



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 3 March, 2005

1. The House met at 10.55 a.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr. Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 2 March 2005.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted
3. **Petitions:**
The following petitions were received and referred to the House Committee on Public Petitions:
 - (i) Hon. Harry Oranezi, from Navy Captain P. M. O. Ezembah, requesting the House to investigate his premature retirement from the Nigerian Navy with a view to reinstating him;
 - (ii) Hon. Mao Oluabunwa, from Messrs Candy S. Chukwu and Udenenwu Barnabas on behalf of the Abuja Area 1 Traders Association, praying the House to prevail on the Chairman, Abuja Municipal Area Council to stop the demolition exercise of Area 1 Market scheduled for March 15, 2005 until an alternative market was provided;
 - (iii) Hon. Sentunji Koshedo, from Messrs Peter Oyediran, Senidonu Pot-Balogun and Hunga Hungbo on behalf of Ajara Communities, praying the House to prevail on the National Electric Power Authority to restore power supply to the Ajara Communities of Badagry, Lagos State without further delay.
4. Imminent Explosion of Lake Nyos:

Order read; deferred.
5. **Landslide in Parts of Arochukwu-Ohafia Federal Constituency in Abia State:**
Motion made and Question proposed,
"The House:

Notes the recent occurrence of a landslide, in Ozu-Abam and Obinto Ihechi-owa areas of Arochukwu Local Government, in Abia State;

Further notes that this has led to a massive destruction of farmlands, livestock, residential homes, property, as well as the displacement of more than twenty (20) families from their traditional homes;

Concerned that the Arochukwu-Ohafia Federal road has been extensively damaged as a result of the landslide, cutting off all forms of movement of persons, goods and services between the two Communities and other parts of the State;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the ecological fund to intervene and address the attendant ecological problems in the affected areas;**
- (ii) Call on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to quickly dispatch relief materials to victims of the landslide;**
- (iii) Urge the Federal Ministry of Works to urgently embark on the reconstruction of the damaged roads; and**
- (iv) Mandate for Joint Committee in Disaster Preparedness, Inter-Governmental Affairs, and Works to visit die affected areas and commiserate with the Government and people of Abia State, and victims of the landslide" (Hon. Ben Ohuabunwa and 44 others).**

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

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

" Urge the Federal Ministry of Environment to assess the environmental problems in the affected areas " (Hon.

Ahmed Lawan)

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted the recent occurrence of a landslide, in Ozu-Abam and Obinto Diechi-owa areas of Arochukwu Local Government, in Abia State;

Further noted that this had ted to a massive destruction of farmlands, livestock, residential homes, property, as well as me displacement of more than twenty (20) families from their traditional homes;

Concerned mat me Arochukwu-Ohafia Federal road had been extensively damaged as a result of the landslide, cutting off all forms of movement of persons, goods and services between me am communities and other parts of the State;

Resolved to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Environment to assess the environmental problems in the affected areas;**
- (ii) Call on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to quickly dispatch relief materials to victims of the landslide;**
- (iii) Urge the Federal Ministry of Works to urgently embark on the reconstruction of the damaged roads; and**
- (iv) Mandate the Joint Committee on Disaster Preparedness, Inter-Governmental Affairs, and Works to visit the affected areas and commiserate with the Government and people of Abia State, and victims of the landslide (HR. 9/2005).**

- 6. A Bin for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme Fund; and for Matters Connected Purposes, 2005—Third Reading:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme Fund; and for Connected Purposes, 2005 be now read the Third Time" (Hon. G. Nnaji).

Question put and agreed 'to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

7. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Certified Secretaries and Reporters for a Registration and Discipline of Certified Secretaries and Reporters, and to Provide for a Governing Board, Charged with Responsibility to, Among Other Things, Formulate Policies for the Institute; and for Connected Purposes, 2005 —*Third Reading:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Certified Secretaries and Reporters for a Registration and Discipline of Certified Secretaries and Reporters, and to Provide for a Governing Board, Charged with Responsibility to, Among Other Things, Formulate Policies for the Institute; and for Connected Purposes, 2005 be now read the Third Time" (Hon. G. Nnaji).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed..

8. Consideration of Reports:

- (i) *Joint Committee on Agriculture and Finance:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do resume consideration of the Report of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Finance on 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 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 resume consideration of 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 NAIRA, 2003**

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 5: Purchases and distribution by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

- (1) The Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in conjunction with the States and Local Governments and Area Councils shall be responsible for the purchase and distribution of the Agricultural Inputs.**

- 2. The Purchase and distribution of all the Agricultural Inputs shall be completed in October of each year (Hon Ahmed Lawan)—Agreed to.**

Question that Clause 5 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 6: Delivery and distribution by Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, States, FCT, Local Governments and Area Councils.

The delivery of the Agricultural Inputs shall be handled by the Federal Government through the establishment of an equitable mechanism at the Federal, States Local Government, FCT Area Councils (Hon Ahmed Lawan)—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 6 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 7: Oversight function of the Legislature.

The appropriate Committee of the National Assembly shall have oversight functions with respect to the co-operation of the Agricultural Inputs and the Ministry of Agriculture, the State Governments, and the Local Government Chairmen shall cooperate with the exercise of such oversight function (Hon Ahmed Lawan)—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 7 of the Bill be deleted, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 8: Citation.

This Act may be cited as the Agricultural Inputs (Provision of Subsidy) Bill, 2005 (*Hon Ahmed Lawan*)—Agreed to.

**Question that
Bill, put and**

**Clause 8 stand part of the
agreed to.**

SCHEDULE

Agriculture

1.

- (i) Fertilizer**
 - (a) NPK**
 - (b) Urea**
 - (c) Super-phosphate, etc.**
- (ii) Chemicals**
 - (a) Insecticide**
 - (b) Fungicide**
 - (c) Pesticide**
 - (d) Herbicide, etc.**
- (iii) Seeds**
 - (a) Improved Seed varieties**
- (iv) Machinery**
 - (a) Water pump (all capacities)**
 - (b) Generators**
 - (c) Tractors and Implements**
 - (d) Harvesters and Threshing Machines**
 - (e) Sprayers**
 - (f) Scales, etc.**
 - (g) Rice mills**
 - (h) Destoners**
 - (i) Cassava Processing Machines**
 - (j) Palm Oil Mills**
 - (k) Vegetable Processing Machines *Hon. Ahmed Lawan*)—Agreed to.**

2.

Livestock/Poultry

- (i) Animal and poultry feeds**
- (ii) Stock**
 - (a) Poultry**
 - (b) Sheep**
 - (c) Cattle**
 - (d) Goat**
 - (e) Pigs**
 - (f) Camels**
 - (g) Birds**
 - (h) Grass cutter**
 - (i) Snails**
 - (j) Rabbits**
- (iii) Animal drugs and Supplement**
 - (a) Poultry Equipment**
 - (b) Hatchery**
 - (c) Brooders**
 - (d) Animal Husbandry/Equipment (*Hon. Ahmed Lawan*).**

improved breeds

Amendments Proposed:

(i) In paragraph 2 (iii), leave out the word "Supplement" and insert the word "Equipment" instead thereof (*Hon. Moroof AMnwande*)—Agreed to.

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

(ii) Insert a new subparagraph (in) (e) as follows:

"(e) livestock/drugs" (*Hon. Moroof Akinwande*)—Agreed to.

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

3. Forestry

(i) Seedlings

- (a) Conventional**
- (b) Fruits trees etc**

(ii)

- (a) Pesticides**
- (b) Fungicides**
- (c) Insecticides**
- (d) Herbicides**

(iii) Machine/Tools/Equipment

- (a) Seed Treatment**
- (b) Saws**
- (c) Tractors and Accessories**
- (d) Fencing Materials, etc.**

4. Fisheries

- (a) Fishing Gears**
- (b) Nets**
- (c) Hooks**
- (d) Boats**

(iv) Dryer and Storage Facilities

- (a) Smoking Kilns**
- (b) Dryers**
- (c) Freezers, etc.**
- (d) Cold Stores, etc.**

(iii) Fish Feeds

(iv) Medication

(v) Fingerlings, etc. (*Hon Ahmed Lawan*)—Agreed to.

Question that the provisions of the Schedule, as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Long Tide: That the words "A Bifl 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 approved Clause S, 6, Deleted Clause 7, approved Clause 8, the Schedule with some slight amendments and the Long Title to the BUI (*fim. Ahmed Lawan*).-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 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 approved Clause S, 6, Deleted Clause 7, approved Clause 8, the Schedule with some slight amendments and the Long Title to the Bill.

Question, that the Home do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, 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 A 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 and approve the Recommendations therein* (*mm. Beta Mm Na 'Allah*).

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 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**

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Amendment of Cap. 4. LFN, 1990.
The Acts Authentication Act (hereinafter in this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out below (*Hon Bala Ibn Na'Allah*)—*Agreed, to.*

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 1(2), Cap. 4 LFN, 1990
This Act shall apply to all laws passed as Acts by the National Assembly after the coming into operation of this Act (*Hon Bala Ibn Na 'Allah*)—*Agreed to.*

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: Amendment of Section 2 (2), Cap. 4 LFN, 1990.
The Clerk of the National Assembly shall, as from time to time, directed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives prepare a Schedule of Bills passed at any time during a session and intended to be presented for assent; and shall certify on the Schedule that it is a true and correct record (*Hon Bala Ibn Na 'Allah*)—*Agreed to.*

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: Substitution for Section 2 (3), Cap. 4 LFN, 1990
The Schedule shall set forth the long title of a Bill and a summary of its contents and the respective dates on which each Bill passed each House of the National Assembly; and subject to the provisions of this section, when signed by the Clerk of the National Assembly the certificate shall be conclusive for all purposes (*Hon Bala Ibn Na'Abbah*)—*Agreed to.*

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 5: Amendment of Section 2 (4), Cap. 4 LFN, 1990.
Nothing in this section shall abrogate any special requirements prescribed for the entrenched sections of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and any other certificate shall be endorsed and signed by the Clerk of the National Assembly as directed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, on the Bill before the preparation (*Hon Bala Ibn Na'Abbah*)—*Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 5 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 6: Amendment of Section 5, Cap. 4, LFN, 1990.
6. Every Act when numbered shall immediately be set up, in fair and legible type, by the *National Assembly Printer* and have endorsed on the back that it is published by authority; and an impression in triplicate from the type set up shall be struck off by the *National Assembly Printer* on vellum or on paper of an enduring quality (*Hon Bala Ibn Na'Abbah*)-*Agreed to*

Question that Clause 6 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 7: Citation

This Act may be cited as the Acts Authentication Act (Amendment) Bill, 2005 (*Hon Bala Ibn Na'Allah*)-Agreed to.

Question that Clause 7 stand part of the ML, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Long Title: That the words "A 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", be the Long Title to 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 A 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 and approved Causes 1 - 7 and the Long Title to the Bill.

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 Tuesday, 8 March, 2005 at 10.00 a.m, (*Hen. Abdul Mnfi*)

Adjourned accordingly at 1.25 p.m.

**Austin A. Opara
Deputy Speaker**