



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 26 January, 2005

1. The House met at 2.20 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, 25 January, 2005.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcements:**
Mr Speaker read the following letters:
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Rt. Hon. Aminu Bello Masari
Hon. Speaker
House of Representatives
Abuja*

25th January, 2005

Dear Your Excellency,

CONFERMENT OF KNIGHT OF JOHN WESLEY

Methodist Church Nigeria Conference wishes to confer on me the Knight of John Wesley (KJW) on the 30th January 2005 at Methodist Cathedral of the Cross, Oron by 10.00 a.m.

All the Awardees in the South-South Geopolitical Zone would be so conferred at Oron on the above mentioned date.

I humbly invite you and my dear colleagues to share this joy and moment with me at Oron if your schedules so permit.

Thanks.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Rt Hon. Dr Esio O. Udoh

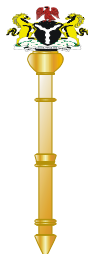
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Hon. (Chief) Faniyi Tolorunjuwon Joseph

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25th January, 2005

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

Dear Sir,

LETTER OF GRATITUDE FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF SGT OMOPARIOLA O. AND TWO OTHERS INTO NIGERIA POLICE

This letter comes to convey my profound gratitude to you for the role played by you and House of Representatives in the reinstatement of Sgt Omopariola O., Inspectors James Owajaiye and John Okpefa to the Nigeria Police Force (NPF).

*It will be recalled that the petition against the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) refusal to reinstate them contrary to court order was presented to the House in **September 2003** which directed it to the House Committee on Public Petitions. This finally climaxed in the reinstatement of the trio at the beginning of this year **2005**.*

Through all these, you demonstrated your genuine concern for the oppressed. Through your mature and patient handling of the matter, justice was done at the end. This is part of the dividend of democracy.

I hereby convey the enormous gratitude of myself and the people of my constituency to you.

Thank you.

(Signed)

Hon. T. J. Faniyi

Member, House of
Representatives.



(iii)

Hon. Mutu Nicholas Ebomo

Bomadi/Patani Federal Constituency, Delta State

26th January, 2005

Rt Hon. Aminu Bello Masari,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
National Assembly,
Abuja.

NOTICE OF DEATH OF MY FATHER, CHIEF MUTU AGBEDE

I wish to notify you of the passing away of my beloved father, late Chief Mutu Agbede on the 16th of January, 2005. He was 92 years old.

The burial arrangements will be communicated to you in due course. Kindly bring this to the notice of the rest Members.

Please accept my kind regards.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

Hon. MUTU N. E.

(One minute in silence observed in honour of the deceased; Hon. Tunde Akogun rendered prayers for the repose of the soul of the deceased).

4. Petitions:

The following petitions were presented and referred to the House Committee on Public Petitions:

- (i) Hon. Gabriel Y.B. Fam, from Mr Samuel Gyang, a former Police Officer praying the House to prevail on the Nigeria Police Force to reinstate him.
- (ii) Hon. Daomi Kumuyi Akpanah, from Mrs Glory Keremah and Mr Walter Keremah praying the House to prevail on the Nigeria Police Force to pay the entitlement of late Mr Watson Keremah, Assistant Commissioner of Police who died in active service.
- (iii) Hon. Abike Dabiri, from Alhaji Wasiu Abolade, praying the House to prevail on the Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation to recall him from suspension.
- (iv) Hon. Olufemi Adebayo Dada, from Mrs A.A Ojo praying the House to prevail on the Head of Civil Service of the Federation to reinstate her to Service.
- (v) Hon. Olufemi Adebayo Dada, from Atolagbe Olajide Emmanuel (Esq.), former employee of the defunct Nigerian Education Bank (now Education Trust Bank) praying the House to prevail on the Ministry of Education/Head of Civil Service of the Federation to obey the court order of 15th October, 2003.

5. A Bill for an Act to Integrate Non-Indigenes into States other than their States of Origin, 2004 (HB.123)—Second Reading:

Order read; deferred

6. A Bill for an Act to Make Provision for Standard Tendering Procedure for Award of Contracts in the Public Service of the Federation and for Related Matters, 2004 (HB.108)—Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed; "That the Bill for an Act to Make Provision for Standard Tendering Procedure for Award of Contracts in the Public Service of the Federation and for Related Matters, 2004 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. A. Uchendu).

Debate:

Debate adjourned.

7. Consideration of Reports:**(i) 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 the Bill for an Act to Amend the Court of Appeal Acts and

for Matters Connected Therewith, 2004 and approve the recommendations therein” (*Hon. Bala Ibn Na'Allah*).

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 COURT OF APPEAL ACT AND FOR MATTER CONNECTED THEREWITH

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Amendment of Cap. 75 1993 No. 65.

The Court of Appeal Act, as amended, is hereby further amended in Section 1 by substituting therefore the following new section, that is—

- “1. The number of Justices of the Court of Appeal, including the President of that Court, shall be seventy” (*Hon. Bala Ibn Na'Allah*)—*Agreed to.*

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Short Title.

This Act may be cited as the Court of Appeal (Amendment) Bill, 2005 (*Hon. Bala Ibn Na'Allah*)—*Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Long Title: That the words “A Bill for an Act to Amend the Court of Appeal Act and for Matter Connected Therewith” be the Long Title of the Bill (*Hon. Bala Ibn Na'Allah*)—*Agreed to.*

Chairman to report Bill:

(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 Judiciary and Justice on the Bill for an Act to Amend the Court of Appeal Act and for Matter Connected Therewith and approved Clauses 1, 2 and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(ii) 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 the Bill for an Act to Make Provision for the Increase in the Number of Judges of the Federal High Court from 50 to 70 and approve the recommendations therein” (*Hon. Bala Ibn Na'Allah*).

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 MAKE PROVISION FOR THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF JUDGES
OF THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT FROM 50 TO 70

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: **Amendment of the Federal High Court Act, Cap. 134 LFN 1990. 1993 No. 46.**
Section 1 of the Federal High Court Act, as amended by the Federal High Court (Amendment) Act, 1996 is hereby further amended as follows—

“for the word “fifty” in Subsection (2) (b) of Section 1, there shall be substituted the word “seventy” (*Hon. Bala Ibn Na’Allah*)—Agreed to.

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: **Citation.**
This Act may be cited as the Federal High Court (Amendment) Bill, 2005 (*Hon. Bala Ibn Na’Allah*)—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 2 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Long Title: That the words “A Bill for an Act to Make Provision for the Increase in the Number of Judges of the Federal High Court from 50 to 70” be the Long Title of the Bill (*Hon. Bala Ibn Na’Allah*)—Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill:

(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 Judiciary and Justice on the Bill for an Act to Make Provision for the Increase in the Number of Judges of the Federal High Court from 50 to 70 and approved Clauses 1, 2 and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

8. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 27 January, 2005 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. G. Nnaji*).

Adjourned accordingly at 3.20 p.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 25 January, 2005:

On page 344, item 4 (i), immediately after sub-item (c), *leave out* all the words in the bracket and *insert* the following words instead thereof:

(One minute in silence observed in honour of the deceased; Hon. Longhor J. Adamu rendered prayers for the repose of their souls).