



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 10 July, 2008

1. The House met at 10.40 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, 9 July, 2008.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

<i>House in Executive Session</i>	—	10.44 a.m.
<i>House in Plenary</i>	—	11.00 a.m.
3. Announcements:
 - (i) **Appointment of New Chairman, Committee on Appropriations**

Mr Speaker announced the appointment of Hon. Ayoade Ademola Adeseun as the Chairman, House Committee on Appropriations with immediate effect.
 - (ii) **Visitors:**

Mr Speaker announced the presence in the gallery, of representatives of Amnesty International UK, and LU11R1 Nigeria.
4. **Petitions:**

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

 - (i) Hon. Emmanuel Jime (*Makurdi/Gume Federal Constituency*), from O. T. Oyinloye and four (4) others on behalf of disengaged staff of the National Steel Raw Materials Exploration Agency, Kaduna, praying the House to prevail on the Agency to pay their severance benefits, and grant other reliefs sought;
 - (ii) Hon. Uche Ekwunife (*Anaocha/Njikoka/Dunukofia Federal Constituency*), from Justins Akutaekwe, praying the House to prevail on the Ministry of Interior to pay the balance of N6,000,000.00 out of N6,5000,000.00 required to enable him travel abroad to obtain treatment for the Spinal Cord injury he sustained while playing football for the Ministry;
 - (iii) Hon. Uche Ekwunife (*Anaocha/Njikofa/Duwkofia Federal Constituency*), from Josia N Anumba, praying the House to intervene in his alleged act of exploitation and refusal to honour an agreement and cause M/S Cappa Pic Lagos, to pay his terminal benefits and six months salary arrears due to him;
 - (iv) Hon. Adewale Aribisala (*Ekiti: North Federal Constituency*), on behalf of Mr Joseph Adeniyi Ibitoye, praying the House to investigate his alleged unlawful dismissal by the Nigeria Police Force with a view to obtaining justice;

- (v) Hon. Herman Iorwuese Hembe (*Konshislia/Vancleikya Federal Constituency*), from Tiv Community Association, Gbagalape, branch F.C.T. praying the House to investigate the alleged gruesome murder of their son, late Aondoaseer Tor, as well as the harassment, intimidation, arrest and detention of Tiv indigenes in Gbagalape for arson and destruction of properties, and cause the Police Authorities in Nyanya Division to bring the culprits to book without further delay;
- (vi) Hon. Herman Iorwuese Hembe (*Konshishs/Vundeikya Federal Constituency*), from Dogba Timothy T., praying the House to investigate the alleged wrongful termination of his appointment by the Ministry of the Federal Capital Territory Authority with a view to re-instating him and paying all his arrears;
- (vii) Hon. Godfrey Gaya (*Zango Kataf/Jaba Federal Constituency*), from Sheyin Paul Murum, a former staff of Kaduna Refinery and Petrochemical Company, praying the House to investigate his alleged victimization and wrongful termination of appointment and cause his re-instatement and payment of all his entitlements;
- (viii) Hon. Musa B. Usman (*Kontagora/Wushishi/Mashegu/Mariga Federal Constituency*), on behalf of 247 disengaged staff of the Federal College of Education, Kontagora, praying the House to investigate the alleged arbitrary and unlawful deductions from their due entitlement by the office of the Accountant- General of the Federation;
- (ix) Hon. Yacoob E. Alebiosu (*Kosofe Federal Constituency*), from Sgt Olusegun Ogundipe, praying the House to investigate his alleged wrongful dismissal from the Nigerian Army, and to convert his dismissal to retirement and pay him all his entitlements;
- (x) Hon. Bolarinwa O. Bashiru (*Lagos Mainland Federal Constituency*), from Adewale Moroof Adetona, praying the House to investigate his alleged termination of appointment by First Bank of Nigeria Plc and pay all his outstanding entitlements;
- (xi) Hon. Abasi O. Braimah (*Estnko Federal Constituency*), from Idanosi Isaac Boro, a former Personal Assistant to former AD Leader, praying the House to intervene and cause the Management of National Assembly to pay him his outstanding debt of N6,283,658.32 to enable him relocate and take care of his family.

