



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 26 November, 2008

1. The House met at 2.32 p.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 Tuesday, 25 November, 2008.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcements:**

(a) **Joint Session of the National Assembly:**

Mr Deputy Speaker announced that the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria would address a joint session of the National Assembly on the 2009 Budget on Thursday, 27 November, 2008 at 12.00 noon.

(b) **Obituary:**

Mr Deputy Speaker announced with regrets the death of:

(i) Hon. (Chief) Patrick Okon Akpan, Member, House of Representatives in 1959;

(ii) Alh. Jubril Musa Jibo, the father of Hon. Mohammed Jibo (*Deputy Chairman, Committee on Power*) which sad event occurred on Wednesday, 26 November 2008.

A minute in silence was observed for the repose of the souls of the deceased.

4. **Petition:**

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

(i) Hon. Gbenga Onigbogi (*Ijesha South Federal Constituency*), from Mrs Awofadeju Rachael Amike, praying the House to intervene in her alleged wrongful dismissal from the services of the Nigerian Postal Services (NIPOST) with a view to committing her dismissal to retirement;

(ii) Hon. Joseph Jaiyeola Ajatta (*Oshodi/Isolo II Federal Constituency*), from four (4) former staff of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), praying the House to intervene in their alleged unlawful disengagement from the Agency with a view to re-instating them and granting other reliefs sought in the petition.

5. **Matter of Privilege:**

Rising on Order V, Rule 1 and 3, Hon. Gbenga Onigbogi referred the House to the issue of the purchase of vehicles and office equipment for Principal Officers and Members. He observed that the negative publicity generated over these issues in the media should be of great concern to the House, whose apparent inaction could be construed by the public as an attempt to sweep the matter under the carpet. He therefore urged the House to refer the matter to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges.

Mr Deputy Speaker noted that the matter had already been referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges and Hon. Members with useful information directed to make same available to the Committee.

6. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service and Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service and Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Tunde Akogun).

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 Agriculture.

7. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Programme on Immunization Act, 1997 and Transfer the Functions of the National Programme on Immunization to the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Programme on Immunization Act, 1997 and Transfer the Functions of the National Programme on Immunization to the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Tunde Akogun).

Debate:

Second Reading Debate on the Bill, by leave of the House, deferred.

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency Act, 1992 No. 29 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency Act, 1992 No. 29 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Tunde Akogun).

Debate:

Second Reading Debate on the Bill, by leave of the House, deferred.

9. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Infants Health Welfare Commission to provide free health services for every infant in the Federation from birth to the age of five years, for the purpose of eliminating incidences of infant mortality and provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto, 2008 — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Infants Health Welfare Commission to provide free health services for every infant in the Federation from birth to the age of five years, for the purpose of eliminating incidences of infant mortality and provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Abike Dabiri).

Debate:

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

10. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 27 November, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (Hon. Tunde Akogun).

Adjourned accordingly at 3.45 p.m.

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 25 November, 2008, item 4, *insert* a new item 4 (ii) as follows:

- (ii) Hon. H. S. Dickson (*Sagbama/Ekeremor Federal Constituency*), from Joe Ambakederemi, praying the House to investigate the refusal of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Independent Corrupt practices and other related offences Commission (ICPC), the Nigeria Police and the Code of Conduct Bureau, to investigate the alleged complaints of official corruption, misappropriation and brazen stealing of public funds by some public officers in the Bayelsa State Government with a view to seeing that justice is done.