



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 5 February, 2009

1. The House met at 10.42 a.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 4 February, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcements:**
 - (a) **Visitors:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence in the Gallery, of Honourable Members of the Kano Municipal Legislative Council.
 - (b) **Obituary:**
Mr Speaker announced the death of Chief Amos A. Inoh, a former Member of the House of Representatives from 1979 - 1983.

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

4. **Executive Session** — 10.55 a.m.

Plenary — 12.30 p.m.

5. **Petitions:**
The following petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:

- (i) Hon. Rufus Omeire (*Ideato North/Ideato South Federal Constituency*), from Mr Coleman Nwosu, praying the House to prevail on the Nigeria Police Force to enforce the Court's debt judgment against it;
- (ii) Hon. Overah O. Joyce (*Uvwwe and Sapele Federal Constituency*), from Mr John O. Ebisan, praying the House to investigate the circumstances that led to his dismissal from the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria with a view to converting his dismissal to retirement;
- (iii) Hon. Godfrey A. Gaiya (*Kataf/Jaba Federal Constituency*), from Mrs Christiania Bature, former staff of the National Steel Raw Materials Exploration Agency, praying the House to investigate her alleged termination of appointment with a view to ensuring fairness and equity;
- (iv) Hon. Laraban Yunusa Dambatta (*Danbatta/ Makoda Federal Constituency*), from Mukhtar Ibrahim Danbatta, former staff of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) over his alleged illegal dismissal from service, praying the House to intervene in the matter.

6. Privilege:

Citing Order V, Rule 2, Hon. Mohammed Ali Ndume, drew the attention of the House to the Power Probe Report and according to him, since the report had been laid, no Member of the House had been provided with a copy. He viewed the development as a breach of the privilege of Members and that of his own.

Mr Speaker directed the Chairman, Rules and Business Committee that copies of the following Reports be made available to Members:

- (i) *Power Probe Report;*
- (ii) *Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Operations and activities of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation and its subsidiaries and the Department of Petroleum Resources from 1999 to 2008; and*
- (iii) *Report of the Committee on Finance on the Investigative Hearing on Revenue Generation and Non-remittance by government Ministries, Departments and Agencies and Statutory corporations into the Federation Account.*

7. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Corporate Social Responsibility (Special Provisions, etc.) (Repeal) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Nigerian Sports Endowment Fund (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Safeguards Disclosure (Whistle Blowers, Special Provisions, etc.) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Local Raw Materials (Sourcing and Utilisation) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Nigerian Indigenous Companies (Motivation and Protection) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (vi) Herbal Medicine Practice Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (vii) Private Hospital (Establishment, Regulatory and Control) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (viii) National Institute of Nigerian Philosophers Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*

8. Presentation of Report:***Committee on Agriculture:***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Agriculture on A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Food Reserve Agency and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 (Hon. Gbenga Makanjola).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

9. A Bill for an Act to Make it an offence for Vacant Positions in the Federal Civil Service to be filled without being Advertised and Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 — *Second Reading.*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Make it an offence for Vacant Positions in the Federal Civil Service to be filled without being Advertised and Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 be now read the Second time" (*Hon Mayor Eze*).

Debate:

Bill, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

10. A Bill for an Act to make it Mandatory for the National Assembly to Scrutinise and approve Statutory Instrument before it becomes enforceable and to Provide for Matters Connected Incidental Thereto, 2008 — *Second Reading.*

Order read; deferred.

11. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday, 10 February, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.21 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 3 February, 2009, after item 4, *insert* a new item 5 as follows;

Presentation of a Bill: Nigerian Ports Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time*, and re-number accordingly.