5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Citing Older VIII, Rule 4, Hon. Clever Ikisikpo drew the attention of the House to the alarming increase of the price of Diesel (AGO) and the impending crisis that would likely result. He therefore sought the 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. **Sale of Illicit Drugs: Propranolol) Manufactured by TEVA UK Limited, Eastbourne, BN22 09A in Nigerian Market:**

Motion made and Question,

The House:

Notes that recently, the Nigerian market was flooded with fake drugs with contradictory instructions on their usage;

Concerned about the adverse effect of such products on the welfare and the health of Nigerians;

Desirous of ensuring that such medication be subjected to the requisite tests by the National Agency For Food and Drugs Control (NAFDAC), to determine its suitability or be phased out of the market;

Worried that if Nigeria continues to remain a dumping ground for such drugs, the healthcare of the citizenry will be in jeopardy;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the National Agency For Food and Drugs Control (NAFDAC) and the Nigerian Customs Service (NCS) to explain how such medication was widely distributed in the Nigerian Market without NAFDAC Registration number;
- (ii) Further call on the National Agency For Food and Drugs Control (NAFDAC), Standard Organization of Nigeria (SON) and other relevant Agencies to carry out urgent analysis of the said drug and determine its suitability for human use or in the alternative, take steps to ban the sale of the drug, in Nigeria (*Hon. Yacoob E. Alebiosu and 20 Others*).

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Inserts new Prayer (iii) as follows:*
"That the drugs be withdrawn from circulation, pending certification by the relevant Agency (NAFDAC)" (*Hon. Emmanuel Nwika Deeyah*).

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

- (ii) *Insert a new Prayer (iv) as follows:*
"Mandate the House Committee on Health to investigate the matter and report back to the House within two (2) weeks" (*Hon. Emmanuel Jime*),

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to. The House:

Noted that recently, Nigerian market was flooded with fake drugs with contradictory instructions on their usage;

Concerned about the adverse effect of such products on the welfare and the health of Nigerians;

Desirous of ensuring that such medication be subjected to the requisite tests by the National Agency For Food and Drugs Control (NAFDAC) to determine its suitability, or be phased out of the market;

Worried that if Nigeria continues to remain a dumping ground for such drugs, the healthcare of the citizenry would be in jeopardy.

Resolved to:

- (i) Call on the National Agency For Food and Drugs Control (NAFDAC) and the Nigerian Customs Service (NCS) to explain how' such medication was widely distributed in the Nigerian Market without NAFDAC Registration number;
- (ii) Further call on the National Agency for Food and Drugs Control (NAFDAC), Standard Organization of Nigeria (SON) and other relevant agencies to carry out urgent analysis of the said drug and determine its suitability for human use or in the alternative, take steps to ban the sale of the drug in Nigeria.
- (iii) That the drugs be withdrawn from circulation pending certification by the relevant agency (NAFDAC)
- (iv) Mandate the House Committee on Health to investigate the matter and report back to the House within two (2) weeks (HR. 36/2008).

7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Robbery and Firearms (Special Provisions) Cap. R11 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 — Second Heading: *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Robbery and Firearms (Special Provisions) Cap. R 11 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Friday Itula*).

Debate:

Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time, put and negatived.

8. A Bill for an Act to Prescribe for the Compulsory and Immediate Treatment and Care for the Victims of Bullet Wounds and other Matters Connected therewith, 2008 — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Prescribe for the Compulsory and Immediate Treatment and care for the Victims of Bullet Wounds and other Matters Connected therewith, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Chuwudi Mayor)

Debate:

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

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Joint Committee on Health and Justice.

9. A Bill for an Act for a Yearly Submission of Report by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the National Assembly, on the Implementation of the fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy as Contained in Chapter II of the 1999 Constitution and for Purposes Connected Therewith, 2008 — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act for a Yearly Submission of Report by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the National Assembly, on the Implementation of the Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy as Contained in Chapter II of the 1999 Constitution and for Purposes Connected Therewith, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum).

Debate:

Question that the Bill be now read a Second time, put and agreed to.

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Joint Committee on Governmental Affairs and Justice.

10. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday, 15 July, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (Hon. Tunde Akogun).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.13 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 9 July, 2008, page 50, item 3 (II) (Appointment of Chairman and Commissioners of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission (NLRC), leave out communication referred to the Committee on Judiciary and insert communication referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary and Justice instead thereof.