



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 28 January, 2009

1. The House met at 2.45 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, 27 January, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. Announcement:
Obituary:
Mr Speaker announced the passing away of the Governor of Yobe State, Senator Mamman Ali, on Tuesday, 27 January, 2009 in the United States of America.

A minute in silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

Hon. Suleiman Kawu rendered prayers for the repose of his soul.
4. Petitions:
The following petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:
 - (i) Hon. Halims Agoda (*Ethiope Federal Constituency*), from 13 former staff of Belbop Nigeria Limited, a subsidiary of Con Oil Producing Limited, praying the House to intervene in their alleged unlawful disengagement from the services of the organization, with a view to re-instating them and granting other reliefs sought;
 - (ii) Hon. Halims Agoda (*Ethiope Federal Constituency*), from 41 former staff of AfriBank Nigeria Plc praying the House to prevail on the Bank to obey the Resolution passed by the House on 21 March, 2002.
5. Presentation of Reports:
 - (i) **Committee on Appropriation:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Appropriation on a Bill for an Act to Authorise the Issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the Total Sum of N3,087,046,287,092 (Three Trillion, Eighty-Seven Billion, Forty-Sixty Million, Two Hundred and Eighty-Seven Thousand, Ninety-Two Naira) only, of which, N 165,719,910,696 (One Hundred Sixty-Five Billion, Seven Hundred and Nineteen Million, Nine Hundred and Ten Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety-Six Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, N283,649,892,795 (Two Hundred and Eighty-Three Billion, Six Hundred and Forty-Nine Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Five Naira) only is for Debt Service, N1,617,934,121,659 (One Trillion, Six Hundred and Seventeen Billion, Nine Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, One Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, Six Hundred and Fifty-Nine Naira)

only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the balance of N 1,019,742,361,943 (One Trillion, Nineteen Billion, Seven Hundred and Forty-Two Million, Three Hundred and Sixty-One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Forty-Two Naira) only, is for Contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year Ending on the 31st day of December, 2009" (*Hon. Ayoade Ademola Adeseun*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) **Committee on Sports;**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Sports on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Sports Commission to be Charged with the Responsibility of Administering, Encouraging and Developing Sports and Games Throughout Nigeria and Other Matters Incidental Thereto, 2008" (*Hon. Suleiman Mohammed Bello*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

6. Nigerian Communication Commission and Telecommunication Regulation in Nigeria:

Motion made and Question proposed,
The House:

Notes that the Nigerian Communication Commission (NCC) is responsible for the licensing and regulation of all telecommunication service providers in Nigeria;

Aware that this Commission has not been able to execute the mandate of regulating, supervising and enforcing the Act establishing it;

Disturbed that the Nigerian Communication Commission is seen not only to be ineffective in carrying out its mandate but also protecting the telecommunication service providers to the detriment of the Nigeria public;

Concerned that there are other special services that the consumers ought to have been enjoying from the service providers but are not provided;

Worried that the poor services presently being provided to Nigerians by the service providers could be attributed to lack of adequate supervision by the regulatory agency;

Resolves to:

Mandate the House Committee on Communications to conduct a Public Hearing on the operations of the service providers in Nigeria, in relation to the Nigerian Communication Commission Act and make recommendations to the House within three (3) weeks (*Hon. Dino Melaye and 119 Others*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

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

"Direct the Committee on Communications to present the final report as mandated by the House" (Hon. Ralph Okeke)

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Nigerian Communication Commission (NCC) is responsible for the licensing and regulation of all telecommunication service providers in Nigeria;

Aware that this Commission has not been able to execute the mandate of regulating, supervising and enforcing the Act establishing it;

Disturbed that the Nigerian Communication Commission is seen not only to be ineffective in carrying out its

Concerned that there are other special services that the consumers ought to have been enjoying from the service providers but are not provided;

Worried that the poor services presently being provided to Nigerians by the service providers could be attributed to lack of adequate supervision by the regulatory agency;

Resolved to:

Direct the Committee on Communication to present the final report as mandated by the House (HR. 02/2009).

Ordered: That the Report be laid within two weeks.

7. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Cost Management Accountants of Nigeria and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 — *Third Reading:*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Cost Management Accountants of Nigeria and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Tunde Akogun).

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

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

8. Adjournment:
That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 29 January, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (Hon. Tunde Akogun).

Adjourned accordingly at 4.15 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker