



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 1 February, 2005

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1. The House met at 11.05 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, 27 January, 2005.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
 3. **Petition:**
A petition was presented and referred to the House Committee on Public Petitions:

Hon. Victor Lar, from Mr Gyang Bot Dung praying the House to investigate his dismissal from the Service of the National Electric Power Authority (NEPA) with a view to reinstating him.
 4. **Presentation of Bills:**
 - (i) Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2004 (HB. 131) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (ii) Chartered Institute of Shipping of Nigeria Bill, 2004 (HB. 132) — *Read the First Time.*
 5. **Presentation of Reports:**
 - (i) **Joint Committee on Judiciary and Justice:**
Motion made and Question proposed; "That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Judiciary and Justice on the Bill for an Act to Amend the Acts Authentication Act, Cap. 4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 1990, Provide for the Office of the Senate President, Update and Bring the Act in Line with the 1999 Constitution; and for Related Matters" (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.
 - (ii) **Joint Committee on Defence, Army, Navy and Air Force:**
Motion made and Question proposed; "That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Defence, Army, Navy and Air Force on the Bill for an Act to Establish the Armed Forces Services Commission, which shall be Charged with the Responsibility, among Other Things to Appoint Persons to Offices in Nigeria's Armed Forces (Other than the Offices of the Chief Of Naval Staff) and to Promote, Dismiss and Exercise Disciplinary Control over any Person Holding Office in the Armed Forces (Other than the Chief of Defence Staff, Chief of Army Staff, Chief of Air Staff, Chief of Naval Staff); and at all times to ensure that all Appointments in the Armed Forces, Reflect the Federal Character of Nigeria, 2004" (*Hon. Ita Enang*).
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Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

6. Delayed Implementation of the Privatisation Share Purchase Loan Scheme (PSPLS):

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that Privatization Share Purchase Scheme (PSPLS) is an initiative intended to offer opportunity to millions of Nigerians to participate in the Privatisation of Nigerian Enterprises, who ordinarily would not have had the means to buy shares under the Privatisation Programme,;

Further notes that under the Privatisation Shares Purchase Loan Scheme (PSPLS), participating Nigerians will be able to apply for ten Thousand Naira (₦10,000.00) worth of shares repayable over a period of five years in cash, dividends, bonuses, proceeds from the sale of shares or other appropriate repayment methods;

Informed that in October 2003, the National Council on Privatisation mandated the Bureau of Public Enterprise, to commence implementation of the Privatisation Shares Purchase Loan Scheme (PSPLS) and that Scheme has not commenced, denying millions of Nigerians the opportunity to participate in the on-going Privatisation exercise;

Also informed that contracts worth millions of naira have been awarded for the execution of the scheme;

Concerned that the House Committee on Privatisation and Commercialisation had addressed several letters to the Bureau of Public Enterprise (BPE) to brief the Committee on the Scheme as well as the Contracts awarded and without any response from the Bureau; and

Considering the lack of transparency associated with the delay in implementing the Scheme;

Resolves to:

mandate the House Committee on Privatisation and Commercialisation to conduct an investigation into the Scheme with a view to identifying:

- (a) the cause(s) for the delayed take-off of this noble Scheme; and
- (b) ascertain the amount of funds and fees already advanced to contractors, consultants and any other agency/persons involved in the delay in implementing the Scheme, the propriety or otherwise of such expenditures and the extent of compliance with due process and report to the House” (*Hon. Celestine Nnaemeka Ughanze and 11 others*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

In prayer (b), line 3, immediately after the word “House”, *insert* the following words “within one month” (*Hon. Osita Izunaso*).

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

Main Question, as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Privatization Share Purchase Scheme (PSPLS) was an initiative intended to offer opportunity to millions of Nigerians to participate in the Privatization of Nigerian Enterprises, who ordinarily would not have had the means to buy shares under the Privatization Programme,;

Further noted that under the Privatization Shares Purchase Loan Scheme (PSPLS), participating Nigerians would be able to apply for ten Thousand Naira (₦10,000.00) worth of shares repayable over a period of five years in cash, dividends, bonuses, proceeds from the sale of shares or other appropriate repayment methods;

Informed that in October 2003, the National Council on Privatisation mandated the Bureau of Public Enterprise, to commence implementation of the Privatisation Shares Purchase Loan Scheme (PSPLS) and that Scheme had not commenced, denying millions of Nigerians the opportunity to participate in the on-going Privatization exercise;

Also informed that contracts worth millions of naira had been awarded for the execution of the scheme;

Concerned that the House Committee on Privatization and Commercialization had addressed several letters to the Bureau of Public Enterprise (BPE) to brief the Committee on the Scheme as well as the Contracts awarded and without any response from the Bureau; and

Considering the lack of transparency associated with the delay in implementing the Scheme;

Resolved to:

mandate the House Committee on Privatization and Commercialization to conduct an investigation into the Scheme with a view to identifying:

- (a) the cause(s) for the delayed take-off of this noble Scheme; and
- (b) ascertain the amount of funds and fees already advanced to contractors, consultants and any other agency/persons involved in the delay in implementing the Scheme, the propriety or otherwise of such expenditures and the extent of compliance with due process and report to the House within one month (*HR. 04/2005*).

7. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the National Lottery, Establishment of the National Lottery Regulatory Commission and the National Lottery Trust Fund and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2005—Third Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed: “That the Bill for an Act to Provide for the National Lottery, Establishment of the National Lottery Regulatory Commission and the National Lottery Trust Fund and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2005 be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Court of Appeal Acts and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2005—Third Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed: “That the Bill for an Act to Amend the Court of Appeal Acts and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2005 be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

8. A Bill for an Act to Make Provision for Increase in the Number of Judges of the Federal High Court From 50 to 70, 2005—Third Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed: “That the Bill for an Act to Make Provision for Increase in the Number of Judges of the Federal High Court From 50 to 70, 2005 be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

9. A Bill for an Act to Authorise The Issue out from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation Account the total sum of ₦34,150,050,000.00k (Thirty-Four Billion, One Hundred and Fifty Million, and Fifty Thousand Naira) only of which the sum of ₦9,294,000,000.00k (Nine Billion, Two Hundred and Ninety-Four Million Naira) only is for Personnel Cost and the sum of ₦5,082,500,000.00k (Five Billion, Eighty-Two Million, Five Hundred Thousand Naira) only is for Overhead Cost, while the Balance of ₦19,773,550,000.00k (Nineteen Billion, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Three Million, Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira) only is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital

Motion made and Question proposed; “That the Bill for an Act to Authorise The Issue out from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation Account the total sum of ₦34,150,050,000.00k (Thirty-Four Billion, One Hundred and Fifty Million, and Fifty Thousand Naira) only of which the sum of ₦9,294,000,000.00k (Nine Billion, Two Hundred and Ninety-Four Million Naira) only is for Personnel Cost and the sum of ₦5,082,500,000.00k (Five Billion, Eighty-Two Million, Five Hundred Thousand Naira) only is for Overhead Cost, while the Balance of ₦19,773,550,000.00k (Nineteen Billion, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Three Million, Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira) only is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja—Federal Capital Territory Statutory Budget, 2005 be now read the Second Time” (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Debate:

Question, That the Bill be read the Second Time, put and agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Federal Capital Territory.

10. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Implementation of the Treaty on the West African Gas Pipeline Project and the International Project Agreement and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2004 (HB. 126)—Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the Bill for an Act to Provide for the Implementation of the Treaty on the West African Gas Pipeline Project and the International Project Agreement and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2004 (HB. 126) be now read the Second Time” (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Debate:

Question, That the Bill be read the Second Time, put and agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Gas Resources.

11. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 2 February, 2005 at 2.00 p.m. (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.15 p.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker