



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 27 November, 2008

1. The House met at 10.55 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, 26 November, 2008.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

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



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

26th November, 2008

*Rt Honourable Dimeji Bankole
Honourable Speaker, House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.*

Dear brother,

2009 BUDGET

Sequel to my earlier letter of November 14th, 2008, I crave the indulgence of the National Assembly to grant me the slot 0/12.00 noon on Tuesday, December 2nd, 2008 to formally address a Joint Session of the National Assembly on Budget 2009.

I thank the Honourable Members of the House of Representatives for your unwavering support and steadfast understanding.

Please accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours most sincerely,

(Signed)
UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

4. Jurisdictional/Constituency Orders:

Mr Speaker directed the following Hon. Members to intervene in respect of the under-listed Urgent Constituency/Jurisdictional Tasks:

- (i) Hon. Mustapha Khabeeb (*Jahun/Miga Federal Constituency*), Hon. Ibrahim Chaichai (*Dutse/Kitawa Federal Constituency*) and Hon. Abbas Adamu (*Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*) — *Outbreak of Whooping Cough*;
- (ii) Hon. Bala Ibn Na'Allah (*Chairman, Committee on Judiciary*) — *Planned Strike by Judiciary Staff Union of Nigera (JUSUN)*;
- (iii) Chairman, North East Caucus — *WAEC Results of Government Schools in Borno State with-held over non-remittance of fees*;
- (iv) Hon. Stanley Ohajuruka (*Umuahia North/South Ikwunano Federal Constituency*) — *Residents of Umuahia Decry Persistent Power Outage*.

5. Privilege:

Rising on Order V, Rules 1 and 4, Hon. Labaran Y. Dambatta drew the attention of the House to a publication at the back page of the *Daily Trust Newspaper* Edition of Thursday, 27 November, 2008 captioned "*The return of the Third Term Agenda*", in which he was said to have announced the decision of the Legislature to revisit the Third Term Agenda. He stated that the statement credited to him in the said publication was false, malicious, calculated to tarnish his long standing good reputation and a breach of his privilege as a **Member** of the House of Representatives. He therefore urged the House to investigate the matter.

Matter referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges for investigation.

6. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) A Bill for an Act to Provide for the System, Structure, Composition, Functions and Finance of **Area** Councils; and for Related Purposes, 2008 — *Read the First Time*.
- (ii) Auditor-General of the Federation (Additional Powers and Function) Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time*.
- (iii) Investment and Securities (Amendment) Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time*.
- (iv) Chartered Institute of Professional Secretarial Staff of Nigeria Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time*.

7. Presentation of Reports:**Committee on Public Petitions:**

- (i) **Report on the Petition by Stakeholders Forum of the Lagos International Trade Fair Complex:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by the Stakeholders Forum of the Lagos International Trade Fair Complex (LITFC) on the Concessioning of the Complex by the Bureau of Public Enterprises" (Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

- (ii) **Report on the Petition by Mr Mohommed Bashir Fekin:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Mohommed Bashir Fekin against the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA)" (Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

- (iii) **Report on the Petition by Mr Ojiah Francis:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Ojiah Francis against the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC)" (Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum).

Question put and agreed to.

(iv) **Report on the Petition by Mr Agu Kenneth:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Agu Kenneth against the Nigerian Navy" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(v) **Report on the Petition by NICON Insurance Pensioners:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by NICON Insurance Pensioners against the Bureau of Public Enterprise (BPE)" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Space Research and Development Agency and For Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 —Second Reading-**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Space Research and Development Agency and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Debate:

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

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

9. **Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday, 2 December, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.25 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker