



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday 18 November, 2008

1. The House met at 10.50 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 13 November, 2008.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. Message:
Mr Deputy Speaker read the following Message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

November 14, 2008

*Rt Honourable Dimeji Bankole Speaker of
the House of Representatives, National
Assembly Complex, Three-Arms Zone, Abuja.*

Dear brother,

2009 BUDGET

I crave the indulgence of the National Assembly to grant me the slot of 12.00 noon, Wednesday, November 19th, 2008, to formally address the Joint Session of the National Assembly on Budget 2009.

While I thank the Honourable Members of the House of Representatives for the constancy of your cooperation and understanding, please accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours most sincerely,

(Singed)
VMARUMUSA YAR'ADVA

Announcements:**(a) Conferees:**

Mr Deputy Speaker named the Membership of the Conference Committee on the inability of the National Security Agencies in Combating the Increasing Incidence of Hijacking Fishing Vessels in Nigerian Territorial Waters as follows:

(i)	Hon. West Idahosa	—	
(ii)	Hon. Bashir Adamu	—	Member
(iii)	Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi	—	Member
(iv)	Hon. Bala Banye	—	Member
(v)	Hon. Shetima Shehu	—	Member
(vi)	Hon. Patty Etete Inemeh	—	Member
(vii)	Hon. Florence Akinwale	—	Member
(viii)	Hon. Chuma Umeoji	—	Member
(ix)	Hon. Solomon Ahwinahwi	—	Member
(x)	Hon. Binta Masi Garba	—	Member
(xi)	Hon. Gabasawa Nasiru	—	Member
(xii)	Hon. Jim Audu	—	Member

(b) Bereavement:

Mr Deputy Speaker announced with regrets the death of the mother of Hon. Tayo Fawehinmi (*Ondo East/Ondo West Federal Constituency, Ondo State*).

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

5. Matter Requiring the Special Attention of the House:

Hon. Halims Agoda drew the attention of the House to the nomination of the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, Professor Chukwuma C. Soludo, by the United Nations as one of the 10 people in the world to proffer solutions to the current global financial crisis. He described Professor Soludo as illustrious and an icon who should be celebrated, more so for being the only African in the group. He stated that this was an achievement which in his opinion was a laudable recognition for Nigeria and urged the House to send a congratulatory message to him.

Ordered that, the matter be presented to the House in a substantive motion.

6. Privileges:

Rising on Order V, Hon. Mohammed Ndume referred to the Report of the Committee on Power and Steel on the Investigation into the huge sums of money spent on Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution between June 1999 and May 2007 without commensurate result, which was presented to the House on Thursday, 9 October, 2008. He pointed out that copies of the Report were yet to be made available to Members. He also drew the attention of the House to the ongoing investigation of the activities of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) by an *Ad-Hoc* Committee which conducted Public Hearing on the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) only, and up till now had not presented any report to the House. He further drew the attention of the House to a Motion standing in his name on the missing newly launched Nigerian Satellite (NIGCOMSAT) which was held up by the Rules and Business Committee. He viewed all the above as breaches of his privilege and that of the House.

Mr Deputy Speaker noted that the report of the Committee on Power and Steel was a voluminous one with over 10,000 pages, and that copies would soon be circulated to Members. With respect to the Ad-hoc Committee investigating the activities of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), he stated that the Committee should be allowed more time to do a thorough work and directed that the Committee on Rules and business should take note of Hon. Ndume's motion and have it listed on the Order Paper.

1. Presentation of Report:**Committee on Interior Affairs:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Interior on a Bill for an Act to Repeal Cap 366. P29 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria and to make Comprehensive Provisions for the Administration of Prisons in Nigeria and for Related Purposes, 2008" (Hon. Jerry S. Manwe).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

8. Joint Session of the National Assembly:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do resolve to meet with the Senate in a Joint Session on Wednesday, 19 November, 2008 at 12noon to receive an Address by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the 2009 Budget Estimates" (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Question put and agreed to.

9. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the regulation of the Production, Advertising, Promotion, Sponsorship, Distribution, Sale and Smoking of Cigarettes and other Tobacco products and to Repeal the Existing Act and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 — Third Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the regulation of the Production, Advertising, Promotion, Sponsorship, Distribution, Sale and Smoking of Cigarettes and other Tobacco products and to Repeal the Existing Act and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 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.

10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Legal Aid Act, Cap. L9 Laws of the Federation, 2004 to Increase its Sources of Funds, Expand its Membership and to increase the poverty income level of beneficiaries of the legal Aid Scheme and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto, 2008 — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Legal Aid Act, Cap. L9 Laws of the Federation, 2004 to Increase its Sources of Funds, Expand its Membership and to increase the poverty income level of beneficiaries of the legal Aid Scheme and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Herman I. Hembe*).

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 Justice.

11. A Bill for an Act to Control the Possession, Sale, Use of Corrosive Chemical Substances Containing Hydro-chemical acid, Trioxonitrate (v) Acid, Tetra-sulphate (iv) Acid, Sulphuric Acid, Nitric Acid and Other Liquids Capable of Causing Hurt, Harm or Death and other Related Matters, 2008 — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Control the Possession, Sale, Use of Corrosive Chemical Substances Containing Hydro-chemical acid, Trioxonitrate (v) Acid, Tetra-sulphate (iv) Acid, Sulphuric Acid, Nitric Acid and Other Liquids Capable of Causing Hurt, Harm or Death and other Related Matters, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Paul Omotayo Oyetunji*).

Debate:

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

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Joint Committee on Health and Justice.

12. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Associated Gas Re-Injection Act, No.99 of 1979, Cap. A25 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, 2008 — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Associated Gas Re-Injection Act, No.99 of 1979, Cap. A25 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Abbas Olopoenia*).

Debate:

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

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Joint Committee on Gas and Justice

13. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 19 November, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.45 p.m.