



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 20 July, 2005

- 1, The House met at 2.25 p.m. Mr. Speaker read Prayers.
- 2, **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, **19 July**, 2005.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
- 3, **Message:**
Mr Speaker read the following Message from the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

PRES/134

19 July, 2005

*The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone, Abuja.*

Dear Hon. Speaker,

I wish to kindly request for your indulgence to brief the Joint Session of the National Assembly on the newly concluded National Political Reform Conference and the debt relief granted to Nigeria by the Paris Club of nations on Tuesday, July 26, 2005 at 11:00 hours.

While I thank you for your understanding, please accept, Mr Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely.

*(Signed) OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO*

4. Announcements:

(i) *Bereavements:*

- (a) Mr Speaker read a letter from Hon. Jimoh Olusola Ojugbele informing Members of the death of his mother:

Hon Jomoh Olusola Ojugbele

Member, House of Representatives
(Representing Ado-Odo/Ota Federal Constituency)
Deputy Chairman, Petroleum Refinery & Products Marketing
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA



18th July, 2005

*His Excellency,
Rt. Hon. Alhaji Aminu Bello Masari
The Speaker, House of Representatives
National Assembly Complex Three Arms
Zone Abuja.*

Dear Sir,

LETTER OF NOTIFICATION OF THE DEATH OF MY MOTHER

I write to inform your Excellency and the entire Honourable Members of the House of Representatives of the death of my mother—Madam Ayisat Ajoke Ojugbele—which event occurred on Tuesday, July 12, 2005: She was aged 100 years and has since been buried according to Muslim rites.

Meanwhile, the final burial rites have been scheduled, for Saturday, August 27, 2005 at Igbesa. Other details including a formal letter of invitation shall be sent to you under a different cover, as soon as possible. .

I thank you for usual cooperation and look forward to your dignifying the occasion with your presence.

Yours faithfully.

*(Signed)
HON. JIMOH OLUSOLA OJUGBELE
Member Federal House of Representatives
(Ado Odo/Ota Federal Constituency) Abuja.*

(One minute in silence observed in honour of the departed; Hon. Usman Balkore rendered prayers for the repose of her soul).

- (b) Mr Speaker also announced the death of the father of Hon. Nze Chidi Dura in the early hours of Wednesday, 20 July, 2005.

- (it) *Turbaning Ceremony of Hon. Isa Musa Matori:*
Mr Speaker read a letter from Hon. Sani Toro:



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

TVRBANING CEREMONY OF HON. ISA MUSA MA TORI AS GADO DA MASUN BAUCHI ON SATURDAY 23TH JULY 2005. AT EMIR'S PALACE BAUCHI.

This is to inform all Hon. Members that the Turbaning ceremony of Hon. Isa Musa Matori as GADO DA MASUN BA UCHI will take place on Saturday 23/7/2005 at Emir's Palace Bauchi.

The arrival and departure date form has been placed in Members' Boxes.

You are please requested to fill and return the completed form to Box 293, or to staff manning the Register Tables or contact the under signed for proper accommodation arrangement. Thanks.

(Sign)
Hon. Sani Ahmed Taro
(Yariman Toro)

- (Hi) *Birthday Luncheon and Book Presentation:*

Mr Speaker announced that invitation cards for the birthday Luncheon and book presentation in honour of Hon. Tunde Akogun had been placed in Members' mail boxes; the venue had changed from the Auditorium of National Universities Commission to the Congress Hall of NICON Hilton Hotel at 2.00 p.m. for 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, 21, July, 2005

Petition:

A petition was received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:

Hon. Adepegba Omodele, from Oguntoyinbo Charles, praying the House to investigate his wrongful removal from service by the Nigerian Immigration Services and to grant the reliefs sought in his petition.

Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

6. Hon. Halims Agoda drew the attention of the House to the Debt Relief recently granted the Country by the Paris Club and urged the House to discuss the import of the development as a matter of urgent public importance.

Question that the Matter be debated, put and agreed to.

Matter to stand over till the next Legislative Day.

7. Consideration and Adoption of Conference Report on the Advanced Fee Fraud and Other Related Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2005:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That:

The House on Thursday, 2 June, 2005 passed the Advanced Fee Fraud and Other Related Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2005;

The Joint Committee met in Conference on 2 June, 2005; resolved the differences arising there from and accepted a harmonized version of the Bill;

The Report was presented to the House on Tuesday, 19 July, 2005;

A clean copy of the Conference Report is ready for presentation and adoption;

Be it resolved that the House do consider and adopt the Conference Report on the Advanced Fee Fraud and Other Related Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2005 (*Hon. Saudatu Sani*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Order Act, Cap. 382 Laws of the Federation Nigeria, 1990 so as to Delete Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and for Related Matters, 2005 (HB.134) 2005—*Second Reading: Motion made and Question proposed*, "That A Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Order Act, Cap. 382 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 1990 so as to Delete Sections 1,2,3,4 and for Related Matters be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Gwani*)

Debate:

Consideration of Bill deferred in view of a recent court decision which declared the Act unconstitutional, null and void. Hon. Alex Nwofe, Hon. Idris Abdullahi and Hon. Ibn Na'Allah mandated to study the Court's decision and report to the House.

9. Consideration of Reports:

Committee On Defence:

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Armed Forces Service Commission, which shall be charged with responsibility, among other things to appoint persons to offices in Nigeria's Armed Forces (other than the Offices of the Chief of Defence Staff, Chief of Air Staff, Chief of Army Staff and 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:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Defence, on A Bill for An Act to Establish the Armed Forces Service Commission, which shall be charged with responsibility, among other things to appoint persons to offices in Nigeria's Armed Forces (other than the Offices of the Chief of Defence Staff, Chief of Air Staff, Chief of Army Staff and 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 and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. Oluwale Oke*).

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 ESTABLISH THE ARMED FORCES SERVICE COMMISSION, WHICH SHALL BE CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY, AMONG OTHER THINGS TO APPOINT PERSONS TO OFFICES IN NIGERIA'S ARMED FORCES (OTHER THAN THE OFFICES OF THE CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF CHIEF OR AIR STAFF, CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF AND 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 OR 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

Debate:

Consideration of Bill deferred to enable the Committee on Rules and Business circulate copies of the Armed Forces Act 1993 to Members.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair announced that the House in the Committee of Whole deferred consideration of the Bill to enable the Committee on Rules and Business circulate copies of the Armed Forces Act, 1993, to Members.

10. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 21 July, 2005 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Adjourned accordingly at 3.40 p.m.

A minii Bello Masari
Speaker