



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 13 December, 2006

1. The House met at 2.07 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, 12 December, 2006.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Announcements:**
(i) **Death of a Member:**
Mr Speaker announced with deep regret, the death of Hon. Ranti Alabi (*Member representing Odo-Otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency, Osun State*) as contained in the following letter:

**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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December 13, 2006

Rt. Hon. Aminu hello Masari
Honourable Speaker House of
Representatives National
Assembly Abuja.

Sir,

NOTIFICATION OF THE DEATH OF HON. CHIEF RANTI ALABI

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It is with great shock that I write to inform you and the entire Members of the House of Representatives, of the sudden death of our well-esteemed colleague **Hon. Chief Ranti** Alabi from Osun State whose death occurred by 3.00 a.m. this morning. He represented **Odo-Otin/Ifelodun/Boripe** Federal Constituency. He was aged 64.

Hon. Ranti Alabi was a father, colleague, friend and compatriot to all us in the House. He will be remembered for his good comradeship and active participation in the House. The House will be briefed in due time of his funeral arrangements.

/, on behalf of the Honourable Members from Osun State and the entire South West wish to through this medium commiserate with his family. May his gentle soul rest in peace - Amen!

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

Hon. (Mrs) Patricia Olubunmi Etteh

Deputy Chief Whip/South West Leader

(ii) Obituary:

Mr Speaker further acquainted the House with the death of Hon. Lawrence Akinyele Fagite, Member, House of Representatives 1999 - 2003 and whose burial was tentatively fixed for February, 15 and 16, 2007.

(Hon. Mao Arukwe Oluabunwa rendered prayers for the repose of the soul of the deceased).

(iii) Conferees:

Mr Speaker named the following Conferees on the Tax Reforms Bills, 2006:

- (a) 'Hon. Abdullahildris U.
- (b) Hon. Alex Nwofe
- (c) Hon. Shuaibu Abdullahi S
- (d) Hon. Celestine Ughanze
- (e) Hon. Tony Aziegbemi
- (f) Hon. Mohammed Kabir Umar

(iv) Transmission and Passage of Bills:

Mr Speaker remarked that the House had passed the following Bills and transmitted same to the Senate for concurrence:

- (a) The Freedom of Information Bill, 2004 on 2 September, 2004;
- (b) The Chartered Institute of Purchasing and, Supply Management Bill, 2005, on 1 June, 2005;
- (c) The Council for the Regulation of Freight Forwarding in Nigeria Bill, 2005, on 2 June, 2005
- (d) The National Agency for the Prevention and Control of HIV/AIDS Bill, 2006, on 28 March, 2006;
- (e) The National Agricultural Development Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2006 on 7 June, 2006;
- (f) The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Nigeria Bill, 2005 on 11 October, 2005;
- (g) The Chartered Institute of Secretaries and Reporters of Nigeria Bill, 2005, on 3 March, 2005;
- (h) Company Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2006 on 11 October, 2006;
- (0) Information Technology Development Agency Bill, 2005, on 2 June, 2005

He declared that the Senate had passed the above Bills with Amendments and that Conferees would be named shortly to harmonize the areas of disagreement in the Bills as passed by the two Chambers. Furthermore, the Senate had passed and transmitted to the House for concurrence, the Revised Edition (Laws of the Federation of Nigeria) Bill, 2006;* the Bill was referred to the Joint Committee on Justice and Judiciary since 25 November, 2004 and its Report was being awaited.

4. On-Going Voters¹ Registration Exercise and preparation for the Conduct of the 2007 General Elections:

Mr Speaker remarked that pursuant to the decision of the House on Tuesday, 12 December, 2006 *vide* the Votes and Proceedings of the same date, the Leadership of the House conferred with its Senate counterpart on the above subject matter. Deliberations centred on progress made so far in the registration of voters' nationwide using the Direct Data Capture Machine, the revalidation of the 2003 Voters' Register as earlier promised by the Chairman, Independent National Electoral Commission when he appeared before the House on Thursday, 30 November, 2006 to brief the House and the disclosure in the Report of the Chairman, House Committee on

Electoral Matters that as at 9 December, 2006 only ten million eligible voters had been registered using the same machine. Accordingly, he invited the Chairman of the Committee on Electoral Matters to brief the House on the outcome of the meeting with the Senate leadership.

The Chairman, Hon. Hamisu Shira reported that the meeting unanimously resolved on the urgent need to amend Sections 10 and 17 of the Electoral Act, 2006 by the two Chambers to avert an imminent hitch to the electoral process. The meeting finally adopted the proposed draft amendments.

Secretariat ordered to circulate copies of the proposed draft amendments to Hon. Members.

5. **Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 14 December, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. {Hon. Patricia O.O. Etteh}.

Adjourned accordingly at 2.23 p.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker