



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 1 July, 2008

1. The House met at 11.08 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, 26 June, 2008.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcements:**

- (i) **Summons on Mr Speaker:**

Mr Speaker acknowledged the receipt of a Court Summons which sought to restrain him, amongst other parties in the Suit, from performing a stated act. He noted that he had referred the matter to the National Assembly Legal Department for advice.

He therefore, called on the House Leader and Hon. Members from Delta State to see him on the subject matter.

- (ii) **Conferees:**

Mr Speaker named the following conferees on Federal Capital Territory Appropriation Bill, 2008:

- (a) Hon. Attai Aidoko Ali
 - (b) Hon. David Idoko
 - (c) Hon. Ibejiako A. Ernest
 - (c) Hon. Muhammed Sani Abdu
 - (d) Hon. Patrick Obohiagbon
 - (e) Hon. E. A. Akinlade

4. **Petition:**

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

Hon. Binta Masi Garba (*Madagali/Michika Federal Constituency*), from Zakaria Koji Wakili, praying the House to investigate the alleged unlawful termination of his appointment by the Management of the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) with a view to re-instating him and grant other reliefs sought therein.

5. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Relying on Order VIII, Rule IV (i), Hon. Farouk Lawan drew the attention of the House to the recent Nationwide strike action by the Nigerian Union of Teachers (NUT). He recalled that the present strike action was in furtherance of the earlier warning strike calling for the Federal Government to implement the Teachers Salary Scale. He urged the House to debate the matter as one of urgent public importance.

Question put and agreed to.

Matter to stand over till the next Legislative Day.

6. Personal Explanation:

Citing Order **VIII**, Rule V, Hon. Ali Ndume drew the attention of the House to the uncondusive nature of the Chamber due to the malfunctioning of the air-conditioning system. He urged the Management of the National Assembly to expedite action in order to effect necessary repairs on the faulty air conditioning system to enable Members perform optimally.

Mr Speaker stated that the cooling system would be replaced during the forthcoming recess.

7. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Public Procurement (Establishment, etc.) (Amendment) Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Labour Standards Bill, 2008 (HB. 88) (Executive) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Collective Labour Relations (Special Provisions) Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Labour Institutions (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Occupational Safety and Health Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time.*
- (vi) Chemical Weapons Prohibition Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time.*

8. 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 — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That 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 be now read a Second Time" {Hon. Tunde Akogun}.

Debate:

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 Finance.

9. A Bill for an Act to Prohibit Arbitrary, Malicious, Indiscriminate or Capricious Dismissal, Lay-Offs or Removal of any Worker from Employment by any Employer of Labour in the Public or Private Sectors of the Economy, Provide for the Recompense of any affected Worker in Accordance with the terms Specified Thereof and for Other Matters Connected Therewith 2008 — Second Reading:

Order read; deferred.

10. Consideration of Reports:

(i) Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream):

Motion made Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) on Fire outbreak from Ruptured Pipelines belonging to Warri Refinery and Petrochemical Company in Ubeji, Warri South Local Government Area of Delta State and approve the Recommendations therein" (Hon. Aro Samuel Bamidele).

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)

Debate:**Recommendation (i):**

Owing to the volatility of Petroleum Produces, Operators in the Downstream Sector should take extreme precaution in the use of facilities;

Recommendation (ii):

Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) should be compelled to make adequate compensations to the affected communities;

Recommendation (iii):

Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) should regard the protection of lives and properties as very sacrosanct and paramount in their communities of operations (*Hon. Aro Samuel Bamidele*).

Amendment Proposed:

Reject all the recommendations and re-mandate the Committee to send another delegation to include the Hon. Member representing the area with a view to thoroughly addressing the mandate of the Committee (*Hon. Rabe Nasif*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) on Fire outbreak from Ruptured Pipelines belonging to Warri Refinery and Petrochemical Company in Ubeji, Warri South Local Government Area of Delta State and rejected all the Recommendations with further directive to the Committee to re-visit the area in order to re-investigate the matter.

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

(ii) Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream):

Motion made Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) on the Ijegan Pipeline fire outbreak of May 15, 2008 and approve the Recommendations therein" {Hon. Aw Samuel Bamidele}.

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}**Debate:****Recommendation (i):**

That Lagos State Government should demolish as a matter of urgency, all structures situated on the NNPC Pipeline right of way with adequate compensation for settlers (*Hon. Aro Samuel Bamidele*).

Amendment Proposed:

In line 1, immediately after the words "right of way" *leave out* the words "with adequate compensation for settlers" (*Hon. Sada Soli*).

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

Recommendation (ii):

That there must be adequate consultations between State Governments and Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) concerning projects in Pipeline environments before the commencement of any project (Hon. Aro Samuel Bamidele).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

That Petroleum Products and Marketing Company (PPMC) should immediately begin to replace all aged, corroded and obsolete equipment and pipelines to check susceptibility of explosions in the near future (Hon. Aro Samuel Bamidele).

Question put and agreed to.

Further Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Insert a new Prayer (iv) as follows "Since the fire incident was not caused by the victim and the Community, the victims and Community should be compensated to the tune of ten billion Naira" (Hon. E. O. Adedeji).*

Question put and negated.

- (ii) *Inserts, new Prayer (iv) as follows "anti pipeline vandalism indicator devices be installed along our pipeline network across Nigeria as it is in oil producing countries of the world. As soon as the pipeline is tampered with, the device will trigger off at the stations and security put in place immediately" (Hon. Austine Nwachukwu).*

Question put and negated.

- (iii) *Inserts new Prayer (iv) as follows "Pipeline Products Marketing Company (PPMC) should ensure that standard depth of 2.5m is maintained" (Hon. Darlington Okereke).*

Question put and negated.

- (iv) *Inserts new Prayer (iv) as follows "That those people who did not violate the PPMC right of way that are affected by the outbreak should be compensated" (Hon. Darlington Okereke).*

Question put and agreed to.

- (v) *Inserts new Prayer (v) as follows " that the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) must carry out periodic education through its appropriate department to ensure that people are aware of the dangers of trespass in their right of way" (Hon. Emeka Stanley).*

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) on the Ijegan Pipeline fire outbreak of May 15, 2008 and amended Recommendation (;), approved Recommendations (/) and (Hi), and approved additional Recommendations (iv) and (v).

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

11. Adjournment:

And it being 1.48 p.m. Mr Speaker adjourned the House.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker