



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 16 October, 2008

1. The House met at 10.45 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, 15 October, 2008.  
  
*By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.*
3. **Announcement:**  
**Visitors:**  
Mr Speaker recognized the presence in the Gallery, of Staff and Students of Glory International School, Karu, Abuja.
4. **Jurisdictional /Constituency Orders.**  
Mr Speaker directed the following Hon. Members to see him in respect of the under-listed urgent Constituency/Jurisdictional Tasks;
  - (i) Hon. Berewari Christopher (*Threat to Operations of Total Fina-Elf Company, in Andom Local Government Area, Rivers State*);
  - (ii) Hon. Khadija Buka Ibrahim (*Tension Over Destruction of a Church at Tarmuwa Local Government Area, Yobe State*);
  - (iii) Hon. Igo Aguma (*Sustained Labour Unrest at Chevron Nigeria Ltd, Delta State*);
  - (iv) Hon. Henry Dickson (*Bayelsa State*) and Hon. Tam Brisibe (*Delta State*) — (*Threat to Law and Order over Land dispute between Tuomo Community, Burutu Local Government Area, Delta State and Ayawasa Community, Ekeremo Local Government Area of Bayelsa State*);
  - (v) Hon. Igo Aguma (*Chairman, Committee on Gas*) and Hon. Ado Dogo Audu (*Chairman, Committee on Labour*) — (*Imminent Industrial Action by NUPENG and PENGASSAN*);
  - (vi) Hon. Farouk Lawan (*Chairmen, Committee on Education*) and Hon. Alaba Ojomo (*Chairman, Committee on Health*) — (*Threat of Strike Action by Resident Doctors at Lagos University Teaching Hospital, Obafemi Awolowo Teaching Hospital He Ife, Iadoke Akintola University Teaching Hospital Osogbo and NANNM of Federal Medical Centre Keffi in Nasara wa State*);
  - (vii) Hon. Alaba Ojomo (*Chairman, Committee on Health*) — (*Impending Strike Action by Junior Staff of Federal Hospitals*);
  - (viii) Hon. Nelson Belief (*Impending Confrontation between Koiki Creek Community and Agip Nigeria Ltd*);

- (ix) Hon. Shuaibu Musa (*Looming Communal Clash between Bomala and Damba Barde Communities in Kwami Local Government Area, Gombe State*);
- (x) Hon. K. G. B. Oguakwa (*Apprehension over Recurring Landslide in Awgu Local Government Area*);
- (xi) Hon. Leonard O. Ogor (*Threat to Operations of Shell Petroleum Development Company in Isoko South Local Government Area*);
- (xii) Hon. Abdulwahab O. Isa (*Flood Disaster in Ilorin-South Local Government Area*).

#### 5. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance:**

Hon. Samson Osagie, relying on Order VIII, Rule 4 drew the attention of the House to the impending strike action by the workers in the oil sector protesting against the proposed privatization of the sector by the Bureau of Public Enterprises. He noted that the planned strike could bring untold hardship to the country and urged the House to debate the matter as one of urgent public importance.

*Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance, put and agreed to.*

*Matter to stand over till the next Legislative Day.*

#### 6. **Petitions:**

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

- (i) Hon. Igo Aguma (*Port Harcourt I Federal Constituency*), from Ayi Emokpae (Ms), praying the House to wade into the unlawful withholding of her pension funds by the IBTC Pension Managers and PEN COM, with a view to paying her entitlements;
- (ii) Hon. Chile W. Igbawua (*Kwande/Ushongo Federal Constituency*), from Sylvester Ioryar Awon, praying the House to investigate his unlawful dismissal from the service of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN), with a view to ensuring that justice is done;
- (iii) Hon. Patty Ettete (*Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udoim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*), from Nsini Ibanga Ankoh (PS 10 Rtd), praying the House to intervene in his wrongful and premature retirement by the authority of the State Security Services, with a view to reinstating him;
- (iv) Hon. Patty Ettete (*Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udoim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*), from Lt Col. Samson Johnny Nkana (*rtd*), praying the House to intervene in his unjust compulsory retirement from the Nigerian Army and to grant other reliefs in his petitions;
- (v) Hon. Patrick Obahiagbon (*Oredo Federal Constituency*), from J. A. Ososanya, M. E. Osageide and D. N. Anyanwu on behalf of 271 ex-staff of Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN), praying the House to intervene in the wrongful termination of their appointments by the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) and to grant the reliefs sought in their petition;
- (vi) Hon. Henry Dickson (*Ekeremor/Sagbama Federal Constituency*), from Izon National Female Congress of Nigeria praying the House to investigate the arbitrary neglect of Development Programme for Women by Shell Petroleum Development Company and Nigeria Agip Oil Company, contrary to their budgetary provisions and grant other reliefs sought;
- (vii) Hon. Godfrey Ali Gaiya (*Jaba/Zangon Kataf Federal Constituency*), from Inspector Daniel Barnabas, praying the House to investigate his alleged unlawful dismissal from the Nigeria Police Force, with a view to reinstating him;
- (viii) Hon. Gbenga Onigbogi (*Atakunmosa East/West/Ilesha East/West Federal Constituency*), from Pastor T. O. Oladipupo and Mr E. O. Taloke, on behalf of Self Employed Commercial Drivers Association of Nigeria, praying the House to intervene in the incessant attack on their members at Motor Parks by members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers and Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria and grant other reliefs therein;

- (ix) Hon. Ita Enang (*Itu/Ibiono Ibom Federal Constituency*), from Esenguma Bassey and Associates on behalf of Messrs Anthony Adolf Bassey, Asuquo Akpan Ekpo, Anietie John Etuk and Edet S. \$Epasio, representing other pensioners of the dissolved Commodity Board, praying the House to investigate the mismanagement of their pension funds by the Nigerian Life and Pension Consultants;
- (A) Hon. Halima Hassan T. (*Yauri/Shanga/Ngaski Federal Constituency*), from Jibril Tasi'u, praying the House to wade into the alleged wrongful and unjust termination of his appointment by the Federal Ministry of Health, Abuja, with a view to reinstating him and paying his entitlements;
- (xi) Hon. Waheed Aderemi Gbede (*Ibadan North Federal Constituency*), from Isaac Olabisi Ogunsola, praying the House to intervene in the alleged wrongful termination of his employment by the Federal Ministry of Health with a view to re-instating him and to grant other reliefs sought in his petition.

7. **Presentation of Reports:**

(i) **Committee on Ethics and Privileges:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That this House do receive the 2007/2008 Sessional Report of the Committee on Ethics and Privileges" (*Hon. Sani Saleh Minjibir*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

(ii) **Committee on Information and National Orientation:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That this House do receive the 2007/2008 Sessional Report of the Committee on Information and National Orientation" (*Hon. Dino D. Melaye*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

(iii) **Committee on Power:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That this House do receive the 2007/2008 Sessional Report of the Committee on Power" (*Hon. Ndudi Elumelu*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

(iv) **Committee on Works:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That this House do receive the 2007/2008 Sessional Report of the Committee on Works" (*Hon. Chuma N. Nzeribe*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

(v) **Committee on Gas Resources:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That this House do receive the 2007/2008 Sessional Report of the Committee on Gas Resources" (*Hon. Igo Aguma*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

8. **Brutal Killing of Ojide John Ekene by Chinese Security Men:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*,  
The House:

*Notes the maiming, torture and killing of Ojide John Ekene by Chinese Security Men as reported on page 13 of the Daily Sun Newspaper of 10th October, 2008;*

*Aware that Ojide John Ekene, a native of Umuleri in Anambra State was until his death a businessman in China;*

*Disturbed* that John Ekene in a bid to answer the call of nature, in a place without a Public Convenience, was abused, harassed, derided and hit with a heavy iron baton on his head by Chinese security men;

*Regrets* that efforts to save his life in a Chinese Military Hospital by draining blood from his already battered skull was to no avail;

*Worried* by the incessant torture, ill-treatment, molestation and brutal killings of Nigerians by security men in their countries of abode;

*Further worried* that the impunity with which the lives of Nigerians are cut short in foreign countries, demonstrate no sanctity to the lives of Nigerians living in diaspora;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Federal Government (Executive) to demand an unreserved apology from the Chinese Government and pay adequate compensation to the family of the deceased;
- (ii) Mandate the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Diaspora to invite the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Chinese Ambassador to Nigeria to explain the circumstances surrounding the brutal killing of Ojide John Ekene and report back to the House within two weeks (*Hon. Austine Nwachukwu and 86 Others*).

*Debate:*

**Amendments Proposed:**

- (i) *Leave out* all the words in Prayer (i) and *insert the* following instead thereof:  
"Condemn in strongest terms the brutal murder of Mr Ojide John Ekene by the Chinese private security operatives" (*Hon. Chille Igbawa*).

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

- (ii) *Leave out all the* words in Prayer (ii) and *insert the* following instead thereof:  
"Mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to follow up House similar and past Resolutions by the House and to report back to the House" (*Hon. Shehu Garba A. Matazu*).

*Question put and negatived.*

- (iii) *Leave out* all the words in Prayer (ii) (*Hon. Abubakar Maifata*).

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

- (iv) *Insert a new Prayer (ii)* as follows:  
"Mandate the Committee of Foreign Affairs to investigate the brutal Killing of Ojide John Ekene by the Chinese security men and report back to the House within one week" (*Hon. Bitrus B. Kaze*).

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

*Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* the maiming, torture and killing of Ojide John Ekene by Chinese Security Men as reported on page 13 of the Daily Sun Newspaper of 10th October, 2008;

*Aware* that Ojide John Ekene, a native of Umuleri in Anambra State was until his death a businessman in China;

*Disturbed* that John Ekene in a bid to answer the call of nature in a place without a Public Convenience was abused, harassed, derided and hit with a heavy iron baton on his head by Chinese security men;

*Regretted* that efforts to save his life in a Chinese Military Hospital by draining blood from his already battered skull was to no avail;

*Worried by the incessant torture, ill-treatment, molestation and brutal killings of Nigerians by security men in their countries of abode;*

*Further worried that the impunity with which the lives of Nigerians are cut short in foreign countries, demonstrate no sanctity to the lives of Nigerians living in diaspora;*

*Resolved to:*

- (i) Condemn in strongest terms the brutal murder of Mr Ojide John Ekene by the Chinese private security operatives;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee of Foreign Affairs to investigate the brutal killing of Ojide John Ekene by the Chinese security men and report back to the House within one week **(HR. 57/2008)**

**9. A Bill for Act to Amend the Family Economic Advancement Programme and to Repeal the Family Support Trust Fund Act to Streamline the Organs Created by these Acts and Other Related Matters, 2008 — Second Reading:**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for Act to Amend the Family Economic Advancement Programme and to Repeal the Family Support Trust Fund Act, to Streamline the Organs Created by these Acts and Other Related Matters, 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 Joint Committee on Women Affairs and Justice.*

**10. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Development of the Nigerian Content in the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry; for Nigerian Content Plan; for Supervision, Coordination, Monitoring and implementation of Nigerian Content, and for Matters Incidental Thereto, 2008 — Second Reading.**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Development of the Nigerian Content in the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry; for Nigerian Content Plan; for Supervision, Coordination, Monitoring and implementation of Nigerian Content and for Matters Incidental Thereto, 2008 be now read a Second Time (Hon. Tam Brisibe).*

*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 Petroleum (Upstream) and Gas.*

**11. Adjournment:**

*That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday, 21 October, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (Hon. Tunde Akogun).*

*Adjourned accordingly at 1.16 p.m.*

**Dimeji Sabur Bankole**  
*Speaker*