



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 21 January, 2009

1. The House met at 3.35 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, 20 January, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. Petitions;
The following petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:
 - (i) Hon. Sokonte Davies (*Degewa/Bonny Federal Constituency*), from Joseph Odomene, on behalf of the Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria, praying the House to intervene in their complaint against the Operators, Shipping Agents and Multi National Companies operating in Bonny that were preventing the Union from operating their business in accordance with the Maritime Labour Acts;
 - (ii) Hon. John Halims Agoda (*Ethiopia Federal Constituency*), from Mi" Victor Oyaigbcvwn, on behalf of all retired staff of National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research and Development Abuja (NIPRD), praying the House to intervene in their plight and ensure that Industrial and General Insurance Company Limited which was managing their pension fund prior to the 2004 reforms pay them all their outstanding benefits, honour all obligations under the terms of agreement and grant other reliefs sought therein;
 - (iii) Hon. John Halims Agoda (*Ethiopia Federal Constituency*), from Barr. Bisi Obasbola, on behalf of Mr Saturday Iboyi, praying the House to intervene in his alleged wrongful disengagement from the services of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation and to grant all the reliefs sought therein;
 - (iv) Hon. Chukwuka W, Onyema (*Ogbaru Federal Constituency*), from Banji Omotoyinbo, on behalf of nine others, praying the House to investigate the termination of their appointments from the services of the Federal Road Safety Corps, with a view to re-instating them and paying all their outstanding allowances;
 - (v) Hon. Chuka Ama-Nwanwa (*Oguta/Ohhaji-Eghama/Oru West Federal Constituency*),- from Charles Mgbenwelu, praying the House to investigate his alleged unjust dismissal from the services of the Nigeria Police Force, with a view to re-instating him and granting other reliefs sought therein;
 - (iv) Hon. Ndudi Bumelu (*Amoeba North/South, Oshimili North/South Federal Constituency*), from Emmanuel Kwasbue, praying the House to intervene in his alleged wrongful termination of his appointment by Galaxy Backbone Plc and to grant other reliefs sought in his petition.
4. Mailer of Urgent Public Importance:
Hon. Abike Dabiri Erewa, rising on Order VIII,- Rule 4 (1) (2) referred to the recent incident of shooting to death in Ukraine of a Nigerian whose death had sparked a protest by Nigerian youths in Ukraine. She urged the House to debate the mailer as one 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.*

5. Presentation of Bills:

(;) Maritime Zones Bill, 2009 — *Read the First time.*

(ii) Debt Management Office (Establishment) Bill, 2009 - *Read the First Time.*

6. Admittance to the Chamber:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That pursuant to Standing Order XV, Rule 9 of the House, this House do resolve to admit into its Chamber, Honourable Ministers, State Governors and Top Government Functionaries, for the purpose of formally laying the Final Report of the 2006 Census Exercise by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, at 12.15 p.m. on Thursday, 22 January, 2009, Pursuant to the provisions of Section 213 (3) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria" {*Hon. Baba Shehu Agaie*).

Question put and agreed to.

7. Need to Halt the Practice of Stopping Aircraft from Landing on Account of VIP Movement:

Motion made and Question proposed,
The House:

Notes that on Saturday, 17 December, 2009, a Bellview Aircraft was delayed mid-air for hours as a result of VIP movement at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja;

Aware that the said Plane took off from Lagos Airport about 12 noon and was expected to arrive Abuja by 1.00 p.m. but couldn't land until about 3.00 p.m. due to VIP movement;

Worried that about three years ago, a similar incident occurred when the Pilot of a Cessna Citation trainer plane was forced to land on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway at Ewekoro, Ogun State after being prevented from landing at Murtala Mohammed Airport in Lagos due to VIP movement;

Disturbed that such delay prompted panic and frustration among passengers, while others fainted and were later revived after the pilot was forced to bring down the aircraft for fear of running out of fuel;

Acknowledge the existence of laid down guidelines for VIP movement at airports worldwide which should be strictly followed by officials in the Aviation Sector to guarantee safety of the VIPs and passengers alike;

Resolves to:

(i) urge Mr President to direct his Protocol officers in charge of travels to ensure that his movements in and out of the airport do not put the lives of air travellers in jeopardy;

(ii) mandate the House Committee on Aviation to investigate the incident with a view to proffering solution and report to the House within two weeks (**Hon. Chukwudi Mayor Eze and 64 others**).

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

(;) Leave out-all **the** words in **Prayer (j)** {*Hon. Jime Emmanuel*},

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

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

"mandate the Joint Committee on Aviation and National Security and Intelligence: to investigate the incident with a view to proffering solution and report to the House within two weeks" (*Hon. H. S. Dickson*).

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

Mam Question as amended, put and agreed to. The

House:

Noted that on Saturday, 17 December, 2009, a Bellview Aircraft was delayed mid-air for hours as a result of VIP movement at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja;

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Disturbed that such delay prompted panic and frustration among passengers, while others fainted and were later revived after the pilot was forced to bring down the aircraft for fear of running out of fuel;

Acknowledged the existence of laid down guidelines for VIP movement at airports worldwide which should be strictly followed by officials In the Aviation Sector to guarantee safety of the VIPs and passengers alike;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Joint Committee on Aviation and National Security and Intelligence to investigate the incident with a view to proffering solution and report to the House within two weeks (HR. 02/2009).

8. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Energy Development Fund and Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 — *Second Reading:*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Energy Development Fund and Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ike Chimo*).

Debate:

Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time, put and agreed to.

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Committee on Power.

9. Adjournment:
That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 22 January, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Baba Shehu Agaie*).
Adjourned accordingly at 4.26 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker