



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 22 February, 2005

1. The House met at 12.25 p.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Apologies for late Commencement of Sitting:**
Mr Speaker apologized for the late commencement of Sitting, and ascribed the delay to the inauguration of the Committee on Inter and Intra Party Relations.
3. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 17 February, 2005.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

4. **Farewell Address:**
By leave of the House, Hon. Jessie Belonwu addressed the House:

*Your Excellency, Mr Speaker
My very beloved brothers
My dear sisters in this hallowed Chamber,*

I am about to leave you. Conscience, duty, dedication to party and love for country propel me to perform one function here in the presence of all of you my colleagues, and Almighty God.

For close to 2 years, we have been together and my wish has always been to stay amongst such wonderful people, and render service to our great country.

But the court has ruled. I am a loyal party member, I am a lawyer, womanhood has dignity, but most of all as a firm believer in the Almighty God, nothing ever happens except HE sanctions it, and for a purpose.

The Rt Honourable Gozie Agbakoba, I step forward to congratulate you, it was a good fight, but as we say, AS THE COURT PLEASES.

I am leaving with very fond memories; I will forever remember and cherish the quality time we spent in this Honourable House. I thank you all and indeed all the wonderful staff of the House of Representatives.

Mr Speaker, may the Almighty continue to protect and guide you, but most of all, may HE shower you with more wisdom.

It is my fervent hope and prayer that by my action, I have done my party, this Honourable House and womanhood proud.

Goodbye and God bless our great country.

(Ovation).

5. **Oaths of Allegiance and Membership:**
Member-elect, Gozie Agbakoba (*Onitsha North/South Federal Constituency*) took and subscribed the Oaths, as required by law.
6. **Announcements:**
Conferment of Chieftaincy Title:
Mr Speaker read a letter from Hon. Shu'aibu H. Abdullahi:



Hon. (Dr) Shua'ibu H. Abdullahi
AWE/DOMA/KEANA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX
THREE ARMS ZONE, P.M.B. 141, GARKI, ABUJA - NIGERIA

17th February, 2005

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

Your Excellency,

CONFERMENT OF TRADITIONAL TITLE

*I am pleased to inform the Honourable Speaker and Hon. Colleagues that I have been conferred with the traditional title of **Matawallen Awe** by His Royal Highness the Sangari of Awe, Alhaji Abubakar Umar II.*

The turbanning ceremony is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 12th March, 2005 at the Sangari's Palace, Awe, Nasarawa State at 10.00 a.m.

I therefore wish to invite all Honourable members to this historic occasion. I will be grateful and highly honoured by the gracious presence of Honourable Members to make the ceremony very memorable and eventful.

Please accept the assurances of my best regards and highest esteem.

(Signed)

HON. (DR) SHUA'IBU HASHIMU ABDULLAHI

7. **Presentation of Bill:**
Public Procurement Bill, 2005 (HB.140) — *Read the First Time.*

(Second Reading; Tomorrow, Wednesday, 23 February, 2005).
8. **A Bill for an Act to Establish a Budget Implementation, Monitoring and Compliance Commission; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2004 (HB. 112)—Second Reading:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the Bill for an Act to Establish a Budget Implementation, Monitoring and Compliance Commission; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2004 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Abdul Oroh).

Debate:

Bill, by leave of the House, withdrawn.
9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Police Service Commission (Establishment) Act, 2001; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2004 (HB. 114)—Second Reading:**

- 10. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Shipping of Nigeria and Regulate the Profession of Shipping; and for Related Matters, 2004 (HB. 132)—*Second Reading:***

Order read; deferred.

- 11. Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 23 February, 2005 at 2.00 p.m. (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.05 p.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker