' list shall be integrated with the Voters' Register and published" (*Hon. Hamisu Shira*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

Question that Section 21 as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Short Title.

This Act may be cited as the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*) — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole, considered the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2006. It amended Sections 10, 17 and 21 of the Principal Act.

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

10. Conferees:

Mr Speaker named the following Conferees on the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill 2006:

- (i) Hon, Hamisu Shira
- (ii) Hon. Ita Enang
- (iii) Hon. Alex Nwofe
- (iv) Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal
- (v) Hon. Balalbn Na Allah

11. Approval of Votes and Proceedings:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do adopt the Votes and Proceedings of this Day Thursday, 14 December, 2006" (Hon. Abdul Ningi).

Question put and agreed to.

12. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday, 19 December, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (Hon. Abdul Ningi).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.03 p.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker