



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 7 March, 2007

1. The House met at 2.26 p.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Announcements:**
 - (i) **Award:**

Mr Speaker informed the House that the Pan Africa Organisation for Women Recognition in conjunction with the Financial Standard Newspapers, on Saturday, 3 March, 2007 at the Muson Centre, Onikan, Lagos, conferred on Hon. Saudatu Sani an award of the Most Effective Female Legislator for the year 2006.
 - (ii) **Presentation of Staff of Office:**

Mr Speaker also informed the House, via a letter from Hon. Saudatu Sani, that His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Kaduna State, Alhaji Ahmed Makarfi would on Friday, 9 March, 2007 present the Staff of Office to the Emir of Lere, Alhaji Umaru Mohammed Sani. Hon. Members were accordingly invited to the occasion.
 - (iii) **Defection:**

Mr Speaker announced the defection of Hon. Ado Moses Okino (*Ajaokuta Federal Constituency*), Kogi State, from the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).
3. **Petition:**

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

Hon. Cairo Ojougboh, from Mr Stephen Emegha against the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) for the unlawful termination of his appointment and prayed the House to grant the reliefs sought therein.
4. **Presentation of Bill:**

Certain Political, Public and Judicial Office Holders (Salaries and Allowances, etc.) (Amendment) Bill, 2007, (HB. 304) — *Read the First Time*.
5. **Joint Committee on Electoral Matters, Appropriation and Finance: Periodic Report on Preparations for the Conduct of the 2007 General Elections:**

Mr Speaker recalled that the Joint Committee was mandated to monitor preparations by the Independent National Electoral Commission for the 2007 General Elections. He referred to certain publications in the media which cast doubt on the readiness of the Commission to conduct the Elections and called on the Chairman of the Committee on Electoral Matters to brief the House.

Responding, Hon. Abdul Ningi informed the House that the Chairman, Committee on Electoral Matters was at the Independent National Electoral Commission to obtain accurate information and clarifications from the Commission to enable him respond to questions on the floor. He prayed the House to stand over the matter till the next Legislative Day.

Debate:

Matter deferred till the next legislative day.

6. On-Going Retrenchment of Officers and Men of the Nigeria Police Force:

Mr Speaker referred to House Resolution **69/2007** of Thursday, 1 March, 2007 and invited the Chairman of the Special Committee, Hon. Bawa Bwari to report to the House.

Hon. Bawa Bwari, reported that the Inspector-General of Police appeared before the Committee Today, Wednesday, 7 March, 2007. The Inspector-General of Police in his submission, predicated the retrenchment of some Officers and Men of the Nigeria Police Force on grounds of ill-health, dwindling productivity, physical disability, e.g. deformity, blindness and other health related problems as well as acts of gross misconduct. He remarked that deliberations with the Inspector-General of Police on the matter were inconclusive and in view of the fact that the matter had assumed wider dimensions, the Special Committee prayed the House to expand its mandate to include the conduct of a full investigation of the matter.

Debate:

Special Committee ordered to present a written Report the next Legislative Week.

7. Allegation of Mismanagement and Abuse of Office in the Petroleum Technology Development Fund:

Mr Speaker referred to House Resolution **65/2006** on the above subject matter and called for a status Report.

Debate:

*Clerk of the House ordered to furnish the Hon. Speaker with a copy of House Resolution **65/2006** of 20 December, 2006. A 7-Member Ad-Hoc Committee to be constituted in the event of failure by the Committee on, Petroleum Refineries and Marketing to report on the Resolution.*

8. Presentation of Reports:

(i) Committee on Public Service Matters:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on Public Service Matters on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Certified Secretaries and Reporters for the Registration and Discipline of Certified Secretaries and Reporters and to provide for a Governing Board charged with the Responsibility among other things, Formulation of Policies for the Institute and for Connected Purposes, 2007 (Hon. Halims Agoda).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

(ii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Felix Nwatu (SP):

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Felix Nwatu (SP) against the Nigeria Police Force" (Hon. Chidi Duru).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

(iii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Julius O. Asadu:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Julius O. Asadu against the Nigerian Building and Road Research Institute (NBRRI)" (Hon. Chidi Duru).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

(iv) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Charles Ani:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Charles Ani against the Energy Commission of Nigeria" (Hon. Chidi Duru).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

(v) Committee on **Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Ogbosuomo (Nembe Bassambiri):

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Ogbosuomo {Nembe Bassambiri} Fishing Co-operative Society against the Nigeria Agip Oil Company Ltd (NAOC)" (*Hon. Chidi Duru*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

(vi) Committee on **Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Eminama, Obakilolo and Akariakiri Communities:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Eminama, Obakilolo and Akariakiri Communities against the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC)" (*Hon. Chidi Duru*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

9. Adoption of Conference Report on a BUI for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Purchasing , and Supply Management of Nigeria and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2007.

Motion made and Question proposed, "The Conference Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management of Nigeria and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2007 was laid on Thursday, 1 March, 2007;

A clean copy of the Conference Report is ready for adoption;

Resolves, to adopt the Conference Report on the Chattered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management of Nigeria and Matters Connected Therewith, 2007 (*Hon. Sumaila Dikko*).

Question put and agreed to.

10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Council for Management Development Act, Cap 300 LFN 1990 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2007 (HB. 226) - Third Reading.

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Council for Management Development Act, Cap 300 LFN 1990 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2007 be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Question that the Bill be now read the Third Time, put and agreed to. Bill

read the Third Time and passed.

11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Institute for Labour Studies Act, 1990, (HB. 252) — Third Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Institute for Labour Studies Act, 1990, be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Question that the Bill be now read the Third Time, put and agreed to. Bill

read the Third Time and passed.

12. Ekiti State Appropriations Bill, 2007 — Third Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the Ekiti State Appropriations Bill, 2007 be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Question that the Bill be now read the Third Time, put and agreed to. Bill

read the Third Time and passed.

13. **A Bill for an Act for the Establishment of the Institute for Democratic and Legislative Studies and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 (SB. 118) - Second Reading:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act for the Establishment of the Institute for Democratic and Legislative Studies and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 (SB. 118) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Abdul Ningi).
- Debate:*
- Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time, put and agreed to.*
- Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committee of Whole.*
14. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the System, Structure, Composition, Functions and Finance of Area Councils and for Related Purposes, 2005 (HB. 204) — Second Reading:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the System, Structure, Composition, Functions and Finance of Area Councils and for Related Purposes, 2005 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Sidi Ali).
- Debate:*
- Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time, put and agreed to.*
- Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committee of Whole.*
15. **Adjournment:**
That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 9 March, 2007 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).
- Adjourned accordingly at 5.00p.m.*

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker