



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 15 December, 2005

1. The House met at 11.17 a.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 14 December, 2005.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Presentation of a Bill:**
National Agency for Highway Emergency Medical Service (Establishment) Bill, 2005 — *Read the First Time.*
4. **Presentation of Reports:**
 - (i) *Committee on Justice:*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Justice on the Investigation into the problems of Admissions to the Nigerian Law School" (Hon. Alex Nwofe).

Question put and agreed to. Report

Laid.

- (ii) *Joint Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness and Aviation:*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness and Aviation on the Crash of Sosoliso DC9 Aircraft on Saturday, 10 December, 2005 at the Port Harcourt International Airport, Rivers State" (Hon. Ita Enang).

Question put and agreed to. Report

Laid.

5. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the Issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the Total Sum of N,876,302,363,351 (One Trillion, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Six Billion, Three Hundred and Two Million, Three Hundred and Sixty-Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty-One Naira only) of which the Sum of N86,460,000,000 (Eighty-Six Billion, Four Hundred and Sixty Million Naira only) is for Statutory Transfers and the sum of N289,500,000,000 (Two Hundred and Eighty-Nine Billion, Five Hundred Million Naira only) is for Debt Service, while the Sum of N961,108,775,596 only (Nine Hundred and Sixty-One Billion, One Hundred and Eight Million, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety-Six Naira) only is for Recurrent (Non-Debt Expenditure) and the Balance of N539,233,587,755 (Five Hundred and Thirty-Nine Billion, Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Million, Five Hundred and Eighty-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Five Naira only) is for**

Capital Expenditure for the Year Ending on the 31st day of December, 2006 — Second Reading
(Adjourned Debate) (Second Allotted Day):

Resumption of 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; all Standing Committees of the House to serve as Sub-Committees of the Joint Committee.

6. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Prudent Management of the Nation's Resources, Ensure Long Macroeconomic Stability of the National Economy, Secure Greater Accountability and Transparency in Fiscal Operations Within a Medium Term Fiscal Policy Framework, and the Establishment of the Fiscal Responsibility Council to Ensure the Promotion and Enforcement for the Nation's Economic Objectives and other Matters Connected Therewith, 2005 (HB. 203) — Second Reading:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Prudent Management of the Nation's Resources, Ensure Long Macroeconomic Stability of the National Economy, Secure Greater Accountability and Transparency in Fiscal Operations Within a Medium Term Fiscal Policy Framework, and the Establishment of the Fiscal Responsibility Council to Ensure the Promotion and Enforcement for the Nation's Economic Objectives and other Matters Connected Therewith, 2005 (HB. 203) 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, Finance and Justice.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Council on Public Procurement; the Bureau of Public Procurement as the Regulatory Authority Responsible for the Monitoring and Oversight of Public Procurement; and to Harmonize Existing Government Policies and Practices by Regulating, Setting Standards and Developing the Legal Framework and Professional Capacity for Public Procurement in Nigeria and for Other Related Purposes, 2004 (HB. 140) — Second Reading:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Council on Public Procurement; the Bureau of Public Procurement as the Regulatory Authority Responsible for the Monitoring and Oversight of Public Procurement; and to Harmonize Existing Government Policies and Practices by Regulating, Setting Standards and Developing the Legal Framework and Professional Capacity for Public Procurement in Nigeria and for Other Related Purposes, 2004 (HB. 140) 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 Special Ad-Hoc Committee on Due Process Procurement.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act, 2004 (HB. 195) — Second Reading:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act, 2004 (HB. 195) 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 Committee of Whole.

9. **Consideration of Reports:**

(i) *Committee on Justice:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Justice on the Investigation into the Problems of Admissions to the Nigerian Law School and approve the Recommendations therein" (Hon. Alex Nwofe).

Question put and agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)*(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)*REPORT OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE ON THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE
PROBLEMS OF ADMISSIONS TO THE NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL*Recommendation (i):*

Every effort necessary should be made to clear the backlog of students numbering over four (4) thousand that are awaiting admission so as to end their sufferings and fears of not having opportunity to fulfill their ambition of joining the legal profession (*Hon. Alex Nwofe*).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

The Nigerian Law School should be granted the funds needed to run a double stream programme a year to clear the backlog as outlined in submission of the School, thus:

	Description	—	Amount N
(a)	Personnel Cost	-	N51,587,481.24
(b)	Overhead Cost	—	N206,700,000.00
	Total	—	N258,287,481.24

(*Hon. Alex Nwofe*).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

Both the Council of Legal Education and the National University Commission (NUC) should be made to co-operate in enforcing approved quota of admission into the Law Faculties of our Universities (*Hon. Alex Nwofe*).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):

Adequate funding should be guaranteed to the Nigerian Law School to immediately and continually refurbish deteriorating facilities, expand on existing ones and upgrade and expand the capacity of the School in both physical structures and manpower in all Campuses to meet the rapid and ever increasing number of Law graduates for the various Universities (*Hon. Alex Nwofe*).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (v):

As a matter of urgency, the House should empower and empanel a properly constituted multi-sectoral study involving in the House Committee on Justice, Judiciary and Education to look into the present system of Legal Education in Nigeria with a view to evolving a better system that will meet the demands of present circumstances as well as review the resent Law that established the Council of Legal Education, Cap. 206, Laws of the Federation, 1990 and the Legal Practitioners Act, Cap. 2007, Laws of the Federation, 1990 (*Hon. Alex Nwofe*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Justice on the Investigation into the problems of Admission to the Nigerian Law School and approved Recommendations (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v).

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

- (it) *Joint Committee on Emergency Disaster Preparedness and Aviation:*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the report of the Joint Committee on Emergency Disaster Preparedness and Aviation on the Crash of Sosoliso DC9 Aircraft on Saturday, 10 December, 2005 at the Port Harcourt International Airport, Rivers State and approve the Recommendations therein" (Hon. Chuma Nzeribe).

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)

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND AVIATION
ON THE CRASH OF SOSOLISO DC9 AIRCRAFT ON SATURDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 2005
AT THE PORT HARCOURT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, RIVERS STATE

Recommendation (i):

"It was the decision of the Pilot of the Sosoliso Aircraft to land his plane in less than optimal weather condition. Besides we understand that this DC9 aircraft was manufactured in 1965, and about 40 years old. Sosoliso Airline should therefore be held entirely responsible for this disaster that claimed a total casualty of 103 passengers and 7 crew members" *(Hon. Chuma Nzeribe).*

Question put and negatived.

Recommendation (ii):

"That the Aviation Ministry should take a second look at the original design of Nigeria Airports and runways with a view to correcting certain possible disaster causing features such as huge open drainage culverts around the vicinity of the Airport. The case of leaving drainage channels open with jutting culverts very close by tarmacs is susceptible to precipitating catastrophes to air crafts that skid off runways — that if the Sosoliso aircraft had not hit that culvert when it skidded off, it probably would have been a different story, the craft may not have exploded" *(Hon. Chuma Nzeribe).*

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

"The NCAA and the Accident Investigation Bureau should be made autonomous of the Aviation Ministry to enable them regulate the Industry and conduct credible investigation of air crashes" *(Hon. Chuma Nzeribe).*

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):

"That any official that attributes accidents as "acts of God" should be sanctioned and relieved of his job- that such statements are cover-ups for negligence and incompetence" *(Hon. Chuma Nzeribe).*

Question put and negatived.

Recommendation (v):

" That the Federal Government should evolve an Aviation Development Trust Fund (or its equivalent) whereby operators could merge, consolidate and borrow money to acquire new aircraft that are not more than five years, in order to improve safety of our aircrafts. Or the Federal Government should provide guarantees to enable Domestic Airline Operations to modernize their aircraft fleet" *(Hon. Chuma Nzeribe).*

Question put and negatived.

Recommendation (vi):

"That the Total Radar Coverage Project of Nigerian Airspace should be undertaken expeditiously" *{Hon. Chuma Nzeribe}.*

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (vii):

"We need an Aircraft Maintenance Hanger to service our aircraft locally. Presently most airlines service their aircraft in Morocco because they are unable to go to Europe due to the age of such aircraft, their inadequate maintenance records and the European Union (EU) regulatory restrictions" (*Hon. Chuma Nzeribe*).

Question put and agreed to.

Amendments Proposed:

(i) *Insert a New Recommendation (viii) as follows:*

"All the Airports should be upgraded to the minimum standard required of an Airport (*Hon. Uche Onyeagucha*).

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

(ii) *Insert a New Recommendation (ix) as follows:*

"Anybody found culpable at the end of investigation into the crash should be penalized" (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

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

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the Joint Committee on Emergency Disaster Preparedness and Aviation on Crash of Sosoliso DC9 aircraft on Saturday 10th December, 2005 at the Port Harcourt International Airport, Rivers State. It approved Recommendations (ii), (iii), (vi), (vii), New Recommendations (viii) and (ix) and negated Recommendations (0, (iv) and (v).

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

(iii) **Joint Committee on Appropriations and Finance:**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Finance on the Virement of the Sum of N665,100,000 — Independent National Electoral Commission and approve the Recommendation therein" (*Hon. Farouk Lawan*).*

Question put and agreed to.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

{Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair} 2005

APPROPRIATION ACT — VIREMENT PROPOSAL

Question,

That the sum of Six Hundred and Sixty Five Million and One Hundred Thousand Naira Only (N665,100,000) be vired to the Main Overhead of the Commission from Grants for Political Parties Three Hundred and Sixty-Nine Million and Five Hundred Thousand Naira (N369,500,000), Electoral Reforms Oversight Seven Hundred and Thirty-Nine Million Naira (N739,000.00) and Electronic Voting Machine Two Hundred and Twenty-One Million and Seven Hundred Naira (N221,700.00) (*Hon. Farouk Lawan*) — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Supply, considered the Report of the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Finance on Virement Proposal to the Appropriation Act, 2005 and approved the Sum of Six Hundred Sixty Five Million and One Hundred Thousand Naira as Recurrent Expenditure for the Independent National Electoral Commission.

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

11. **A Bill for an Act to Authorise the Issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the Total Sum of One Trillion, Six Hundred and Twelve Billion Naira (N1, 612,000,000.00) Only for Payment of Outstanding Debt Owed to the Paris Club of Creditors, 2005 — *Third Reading:***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Authorise the Issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the Total Sum of One Trillion, Six Hundred and Twelve Billion Naira (N1,612,000,000.00) Only for Payment of Outstanding Debt Owed to the Paris Club of Creditors, 2005 be now read a Third Time (Hon. Abdul Ningi).

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

read the Third Time and passed.

12. **Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till 3.00 p.m. This Day (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Adjourned accordingly at 2.55 p.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker