



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 11 November, 2008

1. The House met at 11.20 a.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 Thursday, 6 November, 2008.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. Oaths of Allegiance and Membership:

The following Members-elect took and subscribed the Oath as required by law:

- (i) Hon. Mohammed Safiyanu Abdullahi (*Tsanyawa/Kunchi Federal Constituency of Kano State*);
- (ii) Hon. Onyekweli Charles Udogwu (*Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency of Delta State*).

4. Message:
Mr Deputy Speaker read the following Message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



PRESIDENT,

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

July 28, 2008

*Rt Hon. Dimeji Bakole,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear brother,

I write to acknowledge, with thanks, your letter NASS/SPK/PRES/02 dated 22 July, 2008 apprising me of my Messages to the House of Representatives in respect of fourteen legislative items.

I would like to crave the indulgence of the Honourable House to formally withdraw item (ix) on the list (Presentation of pending Executive Bills for consideration and passage into Law).

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

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5. Announcements:

(a) Visitors:

Mr Deputy Speaker announced the presence in the Gallery, of the:

- (i) Staff and pupils of African Grand Style Academy, Nasarawa State;
- (ii) Staff and students of Sapati International School, Illorin, Kwara State.

(b) Bill Referral:

Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that a *Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of Federal Co operative Colleges and Matters Connected Therewith, 2008* which was read a Second Time on Wednesday, 5 November, 2008, was referred to the Committee on Education in error. He therefore re-referred the Bill to the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Commerce and Justice.

6. Matters of Urgent Public Importance:

- (a)** Rising on Order VIII, Rule 4, Hon. Fasinro referred to the incident in his constituency (*Eti-Osa Federal Constituency*), in which a young lady was brutally assaulted on the highway by some Naval-Ratings attached to a Rear Admiral, on the grounds that she did not get out of the way early enough for the convoy of the Rear Admiral. He urged the House to consider the issue as a matter of urgent Public Importance and to discuss it forthwith.

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

Question that Order VIII, Rules 4 and 1 be suspended to allow the matter to be debated forthwith, put and agreed to.

Abuse of the Right of Priority on the Highway:

Motion made and Question proposed,

The House:

Notes the public assault, whipping and humiliation of a Nigerian citizen, on the highway by some Naval Ratings attached to a Rear Admiral;

Observes that the Highway is meant for the free passage of every citizen of Nigeria, with priority reserved only for emergency services only;

Concerned that citizens fundamental Human Rights are being daily flagrantly violated by the misuse of siren/flash lights on the highways;

Resolves to:

- (i) Condemn the misuse of siren/flash lights on the highways;
- (ii) Direct the Joint Committees on Governmental Affairs, Justice and Judiciary to get a clear list of those entitled to the use of siren on the highway and report back in two weeks (*Hon. Fasinro*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted the public assault, whipping and humiliation of a Nigerian citizen, on the highway by some Naval Ratings attached to a Rear Admiral;

Observed that the Highway is meant for the free passage of every citizen of Nigeria with priority reserved only for emergency services only;

Concerned that citizens' fundamental Human Rights were being daily flagrantly violated by the misuse of siren/flash lights on the highways;

Resolved to:

- (i) Condemn the misuse of siren/flash lights on the highways;
- (ii) Direct the Joint Committees on Governmental Affairs, Justice and Judiciary to get a clear list of those entitled to the use of siren on the highway and report back in two weeks (HR. 64/2008).
- (b) Citing Order VIII, Rule 4, of the House, Hon. Dino Melaye (*Kabba Bunu Ijumu Federal Constituency of Kogi State*), referred to the recent announcement that the World Bank is giving a loan of \$3 billion to the Federal Government of Nigeria for infrastructural development. He recalled that only recently the country through debt cancellation had exited the Paris Club debt with great sense of relief. He therefore urged the House to consider 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.

7. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Federal Inland Revenue Service (Amendment) Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Discrimination of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (Prohibition) Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Publication of Vacancies in the Federal Civil Service Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time.*

8. Presentation of Reports:

- (i) ***Committee on National Planning and Economic Development:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the 2007/2008 Sessional Report of the Committee on National Planning and Economic Development" (Hon. Samuel Egya).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

- (ii) ***Committee on Governmental Affairs:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Governmental Affairs on a Bill for an Act to make it mandatory for drivers and passengers to wear seat belt for their protection and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008" (Hon. Leo Ogor).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

- (iii) ***Committee on Water Resources:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Water Resources on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Water Resources Development Commission and for Connected Purposes, 2007 (Hon. Tsegba Terngu).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

- (iv) ***Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity:***
Report of the House Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Labour Act 1990 and make Comprehensive Provisions on Minimum Standards for Nigeria and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008.

Order read; deferred.

(v) ***Joint Committee on Science and Technology and Justice***

Report of the Joint Committee on Science and Technology and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Prohibit Chemical Weapons and Establish the National Authority for the Effective Implementation of Chemical Weapons Convention in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008.

Order read; deferred.

(vi) ***Joint Committee on Finance and Foreign Affairs:***

Report of the Joint Committee on Finance and Foreign Affairs on a Bill for an Act to Enable Effect to be given in the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Agreement Between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Republic of South Korea for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital Gains, 2008.

Order read; deferred.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Directorate of Employment Act (Cap. N28 Laws of the Federation 2004), to Establish the National Artisan Trade and Practices Council for the Directorate, to Regulate and Standardize Artisan Trade and Practices and for Other Related Matters, 2008 — *Second Reading:***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Directorate of Employment Act (Cap. N28 Laws of the Federation 2004), to Establish the National Artisan Trade and Practices Council for the Directorate, to Regulate and Standardize Artisan Trade and Practices and for Other Related Matters, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Christopher S. Eta*).

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 Labour, Employment and Productivity and Justice.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation Act, 2005 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 — *Second Reading:***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation Act, 2005 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Olaka J. Nwogu*).

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 Banking and Currency and Justice.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Associated Gas Re-Injection Act, No. 99 of 1979, Cap. A 25 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, 2008 — *Second Reading*'.**

Order read; deferred.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Transportation of Animals, Prevent undue pain and suffering in Animals used in Food Production, and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 — *Second Reading:***

Motion made and Question Proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Transportation of Animals, Prevent undue pain and suffering in Animals used in Food Production, and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Yusuf Maitama Tuggar*).

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 Agriculture and Justice.

13. Consideration of Report:

Joint Committee on Judiciary and Justice:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report on the Appointment of Chairman and Commissioner of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission and approve the Recommendations therein" (Hon., Bala Ibn Na'Allah).

Question put and agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

**REPORT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NIGERIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION**

Recommendation (i):

"That Hon. Justice Umaru Atu Kalgo, representing the North West Geopolitical Zone of Nigeria, be confirmed as a Commissioner and the Chairman of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission" (*Hon. Bala Ibn Na'Allah*).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"That Prof. C. O. Okonkwo (SAN), representing the South East Geopolitical Zone of Nigeria, be confirmed as a Commissioner and Member of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission" (*Hon. Bala Ibn Na'Allah*).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

"That Mr Musa Kefas Magaji, representing the North East Geopolitical Zone of Nigeria, be confirmed as a Commissioner and Member of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission" (*Hon. Bala Ibn Na'Allah*).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):

"That Mr Rowland Ewubare, representing the South South Geopolitical Zone of Nigeria, be confirmed as a Commissioner and Member of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission" (*Hon. Bala Ibn Na'Allah*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to Report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the Joint Committee on Judiciary and Justice on the Appointment of Chairman and Commissioners of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission and approved all the Recommendations therein"

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

14. **Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday 12 November, 2008 at 2.00 p.m. (*Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.30p.m.

Usman Bayero Nafada
Deputy Speaker