



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 20 April, 2005

1. The House met at 2.26 pm. Mr Speaker read Prayers
2. Votes and Proceedings
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday , 19 April, 2005

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. Announcement:
Mr Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from the British High Commissioner in Nigeria, in response to a Motion debated on the Floor of this House on Tuesday, 19 April, 2005, protesting the British Government's policy on non-issuance of Visas to Nigerians between the ages of 18 and 30 seeking to travel to the United Kingdom. He read the letter:



From the British High Commissioner
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20 April 2005

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Dear Mr Speaker,

I read with interest the reports in today's newspapers about the debate in the House on 19 April over our decision to restrict applications for visit visas from young adult Nigerians who have never visited the UK. I understand the importance that the members of the House place on this issue. It was a difficult decision for us to take.

Mr Speaker, given the interest of the House and Honourable Members I would like to offer myself to the House as soon as you wish to arrange a meeting to try to explain our decision and to discuss points that Members of the House may like to raise. I am happy for this session to be open to all members and if you thought it of value to also open it to the press.

If you, or the Foreign Affairs Committee, wish to pursue this idea I should be grateful if your office should contact my Personal Assistant, Felicity Augustine-Aina, on telephone number 0803 4511097 or to Victoria Ibi on phone number 0803 7850003 to arrange a convenient time.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Richard
Gozney

Communication referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs; Committee mandated to invite the British High Commissioner to an Interactive Session.

4. Petitions:

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

- (i) Hon. Ganiyu Olanrewaju Solomon, from I. A. Onaleye on behalf of Challerams Plc, praying the House to investigate the unethical involvement of First Securities Limited and Principal Securities Limited in a N40 million Debenture transaction with a view to restoring investor-confidence in the Capital Market;
- (ii) Hon. Hallims J. Agoda, from Mudraga Agore, praying the House to prevail on Halliburton Energy Services Limited to reinstate him;
- (iii) Hon. Taofeek Arapaja, from Mr Tijani S. O., praying the House to prevail on the Nigerian Postal Services to regularize his pension benefits and pay him the arrears arising therefrom.

5. Presentation of Reports:

- (i) ***Joint Committee on Anti-Corruption and Justice:***
Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do receive the Report of the House Joint Committees on Anti-Corruption and Justice on A Bill for an Act to Amend the Advance Fee Fraud and other Fraud Offences Act, 1995, as Amended; and for Other Purposes Connected Therewith, 2004' (*Hon. Nduese Essien*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (ii) ***Committee on Gas Resources;***

Order read, deferred.

- (iii) ***Committee on Public Petitions:***

- (a) *Motion Made and Question Proposed*, "That this House do received the Reports of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mrs Stella L.Nomuoja against the Public Complaints Commission" (*Hon. Chudi Offodile*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (b) *Motion Made and Question Proposed*, "That this House do received the Report of the House Committee on Public Petition on the petition by Mr I. O. Hesani against the Pipelines, Products and Marketing Limited (PPMC)" (*Hon. Chudi Offodile*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (c) *Motion Made and Question Proposed*, "That this House do received the Report of the House Committee on Public Petition on the petition by Mr D. A. Samari against the Pipelines, Products and Marketing Limited (PPMC)" (*Hon. Chudi Offodile*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (d) *Motion Made and Question Proposed*, "That this House do received the Report of the House Committee on Public Petition on the petition by Mr Ndukwe Nwoke Okocha against the University of Lagos)" (*Hon. Chudi Offodile*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (e) *Motion Made and Question Proposed*, "That this House do received the Report of the House Committee on Public Petition on the petition by Mr Kamorudeen Olayinka Egberougbe against the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC))" (*Hon. Chudi Offodile*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (f) *Motion Made and Question Proposed*, "That this House do received the Report of the House Committee on Public Petition on the petition by Mr I. B. Murisuku against the Nigeria Customs Service)" (*Hon. Chudi Offodile*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (g) *Motion Made and Question Proposed*, "That this House do received the Report of the House Committee on Public Petition on the petition by Mr Ekpo Edet Ekpo against the Nigeria Customs Service" (*Hon. Chudi Offodile*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (h) *Motion Made and Question Proposed*, "That this House do received the Report of the House Committee on Public Petition on the petition by Rumuokoro Council of Chief and Owbor Holders against the Principal, Federal Government College, Port-Harcourt" (*Hon. Chudi Offodile*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (i) *Motion Made and Question Proposed*, "That this House do received the Report of the House Committee on Public Petition on the petition by Mr Paul Angya and Others against the Minister of Housing and Urban Development" (*Hon. Chudi Offodile*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (j) *Motion Made and Question Proposed*, "That this House do received the Report of the House Committee on Public Petition on the petition by Public Interest Lawyers League against the Saipem (Nig.) Ltd" (*Hon. Chudi Offodile*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (k) *Motion Made and Question Proposed*, "That this House do received the Report of the House Committee on Public Petition on the petition by Mr Silas Owa against the University of Abuja" (*Hon. Chudi Offodile*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (l) *Motion Made and Question Proposed*, "That this House do received the Report of the House Committee on Public Petition on the petition by E. A. Ubani and Sons against the Nigeria Ports Authority" (*Hon. Chudi Offodile*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (m) *Motion Made and Question Proposed*, "That this House do received the Report of the House Committee on Public Petition on die petition by Mr Taiwo Famuyiwa and Others against the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA)"(*Hon. Chudi Offodile*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

6. Consideration of Reports:

(i) Committee on Federal Capital Territory:

Motion Made and Question Proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Federal Capital Territory on A Bill for an Act to Authorize The Issue Out from **the** Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation Account the Total Sum of N52.880,195,390.00 (Fifty-Two Billion, Eight Hundred and Eighty Million, One Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety Naira) Only of which the Sum of N10,798,790,390.00 (Ten Billion, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Eight Million, Seven Hundred and Ninety Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety Naira) only is for Personnel Cost and the Sum of N5,359,425,000.00 (Five Billion, Three Hundred and Fifty-Nine Million, Four Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Naira) only is for Overhead Costs While the Balance of N36.721,980,000.00 (Thirty-Six Billion, Seven Hundred and Twenty-One Million, Nine Hundred and Eighty Thousand Naira) Only is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and approve the Recommendations therein". (*Hon. Philip Aduda Tanimu*).

Question Put and Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Supply to consider the aforesaid Report—Agreed to.

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Authorize the Issue Out from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation Account the Total Sum of N52,880,195,390.00 (Fifty-Two Billion, Eight Hundred and Eighty Million, One Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety Naira) Only of which the Sum of N10,798,790,390.00 (Ten Billion, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Eight Million, Seven Hundred and Ninety Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety Naira) Only is for Personnel Cost and the Sum of N5,359,425,000.00 (Five Billion, Three Hundred and Fifty-Nine Million, Four Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Naira) only is for Overhead Costs While the Balance of N36.721,980,000.00 (Thirty-Six Billion, Seven Hundred and Twenty-One Million, Nine Hundred and Eighty Thousand Naira) Only is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

Debate on Appropriateness of Long Title:

Secretariat directed to provide appropriate Long Title

SCHEDULE

PART A—RECURRENT NON-DEBT EXPENDITURE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY FIRST LINE CHARGE

Emolument of Upgraded Chiefs	—	N24,000,000.Q0
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—*Agreed to.*

Pension Fund Contribution	—	N480,000,000.00
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—*Agreed to.*

Question,

That the expenditure of Five Hundred and Four Million for the purposes set out under the Recurrent Estimates Expenditure of the Federal Capital Territory stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Appropriation Bill, 2005.

—*Agreed to.*

Consideration of Bill adjourned to enable the Committee on Federal Capital Territory provide and circulate to Members, details of the Budget.

Chairman to Report Progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Federal Capital Territory on the Federal Capital Territory's 2005 Budget. It mandated the Secretariat to provide an appropriate Long Title to the Bill and approved the Sum of N504,000,000.00 as Expenditure under the Federal Capital Territory First Line Charge. Consideration of the Report was adjourned till Tuesday, 26 April, 2005 to enable the Committee provide and circulate details of the Budget to Hon. Members.

(ii) Committee on Works:

Motion Made and Question Proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Works on A Bill an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2004 and approve the Recommendations therein" (Hon. Ayinde Gbadebo Muftao).

Debate:

Debate adjourned to enable the Rules and Business Committee circulate copies of the Report to Members.

<i>Executive Session</i>	—	<i>3.24 p.m.</i>
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<i>Plenary</i>	—	<i>4.45 p.m.</i>
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7. Adjournment

That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday, 26 April, 2005 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Adjourned accordingly at 4.50p.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker