



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 20 January, 2009

1. The House met at 10.55 a.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. Votes and Proceedings:
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 15 January, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:
Rising on Order VIII, Rule 4 (1) (2), Hon. Mayor Eze drew the attention of the House to a publication in the Sunday Vanguard Newspaper of January 18, 2009 captioned "Panic: Presidential movement delays plane in air for 3 hours". He considered the report dangerous for air travels and urged the House to debate it as a matter of urgent public importance.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance, put and agreed to.

Matter to stand over till the next Legislative Day.

4. Privilege:
Citing Order V, Rule 1, Hon. John Halims Agoda drew the attention of the House to the widely publicized incident in Minna, at the recent Retreat of the Joint Committee on the Constitution Review, where it was alleged that Hon. Members of the Joint Committee staged a walkout. He stated that as an Hon. Member, his constituents had severally engaged him on the walkout adding that it was the duty of the Committee to brief the House on what happened.

House in Executive Session — 11.20 a.m.

House in Plenary — 12.50 p.m.

5. Joint Committee on Constitution Review:
Motion made and Question proposed,
The House:

Notes the various comments regarding the purported walkout staged by the Honourable Members of the Joint Committee on the Review of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 at the Retreat in Minna;

Concerned that this matter, if not addressed is capable of misrepresenting the facts to the Nigerian public to the effect that the House of Representatives is averse to the Constitution review exercise;

Resolves:

- (i) to get involved and fully participate in the ongoing efforts to alter the provision of the 1999 Constitutions in line with the wishes and aspirations of Nigerians;

- (ii) that in doing so it would be fully guided by the limit set for it by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria under Section 9 {*Hon. John Halims Agoda*}.

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted The various comments regarding the purported walkout staged by the Honourable Members of the Joint Committee on the Review of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 at the Retreat in Minna;

Concerned that this matter, if not addressed was capable of misrepresenting the facts to the Nigerian public to the effect that the House of Representatives was averse to the Constitution review exercise;

Resolved to:

- (i) get involved and fully participate in the ongoing efforts to alter the provision of the 1999 Constitutions in line with the wishes and aspirations of Nigerians;
- (ii) that in doing so it would be fully guided by the limit set for it by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of **Nigeria** under Section 9 (**HR. 01/2009**).

6. Presentation of Bill:

Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time*.

7. Extension of Sitting:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do extend the Day's Sitting to enable it deliberate on the other items on the Order Paper" {*Hon. Tunde Akogun*}.

Question put and agreed to.

8. Consideration of Reports:

Joint Committee on Finance, Appropriations, Works, Loan and Debt Management, Capital Market and Justice:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do Consider the Report of the Joint House Committee on Finance, Appropriations, Works, Loans and Debt Management, Capital Market and Justice on the Federal Government proposal to issue Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) \$500 Million Naira Denominated Bond in the International Capital Market and approve the Recommendations therein" {*Hon. John Owan Enoh*}.

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report - agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE) {*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*}

Debate: Recommendation:

Given the various immediate and long term benefits of Nigeria's presence in the International Capital Market and taking into account the progress being made by the Debt Management Office (DMO) in strengthening public debt management institutions and practices, the USD 500 Million International Capital Market (JCM) offer proposed by Mr President should be approved (*Hon. John Owan Enoh*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole, considered the Report of the Joint House Committee on Finance, Appropriations, Works, Loans and Debt Management, Capital Market and Justice on the Federal Government proposal to issue Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) \$500 Million Naira Denominated Bond in the International Capital Market and approved the Recommendation therein.

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 Wednesday, 21 January, 2009 at 2.00 p.m. {Hon. Tunde Akogun}.

Adjourned accordingly at 2.25 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker