



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 2 March, 2005

1. The House met at 11.10 a.m. Mr. Speaker read Prayers.
2. Votes and Proceedings:
Mr. Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 1 March, 2005

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. Announcement:
National Lottery BUI, 2005:
Mr. Speaker read the following notification from the Chairman, Committee on Rules and Business:

Rt Hon. (Bar) Ita Enang CHAIRMAN,
RULES & BUSINESS COMMITTEE
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2nd March, 2005

ANNOUNCEMENT.

NATIONAL LOTTERY BILL, 2005

The within-named Bill, forwarded to Mr. President for assent was returned to the House for amendments.

Order 12 Rule 12 (b) of our Standing Orders provides:

"Where the President either withholds his assent to a BUI or does not communicate his assent or otherwise or proposes amendments to the Bill within 30 days from the date the BUI was sent to him for assent, the House shall again deliberate on the BUI,"

Pursuant to this provision this Bill will be listed for re-consideration of the amendments proposed by Mr. President on Thursday, 3rd March, 2005 in the Committee of the whole.

Clean copies of the Bill as authenticated to Mr. President and Mr. President's letter of February 14th, 2005 is being reproduced for all Hon. Members.

Hon. Members are please informed to come with their copies.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Hon. Ita Enang

Chairman, Rules & Business Committee.

4. Petitions:

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

- (i) Hon. Temi Harriman, from Ugbodo Community in Warn, praying the House to prevail on Chevron Texaco to implement the Memorandum of Understanding with the community;**
- (ii) Hon. Zebulum Obolo, from Timmy Olufemi Netufo against wrongful retirement by NNPC, praying the House to grant the reliefs sought in his petition;**
- (iii) Hon. Gbenga Makunjuola, from Samuel Agboola Aina, praying the House to prevail on Kwara State Government to reflect the correct years of Service in his pension benefit and pay the arrears arising therefrom.**

5. Presentation And Laying of Treaties:

- (i) Statute of the West African Central Bank (Ratification and Enforcement) Bill, 2005 (HB. 155) —
*Read the First Time.***

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

- (ii) Agreement on the Establishment of the West African Monetary Zone (Ratification and Enforcement) Bill, 2005 (HB. 156)—*Read the First Time.***

Treaties referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

- (iii) International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973/78 (Ratification and Enforcement) Bill, 2005 (HB. 159)—*Read the First Time.***

Treaty referred to the Committee on Marine Transport.

6. General Insecurity along Okene-Abuja, Lokoja-Kabba and Kabba-Okene Roads:

Motion made and Question proposed,

"The House:

Notes that armed robberies along Okene - Abuja, Lokoja-Kabba and Kabba - Okene Roads, have assumed an alarming scale in recent times;

Alarmed that several lives have been lost as a result of the perfidious activities of armed robbers who operate along these roads with ease and impunity virtually on daily basis;

Aware of the critical importance of this road network as a major link between the Northern and the Southern States of Nigeria;

Deplores the inability of the Nigeria Police Force to arrest the situation;

Resolves to:

Urge the Inspector-General of Police to promptly review and reinforce the entire security arrangement on those roads to curb acts of armed robbery and immediately create Police Posts at different locations and within distances, to ensure effective and result-oriented policing along the entire road network" (Hon. Musa Ibrahim Ahmadu and 14 others).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in the Prayer and insert the following instead thereof:

" Urge the Inspector-General of Police to intensify Police patrol on all Federal Highways and equip them with communication gadgets" (Hon. Bawa Bwari).

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

Main Question, as amended, put and agreed to. The

House:

Noted that armed robberies along Okene - Abuja, Lokoja-Kabba and Kabba - Okene Roads, had assumed an alarming scale in recent times;

Alarmed that several lives had been lost as a result of the perfidious activities of armed robbers who operated along these roads with ease and impunity virtually on daily basis;

Aware of the critical importance of this road network as a major link between the Northern and the Southern States of Nigeria;

Deplored the inability of the Nigeria Police Force to arrest the situation;

Resolved to:

Urge me Inspector-General of Police to intensify Police patrols on all Federal Highways and equip them with communication gadgets (HR. 05/2005).

- 7. A Bill for an Act to Dissolve the Institute of Cost Management and to Establish a Chartered Institute of Cost Management of Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 116) — Second Reading:**

Order read; deferred.

- 8. Consideration of Reports:**

(i) Committee on Environment:

Report of the House Committee on Environment on A Bill for an Act to Establish the Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria as a Body Corporate and to Empower the Council, *Inter Alia*, to Determine Persons and What Standards of Knowledge and Skills to be Attained by Such Persons; and for Related Matters, 2003.

Order read; deferred.

(ii) Committee on Agriculture and Finance:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider me Report of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Finance on A Bill for an Act to Subsidize all Agricultural Inputs by 50 Per Cent of the Cost Price in the First Year with Gradual Withdrawal of 10 Per Cent for a Period of 3 Years for Five Years for Five Rounds with a Revolving Fund of Thirty Billion Naira, 2003 and approve the Recommendations therein" (Hon. Ahmed Lawan).

Question put and agreed to.

Question, that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr. Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO SUBSIDIZE ALL AGRICULTURAL INPUTS BY 50 PERCENT OF THE COST PRICE IN THE FIRST YEAR WITH GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF 10 PERCENT FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS FOR FIVE YEARS FOR FIVE ROUNDS WITH A REVOLVING FUND OF THIRTY BILLION NAKA, 2003

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Provision of subsidy.

- (1) As from the commencement of this A&, all Agricultural Inputs as specified in the Schedule to this Act shall be subsidized for 50 percent for a total period of 15 years.**

- (2) The 50 percent subsidy for the Agricultural Inputs shall be provided in the first year of the application of this Act.
- (3) There shall be gradual withdrawal of the subsidy by 10 percent for 3 years (Hon Ahmed Lawan)—Agreed to.

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Subsidy for a period of 15 years.
The subsidy shall be in five(5) rounds of 3 years each (Hon Ahmed Lawan)—Agreed to.

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: Provision of a revolving fund of N 30 billion.
There shall be provided as a Revolving Fund the sum of Thirty Billion Naira (N30,000,000,000) which shall be used to supplement the subsidy (Hon Ahmed Lawan)—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 3 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: Consolidated Revenue Fund.
The contribution shall be charged to the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federal Government (Hon Ahmed Lawan)—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 4 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Progress.

(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 Agriculture and Finance on A Bill for an Act to Provide Subsidy All Agricultural Inputs by 50 Percent of Cost Price in the First Year with Gradual Withdrawal of 10 Percent for a Period of 3 Years for Five Rounds with a Revolving Fund of Thirty Billion Naira (1*30,000,000,000) and approved Clauses 1 - 4. He asked leave to sit again on the Bill the next Legislative Day.

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

9. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 3 March, 2005 at 10.00 a.m. (Hon. Gilbert Nnaji)

Adjourned accordingly at 12.43p.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker