



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 3 August, 2005

1. The House met at 2.15 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, 2 August, 2005.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcement:**
Visitors:
Mr Speaker announced the presence, in the Gallery, of a Delegation from the Niger Delta Host Community led by a former Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

4. **Recent Ghastly Motor Accident Involving a Luxury Bus at Tamburawa River in Kano State:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House:

Notes with sadness, the recent ghastly motor accident involving a luxury bus, traveling from Lagos to Maiduguri, which plunged into a river at Tamburawa town in Kano State, killing 60 innocent passengers with 2 survivors sustaining serious injuries;

Is concerned about the incessant cases of road accidents involving luxury buses traveling at night;

Recalls the repeated calls by the Federal Road Safety Commission to Nigerians to avoid night journeys;

Resolves to:

- (i) *Commiserate with the families of the deceased and to send condolence messages to the Governments and people of Borno and Kano States over the unfortunate incident;*
- (ii) *Call on the Federal Road Safety Commission to deploy its Personnel to major bus terminals and motor parks, nationwide, to ensure that transport companies comply with traffic regulations as it affects the number of passengers, size of their cargo and proper manifestation (Hon. Umar Ibrahim El-Yakub and 31 Others).*

(Christian and Muslim prayers were rendered by Hon. Adamu Wuyep and Hon. Usman Balkore, respectively, for the repose of the souls of the dead victims).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

- (i) *Insert* a new prayer (iii) as follows:
Call on the Federal Government to, as a matter of urgency, repair the Kaduna - Kano highway (*Hon. Garba Dantiye*).

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

Main Question as amended put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted with sadness, the recent ghastly motor accident involving a luxury bus, traveling from Lagos to Maiduguri, which plunged into a river at Tamburawa town in Kano State, killing 60 innocent passengers with 2 survivors sustaining injuries;

Was concerned about the incessant cases of road accident involving luxury buses traveling at night;

Recalled the repeated calls by the Federal Road Safety Commission to Nigerians to avoid night journeys;

Resolved to:

- (i) *Commiserate* with the families of the deceased and to send condolence messages to the Governments and people of Borno and Kano State over the unfortunate incident;
- (ii) *Call* on the Federal Road Safety Commission to deploy its Personnel to major bus terminals and motor parks, nationwide, to ensure that transport companies comply with traffic regulations as it affects the number of passengers, size of their cargo and proper manifestation;
- (iii) *Call on* the Federal Government to, as a matter of urgency, repair the Kaduna- Kano Highway (*HR. 23/2005*).

5. A Bill for an Act to Prescribe the Formula for Distribution of Revenue Accruing to the Federation Account among the Federal, State and Local Governments including the Federal Capital Territory and Area Councils; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2004—Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That A Bill for an Act to Prescribe the Formula for Distribution of Revenue Accruing to the Federation Account among the Federal, State and Local Governments including the Federal Capital Territory and Area Councils; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2004 be now read a Second Time (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Debate:

Debate adjourned.

6. Consideration of Report:

Joint Committee on Defence, Army, Navy and Air Force:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Defence, Army, Navy and Air Force on A Bill for an Act to Establish the Armed Forces Services Commission, which shall be charged with the responsibility, among other things to Appoint Persons to Offices in Nigeria's Armed Forces (Other than the Offices of Chief of Defence, Army, Air Force, and Naval Staff) and to Promote, Dismiss and Exercise Disciplinary control over any person holding office in the Armed Forces (Other than the Chief of Defence Staff, Chief of Army Staff, Chief of Air Staff, Chief of Naval Staff); and at all times to ensure that all appointment on the Armed Forces reflect the Federal Character of Nigeria, 2004 and approve Recommendations therein" (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

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)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARMED FORCES SERVICES COMMISSION,
WHICH SHALL BE CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY, AMONG OTHER THINGS TO
APPOINT PERSONS TO OFFICES IN NIGERIA'S ARMED FORCES (OTHER THAN THE OFFICES
OF CHIEF OF DEFENCE, ARMY, AIR FORCE, AND NAVAL STAFF) AND TO PROMOTE, DISMISS
AND EXERCISE DISCIPLINARY CONTROL OVER ANY PERSON HOLDING OFFICE IN THE ARMED
FORCES (OTHER THAN THE CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF, CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF, CHIEF OF AIR
STAFF, CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF); AND AT ALL TIMES TO ENSURE THAT ALL APPOINTMENT
ON THE ARMED FORCES REFLECT THE FEDERAL CHARACTER OF NIGERIA, 2004

Debate:

Debate adjourned and an Ad-Hoc Committee of Hon. Idris Abdullahi Umar, Hon. Halims Agoda, Hon. Alex Nwofe, Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum and Hon. Chuma Nzeribe was constituted and mandated to examine the provisions of the Constitution in relation to the Bill, the Committee's Report and the Armed Forces Act.

Mr Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in the Committee of Whole adjourned consideration of the Report of the Committee on Defence and constituted a 5-Member *Ad-Hoc* Committee to examine the provisions of the Constitution in relation to the Bill, the Committee's Report and the Armed Forces Act and report to the House on Tuesday, 9 August, 2005.

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

7. Withdrawal of Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 2 August, 2005:

Mr Deputy Speaker ordered the withdrawal of the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 2 August, 2005 due to factual errors in the names of the Committee Leadership. It would be reissued, approved and circulated to Members.

8. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 4 August, 2005 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Adjourned accordingly at 4.45 p.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker