

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 27 May, 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 Thursday, 22 May, 2008.

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

3. **Message:**  
Mr Speaker read a Message from the President Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:



PRESIDENT

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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May 21, 2008

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

*Dear brother,*

**PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE DESIGN AND  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BILL FOR CONSIDERATION  
AND PASSAGE INTO LAW BY THE (HOUSE)**

*I hereby introduce, for formal consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives,  
the above named Bill.*

*With warm appreciation to you and your distinguished colleagues for the spirit of patriotism with  
which you are conducting your statutory functions to move our great nation forward.*

*While I hope that the Bill will receive the usual prompt attention of the Honourable Members of the House of Representatives, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*(Signed)*

**UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA**

**4. Announcements:**

**Visitors:**

Mr Speaker recognized the presence in the Chamber/gallery respectively:

- (i) Clerks-at-Table and Committee Clerks of the Kwara State House of Assembly, who are on one-week Legislative Training Attachment to the National Assembly.
- (ii) Staff and Students of the School of Preliminary and Remedial Studies of the Kaduna Polytechnic, Kaduna State.

**5. Jurisdictional/Constituency Orders:**

Ordered, That the following Hon. Members take immediate necessary proactive measures: On the spot assessment, dialogue, alert of relevant Authorities, personal mediation and assistance, etc towards finding speedy solutions to the under-listed urgent matters within their respective Constituencies or Committee jurisdiction, and report back to Mr Speaker:

- (i) Hon. Igwe Nwagu (*Acting Chairman, Committee on Police Affairs*) and Hon. Abolagba Johnson Aigbudu (*Owan East/West Federal Constituency*): Report of tension in Otuo Community, Owan East Local Government Area over Extra Judicial Killing of an indigene by the Police. Possible confrontation between Police and youths;
- (ii) Hon. Bala Adamu Kuta (***Shirow/Rafi/Munyn Federal Constituency***), Hon. Jibo Mohammed (*Agwara/Borgu Federal Constituency*) and Hon. Ndudi Elumelu (*Chairman, Committee on Power*): Imminent threat of Sabotage at Shiroro Dam Station in Niger State;
- (iii) Hon. Warman W. Ogoriba (*Yenagoa/Opokwu Federal Constituency*): Disruption of Shell Operations by Akenfa Community in Yenagoa Local Government Area of Bayelsa State;
- (iv) Hon. Alaba Ojomo (*Chairman, Committee on Health*) and Hon. Ibrahim Mohammed (*Chairman, Committee on Land Transport*) Unhealthy Activities of Yam Traders in Nasarawa State;
- (v) Hon. Ucheize Emmanuel (*Awka North/Awka South Federal Constituency*) and Hon. Ogbuefi Ora Ozomgbachi (*Ezeagu/Udi Federal Constituency*): Looming Land Dispute at Oba-Ofemil Area, Awka North Local Government Area, Anambra State;
- (vi) Hon. Ibrahim Muazzan Bichi (*Bichi Federal Constituency*): Apprehension over order by Bichi Local Government Area, Kano State to relocate ECWA Church;
- (vii) Hon. Donald Egberibin (*Southern Ijaw Federal Constituency*): Plans to disrupt Daewoo Operations in Southern Ijaw Local Government Area in Bayelsa State;
- (viii) Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi (*Chairman, Committee on Marine Transport*): Imminent Protest by Maritime Workers;
- (ix) Hon. Jibo Mohammed (*Agwara/Borgu Federal Constituency*) and Hon. Ndudi Elumelu (*Chairman, Committee on Power*): Uneasy Calm at the Mambilla Hydro-Electric Dam Project.

**6. Petition:**

A petition was received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:

Hon. Bassey Otu (*Calabar Municipal!Odukpani Federal Constituency*), from Ikpeme, Charles F., praying the House to intervene in the alleged wrongful termination of his appointment from the services of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) with a view to re-instating him and paying his entitlements.

