



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 12 October, 2005

1. The House met at 2.28 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, 11 October, 2005.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcements:**

- (i) **Honorary Fellowship Award;**

Mr Speaker read a letter addressed to Hon. Garba Shehu Matazu as follows:



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Hon. Garba Shehu Matazu
Member Rep.
Musawaimatazu Constituency of
Katsina State, Fed. House of Reps.
Abuja Fct.

Award of Honorary Doctorate Degree in Public Administration By Atlas University, USA

In line with the aspiration of attaining possible zenith of academic and professional excellence, the Regional Board Members of ATLAS UNIVERSITY, USA, through its Nigerian Campus under the visionary leadership of Dr. Sam. G.N. Uduhirinwa and accomplished team of senate members, faculty and staff have continued to spread opportunities for deserving Nigerians and Africans in general to be recognized with special honors of Doctorate Degrees and Fellowships of the University. The thrust of this initiative is to encourage optimum performance, probity and accountability on the part of the individuals.

In determining a prospective beneficiary for the awards, the following criteria become the guiding principles:—

- a) economic contributions by the individuals'
- b) socio -political contributions
- c) philanthropic dispositions

- d) job creation
- e) academic attainment
- f) service to the state/nation
- g) service to God and humanity
- h) leadership styles
- i) communal development,
- j) ethnic and religious tolerance
- k) charity/assistance to the poor, the oppressed, orphanage and the less-privilege.

We have followed your innumerable contributions to the development of your community as well as your total commitment towards the enhancement of **economic, social and political growth** of the nation.

More importantly, your concrete philanthropic efforts to minimize **poverty, homelessness and helplessness** among the suffering majority of our people make it even more imperative that honor be given to whom honor is due. You have shown remarkable love for your community expressed, **through your financial and material involvement in Educational scholarship, infrastructural improvements and inculcation of astute leadership qualities without taking personal credit for any of these achievements but rather ascribing all greatness to the Most High God in perfect humility.**

Since only highly distinguished Africans receive this honor as recorded in the past by the recipients, having Honorary Doctorate Degree of the University is to commemorate all your struggles and achievements in your career. As a worthy and distinguished Nigerian, your record here gives a clear evidence of who you are and having been adjudged a philanthropist of repute, the team of management experts of **Newsreal Magazine—a product of Realnews Communications and the official consultancy firm to the Nigerian representative of the University has forwarded your name to us to be included in the African hall of fame and that of the United States of America. You have been conferred with a Doctor of philosophy in Public Administration.**

By this honor, you will henceforth be addressed as, Dr GARBA SHEHU MATAZV

REQUIREMENTS:

However, doctorate degree award recipients are expected to contribute generously towards:

1. building a conventional standard University permanent campus in Nigeria
2. fortnightly publicities and logistics
3. the actualization of a befitting convocation ceremony
4. endowment and certification.

Accordingly, **the academic gown, hood and cap**, which could either be permanently acquired for full ownership or hired, are to be made available at the office or at the convocation arena.

You should indicate your acceptance of this privileged nomination by:

- a) filling and returning the attached membership application form with the attached acceptance fee
- b) attaching detailed curriculum vitae/resume for citation
- c) sending an acceptance letter and
- d) Submitting four (4) passport photographs.

All donations/payments (**cash or bank draft**) are to be channeled through—**The Media Consultant, Realnews Communications, Plot 1392, Abidjan Street, Wuse, Zone 3, Abuja FCT.**

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Yours Faithfully, For:
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(Signed)
Dr. Sam G.N. Vduhirinwa
West African Representative

(Mr Speaker congratulated Hon. Garba Shehu Matazu).

(ii) *Visitors:*
Mr Speaker recognized the presence, in the Gallery, of Councillors from Ikpoba-Okha Local Government Council, Idogbo, Edo State.

(iii) *Conference Committee:*
Mr Speaker named Conferees on the 2005 Appropriation Act Virements.

1. Hon. Farouk M. Lawan
2. Hon. Abdullahi Idris Umar
3. Hon. Simon Adeyanju
4. Hon. Yahaya Yinusa
5. Hon. Ita Enang
6. Hon. John Eno
7. Hon. Nkechi Nwogu

4. *Petitions:*

Two Petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:

(i) Hon. Gbenga Makanjuola, from Adeyemi Babatunde praying the House to intervene in the non-payment of the retirement benefits of his late father by the Nigeria Police Service Commission.

(ii) Hon. Olaka Nwogu, from Maxwell C. K., praying the House to investigate his alleged wrongful retirement from the Nigeria Postal Service (NIPOST) and to grant the reliefs sought in his petition.

5. *Matter of Urgent Public importance:*

Invoking Order VIII, Rule 4(1), Hon. Abdul Ningi drew the attention of the House to the poor services being rendered by GSM Network service providers in the country and urged the House to debate the Matter as one of Urgent Public Importance.

Question that the matter be debated, put and agreed to.

Question that Order VIII Rule 4(3) be suspended to enable the House debate the matter forthwith, agreed to.

6. *Service of GSM Providers:*

Motion Made and Question Proposed;

The House:

Notes that the much acclaimed Telecom revolution has been mentioned as one of the success stories of the Democratic dispensation;

Is worried at the inability of the National Communications Commission (NCC) to ensure effective monitoring of Service Providers;

Is conscious of its responsibility to guard and protect the Nigerian people from wanton exploitation;

Resolves to:

(i) Invite the Vice Chairman of the National Communications Commission (NCC), the Managing Director of MTN and the Managing Director of V-Mobile to meet with the House Leadership and the Committee on Communications on Tuesday, 18 October, 2005 at 10.00 a.m.

(ii) Direct the House Committee on Communications to investigate the cause(s) of poor receptions provided by the Service Providers and the contractual conditions between the Service Providers and the Government; and report its findings within 2 weeks (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in Prayer (0 and *insert* a new Prayer as follows:

"Summon the Executive Vice Chairman of the National Communications Commission (NCC) and all GSM Service Providers to meet with the Committee on Communications" (*Hon. Austin Opara*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the much acclaimed Telecom revolution has been mentioned as one of the success stories of the Democratic dispensation;

Worried at the inability of the National Communications Commission (NCC) to ensure effective monitoring of Service Providers;

Conscious of its responsibility to guard and protect the Nigerian people from wanton exploitation;

Resolved to:

- (i) Summon the Executive Vice Chairman of the National Communications Commission (NCC) and all GSM Service Providers to meet with the Committee on Communications.
- ii Direct the House Committee on Communications to investigate the cause(s) of poor receptions provided by the service providers and the contractual conditions between the Service Providers and the Government; and report its findings within 2 weeks (*HR. 37/2005*).

7. **Order of Business — Order VIII, Rule I:**

In view of the urgency attached to the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on Virement proposals to the Appropriation Act, 2005, Mr. Speaker sought the leave of the House to reorder the Business set out on the Day's Order Paper so that the House could resume consideration of the Report.

Leave granted.

8. **Consideration of Report:**

Committee on Appropriations:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do resume consideration of the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on Virement Proposals to the Appropriation Act, 2005 and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. Farouk Lawan*).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Supply to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair) 2005 **APPROPRIATION ACT-**

VIREMENT PROPOSALS

S/No.	Ministry/Department	Head 430000	Approval N
A.	Power and Steel: Capital		8,902,248,210

Question,

That the expenditure of Eight Billion, Nine Hundred and Two Million, Two Hundred and Forty-Eight Thousand, Two Hundred and Ten Naira (N8,902,248,210) for the purposes set out under Head 430000 of the Capital Estimates for the Ministry of Power and Steel stand part of the Schedule to the Virement for October 2005—*Agreed to.*

B.	Human Right Commission Capital	—	18,000,000
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Question,

That the expenditure of Eighteen Million Naira (N18,000,000) for the purposes set out under the Capital Estimates for the Human Rights Commission stand part of the Schedule to the Virement for October 2005—*Agreed to.*

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in the Committee of Supply resumed consideration on the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on Virement Proposals to the Appropriation Act, 2005 and approved the sum of Eight Billion, Nine Hundred and Two Million, Two Hundred and Forty - Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Ten Naira (N8,902,248,210) and Eighteen Million Naira (N18,000,000) as capital expenditure for the Ministry of Power and Steel and the National Human Right Commission respectively from the approved 2005 Appropriation Act.

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

9. Presentation of Reports

(i) *Committee on Information*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of die House Committee on Information on the House Journal" (Hon. Hatims Agoda),

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

(ii) *Committee on Solid Minerals:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Solid Minerals on A Bill for an Act to provide For the Establishment of the Nigerian Geological Survey Agency and for Matters Connected therewith" (Hon. Ogbuefi Ozomgbachi).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

(iii) *Committee on Environment:*

Report of the Committee on Environment on the Investigation of Typhia Grass Invasion and Environmental Degradation in the Hadejia/Jama'are/Komadugu/Yobe Basin.

Order read; deferred.

(iv) *Committee on Public Petitions:*(a) *Petition by Mr Ray Chinda:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Ray Chinda against the Port Harcourt Refining Company, Alesa Eleme" (Hon. Chudi Offodile).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

(b) *'Petition by Al-Dawood Shipping Lines Limited:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Al-Dawood Shipping Lines Limited against the Nigerian Navy" (Hon. Chudi Offodile).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

(c) *Petition by Mr Amechi Chtmezie:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive die Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Amechi Chimezie against Saipem Nigerian Limited" (Hon. Chudi Offodile).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (d) *Petition by Inimfon Umanah and One other:*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do received the Report of ^he Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Inimfon Umanah and one other against the Management of Aluminium Smelter Company of Nigeria (ALSCON)" (Hon.- Chudi Offodile).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Make Special Provision for Disclosure and Retention of Illegally-Acquired Wealth in Federal Republic of Nigeria, 2005 (HB. 199)—*Second Reading:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That A Bill for an Act to Make Special Provision for the Disclosure and Retention of II legally-Acquired Wealth in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 2005 be read the Second Time (Hon. BalalbnNa'Allah).

Debate:

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

11. **Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 13 October, 2005 at 10.00 a.m. (Hon. Abdul Nini).

Adjourned accordingly at 5.30 p.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker