



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 23 November, 2005

1. The House met at 2.35 p.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr. Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 22 November, 2005.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted,
3. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance: Order VIII, Rule 4:**
Hon. Uche Qnyeagucha drew the attention of the House to the prolonged on-going strike action by the Medical and Health Workers' Union of the Federal Capital Development Authority and the devastating effects of the strike-action on the health of the populace. He prayed the House to debate the sad development as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and to suspend Order VIII, Rule 4 (3) to enable the House debate the Matter forthwith.

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, put and negatived.

Matter to stand over till the next Legislative Day.
4. **Presentation of Reports:**
 - (i) *Joint Committee on Petroleum Refineries and Product Marketing, Petroleum Resources and Justice:*
"That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Petroleum Refineries and Product Marketing, Petroleum Resources and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Make Provisions for Nigerian Content Development in the Upstream Sector of the Nigeria Petroleum Industry; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2003.

Order read; Report not ready for presentation.
 - (ii) *Committee on Environment:*
"That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Environment on a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Disposal of Waste by Industries or Companies; Prohibit Environmental Pollution, Prescribe Penalties Against Offenders; and for Related Matters, 2004".

Order read; Report not ready for presentation — to be presented next week.
 - (iii) *Joint Committee on Justice and Human Rights:*
"That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Justice and Human Rights on a Bill for an Act to Prohibit Establishment (Formation), Membership or Activities of Cult and Secret Societies; and Related Matters Thereof, 2003".

Order read; Report not ready for presentation.

(iv) *Joint Committee on Finance and Public Accounts*

"That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Finance, and Public Accounts on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants".

Order read; Report not ready for presentation — to be presented next week.

(v) **Committee on Internal Affairs:**

"That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Internal Affairs on a Bill for an Act to Establish a Correction and Rehabilitation Center to Provide Support Services for Prisons in the Area of Reformation, Education and Youthful Offender-Programming; and for Related Matters, 2005.

Order read; deferred.

(vi) **Joint Committee on Petroleum Refineries and Products Marketing and Justice:**

"That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Petroleum Refineries and Products Marketing and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Petroleum Production and Distribution (Anti-Sabotage) Act, Cap, 353 LFN to Vest the Regular Courts with Jurisdiction to try Offenders under the Act; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2005".

Order read; Bill already referred to the Committee on Petroleum Refineries — Report to be presented on Thursday, 1 December, 2005.

5. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the Issue from the Federation Account, of the Total Sum of Twelve Billion Four Hundred Million US Dollars (\$12,400,000.00) only for the payment of Outstanding Debt owed to the Paris Club of Creditors, 2005 — Second Reading:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That A Bill for an Act to Authorize the Issue from the Federation Account, of the Total Sum of Twelve Billion Four Hundred Million US Dollars (\$12,400,000.00) only for the Payment of Outstanding Debt Owed to the Paris Club of Creditors, 2005 be now read a Second time (Hon. Abdul Ningi).

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 Appropriations and Finance.

6. **Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 24 November, 2005 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Adjourned accordingly at 4.20 p.m.

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Deputy Speaker