



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 2 August, 2005

1. The House met at 11.15 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, 28 July, 2005.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcement:**
Conference Committee:
Mr Speaker named Conferees on the National Assembly Accounts Manual:
 - (i) Hon. Umar Farouk Lawan
 - (ii) Hon. Dimeji Bankole
 - (iii) Hon. John Enoch Owan
 - (iv) Hon. Anthony Madwate
 - (v) Hon. Nkechi J. Nwaogu
 - (vi) Hon. Abdullahi Shuaibu Hashimu
 - (vii) Hon. Leo Ogor
 - (viii) Hon. Ahmed Barata.

4. **Declining Prisons Standards:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House:

notes, the steady decline of standards in Nigerian Prisons;

recognises the need for the introduction of Primary Health Care in the Nigerian Prison System in the light of the deplorable human conditions prevailing in Nigerian Prisons;

regrets the frequent outbreak of epidemics in Nigerian Prisons and the high rate of mortality among inmates;

recalls its repeated concern about poor health conditions in Nigerian Prisons and their unsalutary effects on the Prisons System as a veritable institution for reform and administration of justice in the country;

is concerned about reports of financial recklessness and administrative ineptitude culminating in the suspension of the Comptroller-General of Prisons;

is worried about recent jail breaks in Ogwashi-Uku, Delta State, Maximum and Medium Security Prisons, Lagos, Okene, Port Harcourt and Kebbi Prisons in addition to reports of racketeering in food supply to Nigerian Prisons;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Internal Affairs to conduct a Public Hearing on the Nigerian Prisons Service and report to the House within 30 days;

- (a) the role of the Nigerian Prisons Services in the reformation and rehabilitation of convicts;
- (b) the adequacy or otherwise of appropriations to the Nigerian Prisons Service, the Legal Aid Council and the National Human Rights Commission and factors inhibiting their functions;
- (c) the validity of allegations of financial impropriety leveled against Prison authorities in recent times;
- (d) the need for the appointment of a Special Rapporteur to monitor and report to the Legislature, Executive and the Judiciary on the activities of the Nigerian Prisons Service; and
- (e) all such matters incidental to the Prisons institution in Nigeria (*Hon. Olajumoke Okoya-Thomas & 10 Others*).

Debate:

Terms of reference (a) - (e) by leave of the House deleted.

The House:

noted, the steady decline of standards in Nigerian Prisons;

recognised the need for the introduction of Primary Health Care in the Nigerian Prisons System in the light of the deplorable human conditions prevailing in Nigerian Prisons;

regretted the frequent outbreak of epidemics in Nigerian Prisons and the high rate of mortality among inmates;

recalled its repeated concern about poor health conditions in Nigerian Prisons and their unsalutary effects on the Prisons System as a veritable institution for reform and administration of justice in the country;

expressed concern about reports of financial recklessness and administrative ineptitude culminating in the suspension of the Comptroller-General of Prisons;

was worried about recent jail breaks in Ogwashi-Uku, Delta State, Maximum and Medium Security Prisons, Lagos, Okene, Port Harcourt and Kebbi Prisons in addition to reports of racketeering in food supply to Nigerian Prisons;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Internal Affairs to conduct a Public Hearing on the Nigerian Prisons Service and report to the House within 30 days (*HR. 22/2005*).

5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Border Communities Development Agency Act, 2003; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2005—Third Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That A Bill for an Act to Amend the Border Communities Development Agency Act 2003; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2005 be now read a Third Time" (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

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

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

6. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Allocation of 15 percent of Nigeria's Annual Capital Budget to be invested into Agriculture; and for Connected Purposes, 2005—Third Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That A Bill for an Act to provide for the Allocation of 15 percent of Nigeria's Annual Capital Budget to be invested into Agriculture and for Connected Purposes, 2005 be now read a Third Time" (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

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

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Small Business Administration Agency to make Small Loans to Small Business in the Federation and Assist Them in Obtaining Procurement Contracts, etc; and to Perform Other Functions Relating Thereto, 2004—Second Reading:**

Order read; deferred.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Dissolve the Institute of Cost Management of Nigeria; and to Establish a Chartered Institute of Cost Management of Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters, 2004—Second Reading:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Dissolve the Institute of Cost Management of Nigeria; and to Establish a Chartered Institute of Cost Management of Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters, 2004 be now read a Second Time (Hon. David Idoko).

Debate:

Sponsor advised to reintroduce Bill.

10. **Appointment of Committee Chairmen and their Deputies:**

Mr Speaker appealed to Hon. Members to continue to work hard in whatever capacities they found themselves in the overall interest of the House. He decried the unnecessary restrictions hitherto visited on virtually all Sub-Committees by their Chairmen which seriously hindered their performance. Furthermore, he declared that the House Leadership had assumed responsibility for constituting Sub-Committees of Special and Standing Committees and assured that changes would be made in critical areas as and when necessary. Concluding, he announced the following appointments:

<i>S/No.</i>	<i>Names of Committees</i>	<i>Chairmen</i>	<i>Deputy Chairmen</i>
1.	Selection Committee	Hon. Aminu B. Masari	Hon. Austin Opara
2.	Rules and Business	Hon. Ita Enang	—
3.	House Services	Hon. Ahmed Barata	Hon. Caleb Zagi
4.	Public Petitions	Hon. Chudi Offodile	Hon. Akinwale M. Adebayo
5.	Public Accounts	Hon. Adeyemi Oluwole	Hon. Farouk Mustapha
6.	Ethics and Privileges	Hon. Bello Mutawale	Hon. Seth Karfe
7.	Aviation	Hon. K. G. B. Oguakwa	Hon. Hadi Sirika
8.	Banking and Currency	Hon. Claver Ikisikpo	Hon. U. S. A. Igwesi
9.	Media and Public Affairs	Hon. Abike Dabiri	Hon. Abdulazeez King
10.	Commerce	Hon. Sumaila Aduku	Hon. Pius Odubu
11.	Loans, Aid and Debts	Hon. Sadiq Sanusi	Hon. Damian Ozurumba
12.	Electoral Matters	Hon. Hamisu Shira	Hon. Paul Ada
13.	Capital Markets	Hon. Ahmed Wadada	Hon. Edward Ogon
14.	Communications	Hon. Mustapha Lekan	Hon. Modibo Ahmed
15.	Air Force	Hon. Koshedo Gbemenu Setonyi	Hon. Ahmed Musa
16.	Defence	Hon. Wale Oke	Hon. Shehu Haladu Bichi
17.	Cooperation and Integration	Hon. Irem Ibom Oka	Hon. Usman Adamu
18.	Habitat	Hon. Musa Wuyep	Hon. Gabriel Oiboh
19.	Transport	Hon. Yakubu Barde	Hon. Oladokun Animashaun

20.	Federal Character	Hon. Nasir A. Gabasawa	Hon. Umar Kumaila
21.	Information	Hon. Anthony Aziegbami	Hon. Usman Kabir
22.	Foreign Affairs	Hon. Usman Bugaje	Hon. Chris Ogenekwe
23.	Governmental Affairs	Hon. Ifedayo Abegunde	Hon. Usman Bayero
24.	Housing & Urban Development	Hon. Osita Izunaso	Hon. Leo Ogor
25.	Justice	Hon. Alex Nwofe	Hon. Bala Nggilari.
26.	Drugs and Narcotics	Hon. Tsegba Terngu	Hon. Bassey Etim
27.	Inter-Parliamentary Relations	Hon. Peter Jiya	Hon. Jonathan I. Eze
28.	Judiciary	Hon. Bala Ibn Na'Allah	Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum
29.	Labour and Productivity	Hon. Solomon Agidani	Hon. Abubakar Momoh
30.	Legislative Budget	Hon. Emmanuel A. Ojomo	Hon. Adeyemi Lanre
31.	National Planning	Hon. Collins Abayomi	Hon. Mohammed Ndume
32.	National Security	Hon. Yusuf Dikko	Hon. Gbenga Makanjuola
33.	Poverty Alleviation	Hon. Fanta Baba Shehu	Hon. Adamu Longhor J.
34.	Rural Development	Hon. Albert Atiwurcha	Hon. Ogundairo Ajibade
35.	Special Duties	Hon. George Sekibo	Hon. Almashy Al-Gadash
36.	Anti-Corruption	Hon. Nduese Essien	Hon. Garba Binta Koji
37.	Public Service Matters	Hon. Leo Awoyemi	Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi
38.	Tourism and Culture	Hon. Ezekiel Anaka	Hon. Bolous Indiamawei
39.	Science and Technology	Hon. Festus Adegoke	Hon. Mike Ohia
40.	Solid Minerals	Hon. Ogbuefi Ozomgbachi	Hon. Olakunle Olakunde
41.	States and Local Governments	Hon. Ahmed Musa Ibeto	Hon. Datutu Konadawo
42.	Sports and Social Development	Hon. Joel Danlami	Hon. Igo Aguma
43.	Steel	Hon. Aliyu Saiki	Hon. Adamu Barde
44.	Industries	Hon. Uche Maduako	Hon. T. O. Arapaja
45.	Women Affairs	Hon. Saudatu Sani	Hon. Patricia Akwashiki
46.	Inter/Intra Party	Hon. Mao Ohuabunwa	Hon. Shehu Kagara
47.	Internal Security	Hon. Atai Ali	Hon. Adeyanju Simon
48.	Disaster Management	Hon. Chuma Nzeribe	Hon. Tunde Salau

11. **Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 3 August, 2005 at 2.00 p.m. (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.30 p.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker