



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 6 January, 2009

1. The House met at 10:50 a.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Second Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 18 December, 2008.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Announcements:**
Obituary:
Mr Speaker announced with regrets the deaths of the following former Members:
 - (a) Hon. Forster Bruce Okoto (*Southern Ijaw Federal Constituency, 1999 - 2007*);
 - (b) Hon. Abdu Hare Mashi (*Mashi/Dutse Federal Constituency, 1999 - 2003*).
A minute in silence was observed in honour of the deceased Members.
4. **Felicitations:**
 - (a) Hon. Emeka Ihedioha drew the attention of the House to the recent conferment of National Honours on three deserving Honourable Members of the House namely: Hon. Usman Bayero Nafada (OFR), Hon. Tunde Akogun (OON), and Hon. Andrew Uchendu (OON) by the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria. He on behalf of the House congratulated the awardees and noted that the honour was worthwhile and in recognition of their roles in the House of Representatives.
 - (b) The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Usman Bayero Nafada, while expressing his profound appreciation to the House for their support, further congratulated the Rt. Hon. Speaker, Hon. Dimeji Sabur Bankole for successfully discharging the national assignment as "Amirr Hajj 2008". He noted that the success recorded in the 2008 Hajj was unprecedented and a demonstration of the sterling qualities of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
5. **Remarks by Mr Speaker:**
Mr Speaker thanked the House for the successes recorded in 2008 and expressed deep appreciation to Nigerians for their support and encouragement. He noted the need to expeditiously pass the 2009 Appropriations Bill in order to bring dividends of democracy to the people of Nigeria. Consequently the House would suspend Plenary Session till the next Legislative Week to enable Committees conclude actions on the 2009 Budget Proposals.
6. **Suspension of Plenary:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend Plenary till Tuesday, 13 January, 2009 to enable Committees conclude legislative action on the 2009 Budget proposals" (Hon. Tunde Akogun).

Question put and agreed to.

7. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday, 13 January, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 11.20 a.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker