



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 26 June, 2008

1. The House met at 11.23 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, 25 June, 2008.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted,

3. Messages:
Mr Speaker read the following Messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

March 20, 2008

*The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone, Abuja.*

Dear brother,

**PRESENTATION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS PROHIBITION
BILL FOR CONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE INTO
LAW BY THE HOUSE**

I hereby re-introduce, for formal consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives, the above named Bill which was not passed at the time the proceeding legislature stood dissolved.

This is in deference to the extant rules of the House of Representatives which require that pending Bills be reintroduced before they can be deliberated upon by the incoming legislature.

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 most sincerely,

(Signed) UMARU
MUSA YAR'ADVA

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

June 3, 2008

*The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone, Abuja.*

Dear brother.

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE
PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT 2007

/ forward herewith, for your kind consideration and passage into law, the attached draft Bill for an Act to amend the Public Procurement Act, 2007.

It is my hope that the Honourable House of representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria will consider and pass the amendment Bill in your usual expeditious manner.

Please accept, Mr Speaker, the assurance of my highest Consideration.

Yours most sincerely,

(Signed) UMARU
MUSA YAR'ADUA

(iii)



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134
2008

June 11,

*Honourable Dimeji Bankole, CFR Speaker
of the House of Representatives, National
Assembly Complex, Three-Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear brother.

REPORT OF THE REVIEW OF THE
REVENUE ALLOCATION FORMULA

In accordance with Section 162 (2) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I have the honour to table before the Honourable House Report on the Review of the Revenue Allocation Formula, for your kind consideration.

This review is designed to enhance effective service delivery in the public sector.

It is my hope that this will receive the usual kind expeditious attention of the Honourable Members of the House of Representatives.

Please accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

UMARUMUSA YAR'ADUA

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PRESIDENT,

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

June 26, 2008

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

Dear brother,

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ENACTMENT INTO LAW

I hereby introduce for formal consideration and enactment into law, the following Bills, which were not finalized before the expiration of the tenure of the last National Assembly.

- (a) Labour Standards Bill;
- (b) Collective Labour Relations Bill;
- (c) Labour Institutions Bill; and
- (d) Occupation Safety and Health Bill.

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

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

UMARUMUSA YAR'ADUA



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

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June23, 2008

. Speaker, House of
representatives, National
Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone, Abuja.

Dear brother,

**PRESENTATION OF PENDING EXECUTIVE BILLS FOR
CONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE INTO LAW**

I hereby re-introduce for formal consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives, the attached List of Pending Executives Bills which were not passed at the time the preceding legislature stood dissolved.

Included in the list are all the Executive Bills related to major sectoral, economic and social reforms proposed by the previous administration.

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

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)
UMARUMVSA YAR'ADUA

BILLS PENDING WITH THE PRESIDENT FOR HIS ASSENT

1. National Order of Precedence Bill, 2000.
2. Privatization and Commercialization of Public Enterprises Bill, 2003.
3. Discrimination Against disabled Persons (Prohibition) Bill, 2003.
4. The Nigerian Port Commission Bill, 2003.
5. The National Agricultural Development and produce marketing (Establishment) Bill, 2003.
6. Institute of Safety Professional of Nigeria Bill, 2007.
7. Indigenous Oil Companies (Regulation and Fiscal Terms) Bill, 2007.
8. National Assembly Budget and Research Office Bill, 2007 (returned to the National Assembly).
9. Nigeria Agency for Foreign Assistance (NAFFA) Bill, 2007 (Returned to the National assembly).
10. Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Bill, 2007.
11. The Chartered Institute of Capital Market Bill, 2007.
12. Freedom of Information Bill, 2007.
13. Hydroelectric Power Producing Area development (Establishment) Commission Bill, 2003.
14. Legislative Houses (Power And Privileges) (Amendment) Bill, 2002.
15. National Agricultural Development Funds (Establishment) BUI, 2007.
16. Chartered Institute of Certified Secretaries and Reporters of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2007.
17. Remuneration of former Presidents, Head of Federal Legislative Houses and Chief Justices of the Federation, Bill, 2007.
18. Auditor-General for the Federation (Additional Power and functions) Bill, 2007.
19. Chartered Institute of Public Accountant of Nigeria Bill, 2007.
20. Fiscal Responsibility Bill, 2007.
21. Niger Delta Development Commission (Establishment) Act, 2000.
22. Electoral Act, 2002.
23. Corruption Practices and other Related Offences Act, 2003.

4. Announcement:*(i) Death of a former Member:*

Mr Speaker announced with regret the death of Hon. Stephen Abdul Sani (*Okene/Ogori Mangongo Federal Constituency 1999-2003*) on 5th June, 2008.

A minute in silence was observed in honour of the soul of the late Member.

(ii) Visitors:

Mr Speaker recognized the presence in the Gallery, of Staff and Students of Arch-Deacon Brown Education Centre, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

5. Petitions:

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

(i) Hon. Aminu Shagari (Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency), from J. M. Kareem and Co. on behalf of Gooks Nigeria Limited, seeking the intervention of the House to prevail on the Federal Ministry of Works and the Attorney General of the Federation to comply with the order of the Federal High Court, Lagos State in suit No. FHC/L/CS/1327/94 and to pay the judgment debt therein;

(ii) Hon. Orker Jev (Buruku Federal Constituency), from Jonathan S. Ervihi, praying the House to prevail on the Nigerian Railway Corporation to either re-instate him or convert his dismissal from service to retirement;

{iii} Hon. Abasi Braimah (Estallo Federal Constituency), from Mr J. M. Iyogho, praying the House to prevail on the National Planning Commission to pay his entitlements from the contract services he rendered to the Commission;

(iv) Hon. Chukwumah Umeoji (Aguata Federal Constituency), from B. O. Umezinwa, praying the House to prevail on the Anambra State Judicial Services Commission to comply with the judgment of the State High Court in Suit No. a/27/2002;

(v) Hon. Dele Obadina (Ifa/EkweKORO Federal Constituency) from Gboiahan Samuel and Co., on behalf of more than 40 land owners in Kajola village via Magboro Obafemi/Owode Local Government Area of Ogun State, praying the House to intervene in the willful destruction of their property in that village by Dr Ayo Olaiya, the Chief Executive Officer of North South Oak Engineering Company Limited with a view to ensuring that justice is done.

5. Presentation of Reports:*(i) Committee on Finance:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Finance on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria Act, 1965 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 (Hon. John Owan Enoh).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

(ii) Committee on Agriculture:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Agriculture on the Rising Costs of Grains and Food Shortages in the Country (Hon. Gbenga Makanjuola).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

(iii) Speaker's Delegation to the United States of America:

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Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

6. Political Crisis in Zimbabwe:

Motion made and Question proposed,
The House:

Notes the political crisis in Zimbabwe which arose as a consequence of the last general elections and the up-coming Presidential re-run election in the country;

Aware that the crisis emanated largely from the decision of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) to halt the release of the result of the election;

Further notes based on a questionable mid-exercise recount of votes cast, the electoral commission ordered a re-run of the Presidential election on the ground that none of the Presidential candidates secured a decisive victory;

Concerned that the major opposition parties have withdrawn from the proposed election re-run, citing the spate of wide reported cases of attack, intimidation, maiming and killing of their supporters;

Alarmed that the electoral logjam has further worsened the already precarious social and economic situation in that country;

Worried that the situation may soon degenerate into violent civil unrest and a major displacement of citizens with enormous implications on the socio-economic well being of the Central and Southern Africa regions and continent at large;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to leverage the leadership position of Nigeria and its inherent goodwill, to midwife an immediate cessation of hostilities between the supporters of the ruling party and those of the opposing parties in order to halt the imminent decline into anarchy;
- (ii) Urge the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to effect a meeting with other leaders of the African Union targeted towards bringing the ruling and opposing parties to agree to a mutually beneficial political arrangement tentatively until proper elections can be held under the close scrutiny of international observers;
- (in) Mandate the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and Integration in Africa to invite the Foreign Affairs Minister to brief it on the nation's diplomatic response to the political crisis in Zimbabwe (*Hon. Gbenga Oduwaiye and 24 Others*).

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Leave out* Prayers (i), (ii) and (Hi) and **insert the** following:
"Urge Mr President to recall Dr Yakubu Gowon from leading the West Africa group of Monitors to the Zimbabwe elections so as not to give it the stamp of legitimacy given the fact that the opposition has withdrawn its participation on the grounds of violence and intimidation" (*Hon. Emmanuel Jime*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

- (ii) *Leave out* Prayers (i), (ii) and (Hi) and **inserts**, new Prayer as follows:
"Mandate the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and integration in Africa to invite the Foreign Affairs Minister to brief it on the Nations Diplomatic response to the political crisis in Zimbabwe" (*Hon. Ifaluyi Isibof*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

- (iii) *Leave out* the words in Prayer (it) and **insert the** following words instead thereof:
"Urge the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to effect a meeting with other leaders of the African Union targeted towards bringing the ruling and opposing parties to agree to a mutual beneficial political arrangement" (*Hon. Rums Omeire*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

Main Question put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted the political crisis in Zimbabwe which arose as a consequence of the last general elections and the up-coming Presidential re-run election in the country;

A ware that the crisis emanated largely from the decision of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) to halt the release of the result of the election;

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7. **Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday, 1 July, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Baba Shehu Agaie*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.25 p. m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker