



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 15 October, 2008

1. The House met at 2.43 p.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 14 October, 2008.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted. 3.

Announcement:

0) A d-hoc Committee on Afro-Arab Conference::

Mr Speaker announced the names of Members of the Ad-hoc Committee on Afro-Arab Conference as follows:

(1)	Hon. Baba Shehu Agaie	—	Chairman
(2)	Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal	—	Member
(3)	Hon. Sada Soli Jibia	—	Member
(4)	Hon. Tata Umar	—	Member
(5)	Hon. Akindahunsi Titilayo	—	Member
(6)	Hon. Ralph Okeke	—	Member
(7)	Hon. Donald Egberibin	—	Member
(8)	Hon. Fatai Moruf	—	Member
(9)	Hon. Mukhtar Betara	—	Member
(10)	Hon. Ahmed Muktari	—	Member

(ii) Visitors:

Mr Speaker recognized the presence in the Gallery, of Councillors from Orisuwun Local Government Area.

(iii) Committee Chairmanship:

Mr Speaker announced the name of Hon. Olaka Nwogu as the Chairman, Committee on the Ministry of Niger Delta.

4. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Order VIII, Rule 4, Hon. Austin Nwachukwu drew the attention of the House to the publication in the Daily Sun Newspaper edition of Sunday, 10 October, 2008, on the gruesome murder of a Nigerian in China by security operatives, over where he urinated. He prayed 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.

5. Privilege:

Relying on Order V, Rule 1, Hon. Ali Ndume drew the attention of the House to the prevalent delay by the House Committee on Rules and Business in the publication of Bills. He called on the House to prevail on the Committee to expedite action on the publications of outstanding Bills in order to ensure legislative actions in good time.

Ordered, That the House Leader and the Chairman Rules and Business Committee meet with Mr Speaker over the matter.

6. Presentation of Reports:**(i) Committee on HTV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Control:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the 2007/2008 Sessional Report of the Committee on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Control" {Hon. Oluwale Olakunde}.

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Committee on Judiciary:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the 2007/2008 Sessional Report of the Committee on Judiciary" {Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola}.

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(in) Committee on Legislative Compliance:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the 2007/2008 Sessional Report of the Committee on Legislative Compliance" {Hon. Daemi Kunaiyi-Akpanah}.

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) Committee on Public Petitions:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the 2007/2008 Sessional Report of the Committee on Public Petitions" {Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum}.

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(v) Committee on Youth and Social Development:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the 2007/2008 Sessional Report of the Committee on Youth and Social Development" {Hon. Debo Oyedokun}.

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

7. Alignment and Reconstruction of the Dangerous Bends along Lafia-Akwanga Road in Nassarawa State:

*Motion made and Question proposed,
The House:*

Notes that the 77km Lafia-Akwanga road is a major link between the Southern and Northern parts of Nigeria;

A ware that the road is a narrow two lane road, characterized by dangerous bends that require alignment and rehabilitation;

Disturbed that several lives have been lost over the years due to the deplorable state of the road;

Worried about the untold hardships suffered by commuters whenever the road is cut off or blocked due to frequent accidents and vehicle breakdown;

Concerned with the non-release and utilization of funds appropriated in the past four years for the rehabilitation of the road;

Resolves to urge the Federal Government to:

- (i) Immediately begin the dualization of the Road or provide an alternative access route by embarking on the construction of Lafia-Doma Rafin Gabas - Nasarawa - Ara - Apo - Abuja Road;
- (ii) Ensure timely release of funds allocated for road construction and rehabilitation nationwide before the end of the current financial year (*Ron. Shaoibu Hashimu Abdullahi and 12 Others*).

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) Insert a new Prayer (in) as follows:
"That all identified dangerous bends on all Federal roads with no obvious limitation by way of major rivers, rail road, etc. be made straight" (*Bon. Barnabas Y. Bala*).

Question put and negatived.

- (ii) Insert a new Prayer (iii) as follows:
"That the sudden bends created just before rail road crossing be made straight and in their place gates be created as a means of control in case of oncoming train" (*Hon. Barnabas Y. Bala*).

Question put and negatived.

Main Question put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the 77km Lafia-Akwanga road is a major link between the Southern and Northern parts of Nigeria;

Aware that the road is a narrow two lane road, characterized by dangerous bends that require alignment and rehabilitation;

Disturbed that several lives have been lost over the years due to the deplorable state of the road;

Worried about the untold hardships suffered by commuters whenever the road is cut off or blocked due to frequent accidents and vehicle breakdown;

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8. A Bill for an Act to Provide a Framework for the Regulation, Development and Management of a National Health System and Set Standards for Rendering Health Services in the Federation, and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide a Framework for the Regulation, Development and Management of a National Health System and set Standards for Rendering Health Services in the Federation, and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 be now read a Second Time" {Hon Alaba Ojomo}.

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 Health.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Make Provision for the Regulation and Registration of Lobbyists in Nigeria and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 — *Second Reading:***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Make Provision for the Regulation and Registration of Lobbyists in Nigeria and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 be now read a Second Time" {Hon. Chukwudi Mayor Eze}.

Debate:

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

10. **Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday 16 October, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 4.13 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker