



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 29 November, 2005

1. The House met at 11.30 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceeding:**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 24 November, 2005.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcements;**
(i) **Message:**
Mr Deputy Speaker read a Message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

23 November, 2005

*Vie Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone, Asokoro -
Abuja.*

Dear Hon. Speaker,

PRESENTATION OF A BILL

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives, the attached Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the office of the Auditor-General for the Federation and for matters connected therewith.

I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of the Honourable Members of the House.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO

(ii) *Communication from the Hon. Minister of Education.*

Mr Deputy Speaker read the following communication from the Hon. Minister of Education, pursuant to *House Resolution 41/2005* of 16 November, 2005:



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HONOURABLE MINISTER

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18th Nov., 2005

*The Clerk to the National Assembly
National Assembly Complex Three
Arms Zones Abuja.*

RE: ILLEGAL ADMISSION EXAMINATIONS BY NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES (HR. 41/2005)

Please refer to your letter No.NASS/CHR/020/Vot. VIII/122 dated 16th November, 2005.

2. *I have referred the letter under reference to the Honourable Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, who is the Chief Law Officer of the Federation for his attention and further necessary action, please.*

3. *Please accept the assurances of my highest regards.*

*(Signed) Mrs Chinwe
Nora Obaji
Honourable Minister of Education.*

(iii) *Visitors:*

Mr Deputy Speaker announced that Members of Legislative Arm of Akoko-Edo Local Government Council of Edo State led by its Speaker were in the Gallery to watch proceedings of the House.

(iv) *Bereavement:*

Mr Deputy Speaker further announced, with regret, the death of the father of Hon. Dikko Sama'ila after a brief illness.

(Hon. Mani Nasarawa prayed for the repose of the soul of the deceased).

(v) *Special Committee on National Youth Service Corps (NYSC):*

Mr Deputy Speaker named Members of the above Committee:

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| (i) | Hon. Emiola Fakeye | — | Chairman |
| (ii) | Hon. Jeffrey Owoh | | |
| (iii) | Hon. Dambatta Sirajo | | |
| (iv) | Hon. Abdulazeez King | | |
| (v) | Hon. Fatima Talba | | |
| (vi) | Hon. Iquo Inyang | | |
| (vii) | Hon. Ruth Ango | | |
| (viii) | Hon. Leo Awoyemi | | |
| (ix) | Hon. George Jolaoye | | |
| (x) | Hon. Nkechi Nwaogu | | |
| (xi) | Hon. Kawu Labaran | | |
| (xii) | Hon. Esio Udoh | | |
| (xiii) | Hon. N. C. Ughanze. | | |

4. Investigative Hearing on the Financial Activities of the Nigerian Football Association:

Motion made and Question proposed,
The House:

Notes that the House Committee on Sports and Social Development in the course of carrying out its oversight functions, examined the budget performance reports presented by the NFA;

Further notes that information on Income and Expenditure provided for the year under review necessitated examining the account books of NFA to be able to assess it;

Regrets that despite budgetary provisions and other sources of Income made available to the NFA, the Country's flag will not be flown in the forthcoming World Cup competition in Germany;

Worried that some of the Management staff and Board Members who supervised expenditure in question are no longer in the employment of NFA;

Aware that Section 88 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 grants the House the power to conduct investigations into such matters;

Resolves to:

- (i *mandate* the House Committee on Sports and Social Development to Investigate the Account of NFA;
- (a) *further mandate* the Committee on Sports and Social Development to look into the circumstances that led to the failure of our National Team to qualify for the 2006 World Cup in Germany (*Hon. Joel Danlami Ikenya and 39 Others*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in prayer (i) and *insert* the following instead thereof:

"mandate the House Committees on Sports and Social Development and Public Accounts to investigate the Accounts of NFA" (*Hon. John Longhor*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived

Main Question put and agreed to. The House:

Noted that the House Committee on Sports and Social Development in the course of carrying out its oversight functions, examined the budget performance reports presented by the NFA;

Further noted that information on Income and Expenditure provided for the year under review necessitated examining the account books of NFA to be able to assess it;

Regretted that despite budgetary provisions and other sources of Income made available to the NFA, the Country's flag will not be flown in the forthcoming World Cup competition in Germany;

Worried that some of the Management staff and Board Members who supervised expenditure in question are no longer in the employment of NFA;

Aware that Section 88 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 grants the House the power to conduct investigations into such matters;

Resolved to:

Mandate the House Committee on Sports and Social Development to Investigate the Account of NFA;

Further mandate the Committee on Sports and Social Development to look into the circumstances that led to the failure of our National Team to qualify for the 2006 World Cup in Germany (**HR. 44/2005**).

5. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation Act, 1988 and to Re-Enact the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation Act, 2005 and for Matters Connected therewith, 2005 (HB. 160)**
— *Second Reading:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation Act, 1988 and to Re-Enact the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation Act, 2005; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2005 (HB. 160) 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 Banking and Currency and Justice.

6. **Consolidation of Bills:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Associated Gas Re-Injection Act, Cap. 26, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 1990 to Regulate the Phasing out of Gas Flaring by 2008; and Matters Connected Thereto, 2005 (HB. 188) and a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Procedure for Phasing out Gas Flaring by Oil and Gas Companies in the Federation, Provide Punishment for any Defaults, Failures or Negligence in Meeting Specified Targets Set Thereof, and Make Provision for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2005 (HB. 193) be consolidated and now read a Second Time (*Hon. Almona-hei and Hon. Bolous Sylva Indiamawe*).

Debate:

Question that the two Bills as consolidated be now read a Second Time, put and agreed to.

Bills accordingly consolidated into one Bill and referred to the House Committee on Gas.

7. **Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 30 November, 2005 at 2.00 p.m. (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.32p.m.

Austin Opara
Deputy Speaker