



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 17 September, 2008

1. The House met at 2.15 pm. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 16 September, 2008.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

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3. **Message:**
Mr Speaker read a Message from the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



THE PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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July 29, 2008

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

Dear brother,

UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROVISION FUND
2008 BUDGET PROPOSAL

I write to forward, for the kind consideration and approval of the Honourable House of Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the 2008 budget proposal of the Universal Service Provision Fund.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) UMARU

MUSA YAR'ADUA

4. Announcement:

Visitors:

Mr Speaker recognized in the Gallery, a delegation of Members of the Zimbabwean Parliament led by their Clerk on a Study Tour of the Nigerian Legislature.

5. Petitions:

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

(i) Hon. Clever *Ikisikpo (Ogbia Federal Constituency)*, from Chief Adaka Jephtha (Egba II), praying the House to compel Agip Oil Co. Limited to pay compensation of two billion naira (N2,000,000,000) to their families for damages done to their fish farms and other economic trees in the course of oil exploration and exploitation;

(ii) **Hon. Dino Melaye (KabbaJBunu/Ijumu Federal Constituency)**, from Mr Adebayo A. and 17 others praying the House to investigate their alleged wrongful retirement from the Nigerian Customs Service and cause their reinstatement.

6. Privileges:

Relying on Order V, Rule 4, Hon. Chinyere Emmanuel Igwe (*Port Harcourt II Federal Constituency*), drew the attention of the House to the publication in the Newswatch Magazine edition of September 22, 2008, captioned "Reps Gun for Bankole Over N2.4 bn Car Scam". In his view, the publication was calculated to bring to disrepute, the Office of the Speaker and tarnish the good image of the House, which he considered as a breach of the privilege of the House. He therefore urged that the matter be investigated.

Matter referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges.

7. Presentation of Bills

(i) Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time.*

(ii) Employees Rights Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time*

8. Rising Incidence of Threat to Life and other Vices Via the Global System of Mobile Telecommunication (GSM):

Motion by leave of the House withdrawn.

9. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Procurement Act, 2007 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 — Third Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Procurement Act, 2007 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Tunde Akogun).

Recommended:

Relying on Order XII, Rule 10 (2), Hon. Daemi Kunaiyi Akpanah observed that the Bill as passed by the House had some defects which should be corrected before Third Reading. He therefore sought the recommittal of the Bill to the Committee of Whole.

Debate:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Procurement Act, 2007 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 be recommitted to the Committee of Whole (Hon. Daemi Kunaiyi Akpanah).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly recommitted to the Committee of Whole.

Consideration to stand over till the next Legislative Day.

10. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Registration of Mobile Telephone Line for Security Reasons and for Matters Related Thereto, 2008 — *Second Reading:*

Order read, deferred.

11. Consideration of Reports:

(i) *Joint Committee on Health and Justice:*

"That this House do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Health and Justice on a Bill for an Act to provide for the Regulation of the Production, Importation, 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 and approve the Recommendations therein' (*Hon. Alaba Ojomo*).

Order read, deferred.

(ii) *Committee on Privatization and Commercialization:*

"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Privatization and Commercialization on the investigation into the Bureau of Public Enterprise (BPE) Concessioning of the Apapa Seaport Terminal C & D pursuant to Order XIV, Rule 3 (iii) and Order XVIIB, Rule 54 (2) (a) (b) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives and Approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. Njida Gelid*).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve Into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

Recommendation (i):

The House should accelerate the passage of the Ports and Harbour Bills to ensure proper coordination between BPE and NPA (*Hon. Njida Gelid*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in Recommendation (i) (*Hon. Ha Enang*).

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

Recommendation (ii):

BPE to strictly adhere to Privatization guidelines during and after transactions (*Hon. Njida Gelid*).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

In line with findings No. 9 of this investigation, we recommend that Terminal C be returned to Michelle Nigeria Limited as the emerged preferred bidders by virtue of ground rule 7 which states that "no single bidder will be awarded more than one (1) Concession in Apapa Port Complex" (*Hon. Njida Gelid*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Privatisation and Commercialisation and deleted Recommendation (i), approved Recommendations (ii) and (iii).

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.

12. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 18 September, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akoguri*).

Adjourned accordingly at 3.50p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker