



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 9 July, 2008

1. The House met at 2.16 p.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 8 July, 2008.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Messages:**
Mr Speaker read the following Messages from the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows.



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

July 3.2008

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

Dear brother,

**NIGERIAN COUNCIL OF FOOD SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY BILL, 2008**

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

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

Yours sincerely,

UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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

Dear brother,

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS OF
THE NIGERIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION (NLRC)**

I write to forward to you the underlisted as nominees for your kind confirmation for the positions of Chairman and Commissioners of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission (NLRC).

S/No.	Name	Designation	Geopolitical Zone
1.	Hon. Justice Aw Kalgo	Commissioner/Chairman	North West
2.	Prof. C. O. Okonkwo (SAN)	Commissioner	South East
3.	Mr Roland Ewubare	Commissioner	South South
4.	Mr Kefas Magaji	Commissioner	North East

I am confident that this exercise will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the Honourable Members of the House.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

Communication referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

4. Petitions:

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

- (i) Hon. Yacoob Alebiosu (*Kosofe Federal Constituency*), from Mrs M. A. Sonde, praying the House to investigate the alleged termination of her appointment by the National Orthopaedic Hospital, Igbobi, Lagos and pay all her outstanding benefits;
- (ii) Hon. K. G. B. Oguakwa (*Aniri/Awgu/Oji-River Federal Constituency*), from Crusade for Justice, praying the House to intervene and save the life and properties of Mr Olisaebuka Anyadike who had been under the custody of men of Special Armed Robbery Squad (SARS), Port Harcourt since May 2007, for reasons not disclosed to his family.

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

Citing Order VIII, Rule 4. Hon. Yacoob Bush Alebiosu drew the attention of the House to the circulation of Propranolol tablets, a drug manufactured by TEVA UK Ltd in the Nigerian market without NAFDAC registration number. He informed the House of the adverse effects of the drugs which included serious mental problem. He therefore sought leave of the House to introduce 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,

6. **Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on the Federal Capital Territory Appropriation Bill, 2008:**

Motion wade and Question proposed,

The House on Tuesday, 3 June, 2008 passed the Federal Capital Territory Appropriations Bill, 2008;

The Senate also passed the Bill with Difference;

The Senate and House met in a Joint Conference Committee to harmonise the Bill;

The Conference Committee met on Thursday, 3 July, and Monday, 7 July, 2008 respectively, to resolve the differences arising there from and accepted a harmonized version of the Bill;

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

Resolves to adopt the Conference Report on the Federal Capital Territory Appropriations Bill, 2008 (*Hon. Altai Aidoko AH*).

Question put and agreed to.

7. **Presentation of Report:**

Committee on Niger Delta Development:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive and adopt the Report of the Committee on Niger Delta Development on the Niger Delta Development Commission Statutory Budget, 2008 herein under:

PART A - RECURRENT NON-DEBT EXPENDITURE

NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION LINE CHARGE

		Appropriation 2008
		N
1.	CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE	
(i)	Managing Director's Office	
	Personnel Costs	38,905,083.00
	Overhead Costs	130,441,257.00
	Sub-Total	169,346,340.00
(ii)	Executive Director Finance and Administration's Office	
	Personnel Costs	17,955,244.00
	Overhead Costs	87,990,811.00
	Sub-Total	105,946,055.00
(iii)	Executive Director Project's Office	
	Personnel Costs	24,033,206.00
	Overhead Costs	89,947,500.00
	Sub-Total	113,980,706.00
2.	Corporate Affairs Department	
	Personnel Costs	67,672,776.00
	Overhead Costs	479,497,663.00
	Sub-Total	547,170,439.00

3.	Internal Audit Department	
	Personnel Costs	35,701,198.00
	Overhead Costs	31,590,000.00
	Sub-Total	67,291,198.00
4.	Security Department	
	Personnel Costs	111,226,188.00
	Overhead Costs	224,390,168.00
	Sub-Total	335,616,356.00
5.	Due Process	
	Personnel Costs	20,554,666.00
	Overhead Costs	38,800,000.00
	Sub-Total	59,354,666.00
6.	Special Projects	
	Personnel Costs	75,822,821.00
	Overhead Costs	77,000,000.00
	Sub-Total	152,822,821.00
7.	Directorate of Legal Services	
	Personnel Costs	51,195,043.00
	Overhead Costs	220,525,000.00
	Sub-Total	271,720,043.00
8.	Directorate of Projects Monitoring and Supervision	
	Personnel Costs	148,651,232.00
	Overhead Costs	77,425,000.00
	Sub-Total	226,076,232.00
9.	Directorate of Finance & Supply	
	Personnel Costs	118,984,304.00
	Overhead Costs	131,000,000.00
	Sub-Total	249,984,304.00
10.	Directorate of Administration & Human Resources	
	Personnel Costs	313,422,579.00
	Overhead Costs	325,883,325.00
	Sub-Total	639,305,904.00
11.	Directorate of Planning, Research, Statistic and MIS	
	Personnel Costs	94,014,876.00
	Overhead Costs	93,690,000.00
	Sub-Total	187,704,876.00
12.	Directorate of Agriculture and Fisheries	
	Personnel Costs	90,602,570.00
	Overhead Costs	60,875,000.00
	Sub-Total	151,477,570.00
13.	Directorate of Environmental Protection and Control	
	Personnel Costs	53,228,274.00
	Overhead Costs	62,200,000.00
	Sub-Total	115,428,274.00
14.	Directorate of Education, Health and Social Services	
	Personnel Costs	79,015,239.00
	Overhead Costs	49,742,000.00
	Sub-Total	128,757,239.00

15.	Directorate of Community and Rural Development	
	Personnel Costs	86,133,984.00
	Overhead Costs	187,660,000.00
	Sub-Total	273,791,984.00
16.	Directorate of Utilities Infrastructure Development and Waterways	
	Personnel Costs	99,252,116.00
	Overhead Costs	56,700,500.00
	Sub-Total	155,952,616.00
17.	Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Development	
	Personnel Costs	87,718,006.00
	Overhead Costs	77,195,000.00
	Sub-Total	164,913,006.00
18.	Directorate of Youth, Women, Sports and Culture	
	Personnel Costs	67,875,077.00
	Overhead Costs	74,256,758.00
	Sub-Total	142,131,835.00
19.	Headquarters	
	Personnel Costs	44,285,393.00
	Overhead Costs	1,515,688,856.00
	Sub-Total	1,559,974,249.00
20.	Abuja Liaison Office	
	Personnel Costs	53,683,809.00
	Overhead Costs	39,600,000.00
	Sub-Total	93,283,809.00
21.	Abia State Office	
	Personnel Costs	92,278,450.00
	Overhead Costs	34,550,000.00
	Sub-Total	126,828,450.00
22.	Akwa Ibom State Office	
	Personnel Costs	95,350,211.00
	Overhead Costs	27,722,000.00
	Sub-Total	123,072,211.00
23.	Bayelsa State Office	
	Personnel Costs	96,126,601.00
	Overhead Costs	30,814,167.00
	Sub-Total	126,940,768.00
24.	Cross River State Office	
	Personnel Costs	82,710,995.00
	Overhead Costs	26,840,000.00
	Sub-Total	109,550,995.00
25.	Delta State Office	
	Personnel Costs	143,562,644.00
	Overhead Costs	35,176,500.00
	Sub-Total	178,739,144.00
26.	Edo State Office	
	Personnel Costs	86,977,840.00
	Overhead Costs	30,470,000.00
	Sub-Total	117,447,840.00

27.	Imo State Office	
	Personnel Costs	73,305,890.00
	Overhead Costs	27,900,000.00
	Sub-Total	101,205,890.00
28.	Ondo State Office	
	Personnel Costs	107,431,307.00
	Overhead Costs	32,240,000.00
	Sub-Total	139,671,307.00
29.	Rivers State Office	
	Personnel Costs	89,013,988.00
	Overhead Costs	35,896,000.00
	Sub-Total	124,909,988.00
30.	125% Contributory Pension	200,400,000.00
31.	Pension-Past Service Liabilities	326,967,795.00
32.	Staff Group Staff Assurance Scheme	49,037,415.00
33.	Workmen Compensation	40,000,000.00
34.	Death Benefit	50,000,000.00
35.	Bereavement/Condolence Purse/Transportation	—
36.	Transportation (Marriage)	—
	Sub-Total	666,404,210.00
	Sub-Total Personnel	3,313,090,000.00
	Sub-Total Recurrent	4,414,707,505.00
	Personnel + Recurrent	7,727,797,505.00

PART B -CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Appropriation 2008

	N
1. Motor vehicle — Four wheel drive jeep	228,000,000.00
2. Pool salon cars	181,500,000.00
3. Motor vehicle — Salon car	
4. Project vehicle	110,000,000.00
5. Motor vehicle 504	
6. Motor vehicle — Buses (Coaster)	30,000,000.00
7. Motor vehicle — Minibus	16,800,000.00
8. Boats — Passport Boat	19,500,000.00
9. Boat — Flying Boat	20,000,000.00
10. Equipment — Personal Computer	11,500,000.00
11. Equipment Laptop computer	15,750,000.00
12. Equipment — Printer & UPS	3,000,000.00
13. Equipment — Photocopier/GIS Accessories	35,000,000.00
14. Equipment — Scanner	1,150,000.00
15. Equipment — Fax Machine	1,100,000.00
16. Equipment — Shredding Machine	1,620,000.00
17. Equipment — Fire Proof Cabinets	6,300,000.00
18. Equipment — Shelves and Cabinets	9,600,000.00
19. Equipment — Split Unit Air-conditioned	4,000,000.00
20. Equipment — Window unit air	840,000.00
21. Equipment — Digital Cameras with GPS	2,250,000.00
22. Equipment — Borehole	500,000.00
23. Equipment — Video Cameras	630,000.00
24. Equipment — Automatic water analyser	1,120,000.00
25. Equipment — Echo Sounder	1,680,000.00
26. Equipment - Head held GPS	750,000.00
27. Equipment — Television and Video Player	800,000.00
28. Furniture — Executive desk and Chair	3,800,000.00
29. Furniture — Jnr Executive desk and Chair	3,600,000.00

30.	Furniture - Offices desk and Chair	3,360,000.00
31.	Furniture — Secretaries desk and Chair	1,920,000.00
32.	Furniture — Visitors chairs, etc.	. 990,000.00
33.	Household Furniture	16,000,000.00
34.	Other — Rain-Boots, raincoats	260,000.00
35.	Other — Life jackets	435,000.00
36.	Other - Safety Helmets and Boots	580,000.00
37.	Computer Software and Infrastructure	302,844,829.00
38.	Building Construction (including 3 States offices Building),	
39.	Head Office extension and Health Unit Upgrade	50,000,000.00
39.	Others — Including new Head Office fence and furnishing, fuel dump	32,626,000.00
	Total	1,119,805,829.00

PART C - PROJECTS DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE

	<i>Appropriation 2008</i>
	N
1. Head Office/Regional Offices	31,294,200,000.00
2. Abia State	2,271,425,966.00
3. Akwa Ibom State	8,365,066,820.00
4. Bayelsa State	7,834,231,386.00
5. Cross River State	2,208,807,455.00
6. Delta State	7,147,592,909.00
7. Edo State	2,208,807,455.00
8. Imo State	2,430,815,085.00
9. Ondo State	3,785,927,775.00
10. Rivers State	12,434,313,839.00
Total	80, 356,400,000.00

SUMMARY

Personnel Costs	N3,313,090,000.00
Overhead Costs	N4, 414,700,000.00
Capital Expenditure	N1, 119,810,000.00
Development Projects Expenditure	N80, 356,400,000.00
TOTAL	N89, 204,000,000.00 (Hon. Agboola Ajayi).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid and adopted.

8. Urgent Need for the Rehabilitation of the River Niger Bridge in Anambra State:

Motion made and Question proposed,

The House:

Notes the dilapidating condition of the River Niger Bridge in Anambra State as remarked at the Senate *Ad-Hoc* Committee probing the Utilization of funds in the transportation sector;

Aware that this warning of imminent danger is a wake up call to the Government to take appropriate and urgent measures to protect the bridge from collapsing;

Worried that the age-long Niger Bridge which was constructed about 40 years ago by Dumex Construction Company in 1966 is being over utilized because of increased flow in traffic;

Resolves to:

- (i) Direct the Ministry of Transportation to immediately commence the rehabilitation and strengthening of the bridge;
- (ii) Urge the Federal Government to direct the Ministry of Transportation (Works sector) to henceforth conduct regular inspections and maintenance work on all our bridges across the country at periodic intervals;
- (iii) Further urge the Federal Government to as a matter of urgency to commence the Construction of the Second Niger Bridge *{Hon. Obinna Chidoka and 69 Others}*.

Debate:

Main Question put and agreed to.

The House:

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9. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Assessment, Supervision and Approval of all Building Constructions by Qualified Architects or Building Engineers, and for Related Matters, 2008 — Second Reading:

Motion wade and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Assessment, Supervision and Approval of ail Building Constructions by Qualified Architects or Building Engineers, and for Related Matters, 2008 be now read a Second Time" *(Hon. Nnana Uzor Kalu)*.

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 Housing and Habitat)

10. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 10 July, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. *(Hon. Tunde Akogun)*.

Adjourned accordingly at 3.35 p.m.