**7. Presentation of Bills:**

- (i) Robbery and Fire Arms (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Widows and Orphans Protection Commission Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Passport (Miscellaneous Provision) Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time.*

**8. Presentation of Reports:**

- (i) ***Joint Committee on Federal Capital Territory and Federal Capital Territory Area Councils:***  
*Motion made and Question Proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on the Federal Capital Territory and Federal Capital Territory Area Councils on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue out from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation Account, the total sum of N73,946,322,388.68K (Seventy-Three Billion, Nine Hundred and Forty-Six Million, Three Hundred and Twenty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty-Eight Naira, Sixty-Eight Kobo) only, of which the sum of N16,572,874,275.47K (Sixteen Billion, Five Hundred and Seventy-Two Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Four Thousand, Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Naira, Forty-Seven Kobo is for Personnel Cost and the sum of N9,488,493,688.20K (Nine Billion, Four Hundred and Eight-Eight Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-Three Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty-Eight Naira, Twenty Kobo) only is for Overhead Costs while the balance of N47,884,954,425.01K (Forty-Seven Billion, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Four Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty-Five Naira, One Kobo) Only is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, 2008" (Hon. Attai Aidoko All).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid.*

- (ii) ***Committee on Public Petitions:***  
**Report on the Petition by Festus Keyamo on behalf of Dr Godson Ewulum against the operations of the Presidential Committee on Police Equipment Fund:**  
*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Festus Keyamo on behalf of Dr Godson Ewulum against the operations of the Presidential Committee on Police Equipment Fund" (Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid.*

- (iii) **Report on the Petition by Mr Mohammed Isa Dabai against the Independent National Electoral Commission:**  
*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Mohammed Isa Dabai against the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)" (Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid.*

- (iii) **Report on the Petition by the Nigerian Union of Traders Association Ghana against the Ghanaian Authorities:**  
*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition, by the Nigerian Union of Traders Association, Ghana, against the Ghanaian Authorities" (Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid.*

**(iv) Report on the Petition by Mr C. O. Agbikimi against the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN):**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr C. O Agbikimi against the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN)" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid.*

**9. National Children's Day Celebration/Tribute to Nigerian Children:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do hold a Special Session in honour of the Nigerian Children, who are the future leaders of our great Country, today, being the 27 May, 2008, a day usually observed as the National Children's Day" (*Hon. Tunde Akoguri*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Tribute (See details of proceedings in the Official Report).*

*Resolved:*

- (i) That the House direct its Committee on Women Affairs and Youth Development to propose appropriate strategies to deal with three key issues confronting the Nigerian child, namely: Nutrition, Education and Health and to update the House on the level of implementation of the Child Rights Act;
- (ii) That each Member of the House of Representatives would donate a minimum of N1,000 to take care of the school fees of a school pupil who was shown on African Independent Television (AIT) this morning to have dropped out of school because he could not afford the fees, having lost his father;
- (iii) That all State Houses of Assembly who are yet to domesticate the Child Rights Act to do so for the welfare of Nigerian Children;
- (iv) That the House organise "Adopt A Child Campaign Programme" to support the Education of Children of the Poor" (HR. 27/2008).

**10. Erosion Disaster in Ibore and 9 Other Communities in Esan Central Local Government Area of Edo State:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*,  
The House:

*Notes* the recent torrential rainfall in Ibore Village and 9 other Communities in Esan Central Local Government Area of Edo State leading to unprecedented flooding and erosion in the area;

*Disturbed* that the only road linking Ibore and the other 9 Communities have been completely swept away, by the overflowing Rivers and making the area inaccessible to motorists;

*Worried* that many houses have been submerged by the ravaging flood/erosion resulting in loss of lives and properties worth millions of Naira destroyed;

*Further worried* of the possible outbreak of cholera and other water borne diseases in the area as the underground pipeline network for the supply of water have been washed away by the erosion;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) mandate the Joint Committee on Environment, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to visit the affected Communities and report back to the House;
- (ii) call on National Emergency Management Agency (**NEMA**) to urgently provide relief materials to the affected Communities (*Hon. Patrick A. Ikhariale and 22 Others*).

*Debate:*

**Amendment Proposed:**

In Prayer (ii), line 1, immediately after the parenthesis "(NEMA)" insert the following:

"the Edo State Government and Esan Central Local Government Area" {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 recent torrential rainfall in Ibore Village and 9 other communities in Esan Central Local Government Area of Edo State leading to unprecedented flooding and erosion in the area;

*Disturbed* that the only road linking Ibore and the other 9 Communities have been completely swept away, by the overflowing Rivers and making the area inaccessible to motorists;

*Worried* that many houses have been submerged by the ravaging flood/erosion resulting in loss of lives and properties worth millions of Naira destroyed;

*Further worried* of the possible outbreak of cholera and other water borne diseases in the area as the underground pipeline network for the supply of water have been washed away by the erosion;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) mandate the Joint Committee on Environment, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to visit the affected communities and report back to the House;
- (ii) call on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the Edo State Government and Esan East Local Government Area to urgently provide relief materials to the affected Communities **(HR. 28/2008)**.

**11. Consideration of Report:****Committee on Police Affairs:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the And Riot Policemen in a Killing Spree and Arson attack in Ogaminana Town in Adavi Local Government Area of Kogi State and approve the Recommendations therein" {Hon. Paulinus Igwe Nwagu}.

*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):*

That the House urge the Kogi State Police Command to train its officers and men on the way and manner to go about managing crisis in future (Hon. Paulinus Igwe Nwagu).

*Debate:*

**Amendment Proposed:**

*Leave out* all the words in Recommendation (i) and insert the following instead thereof:

"That the House urge the Nigerian Police Force to re-train its officers and men on the way to go about managing crisis in future" (Hon. Abba Adamu).

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

*Recommendation (ii):*

Urge the elites in the area to forget their differences and call on the youths to allow a conducive atmosphere for the National Iron Ore Mining Company's (NIOMCO) operations and production in the area for the benefit of all (Hon. Paulinus Igwe Nwagu).

*Debate:*

**Amendment Proposed:**

*Leave out* all the words in Recommendation (ii) and *insert* the following instead thereof: "That the House condemn all criminal activities committed by either Youths/Civilians or Security Agents that led to the loss of lives and properties in the Community, and, urge the Nigerian Police Force to as a matter of urgency fully investigate and bring to book all persons; Civilians/Police men who breached the laws, that led to the extra-judicial murders "(Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu).

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

*Recommendation (iii):*

Urge the Federal Government to call on the National Iron Ore Mining Company to pay all outstanding entitlements to its employees and retrenched workers as well as bring out strategies that would strengthen its social relation with the host Community (Hon. Paulinus Igwe Nwagu).

*Debate:*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Recommendation (v):*

Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the affected people and assist in rehabilitating them (Hon. Paulinus Igwe Nwagu).

*Debate:*

**Amendment Proposed:**

*Leave out* all the words in the Recommendation (iv) (Hon. Fasinro Habeeb A. B.).

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

*Recommendation (vi):*

Urge the State and Adavi Local Government Authorities to assist in the rehabilitation of the damaged structures and vehicles as a result of the incident (Hon. Paulinus Igwe Nwagu).

*Debate:*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Recommendation (vi):*

To ensure lasting peace in the area, the people need to be much more educated on the operations and the limitations of the National Iron Ore Mining Company (Hon. Paulinus Igwe Nwagu).

*Debate:*

**Amendment Proposed:**

*Leave out* all the words in Recommendation (vi) (Hon. Halims Agoda).

*Question that amendment be made 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 the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the Ami Riot Policemen in a Killing Spree and Arson attack in Ogaminana Town in Adavi Local Government Area of Kogi State and approved the Recommendations (0 and (ii) as amended, approved Recommendation (in), deleted Recommendation (iv), approved

Recommendation (v) and deleted Recommendation (vi).

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

**12. Adjournment:**

And it being 2.28 p.m. the House adjourned till Wednesday, 28 May, 2008 at 10.00 a.m.

**Dimeji Sabur Bankole**  
*Speaker*

**CORRIGENDUM**

In the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 22 May, 2008 page 486, item 9 (Recent Pipeline Fire Outbreak in Ijegun Area of Lagos State — Amendment Proposed: *Insert a new prayer (Hi) as follows—*

Direct the PPMC or NNPC to install Anti-Vandalisation Pipelines indicators (*Hon. Austin Nwachukwu*).

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