



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 13 December, 2005

1. The House met at 10.59 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, 18 December, 2005.

*By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.*

3. **Announcements:**
  - (i) *Communication from Hon. Chief (Mrs) Biodun Olujimi:*  
Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Chief (Mrs) Biodun Olujimi;



*Hon. Chief (Mrs) Biodun Olujimi*  
(EKITI SOUTH II) **FEDERAL**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
National Assembly Complex, Three  
Arms Zone, P.M.B. 141, Garki - Abuja.

**8 December, 2005.**

*The Honourable Speaker,  
House of Representatives,  
National Assembly Complex,  
Abuja.*

*Dear Sir,*

**VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL FROM THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, EFFECT FROM 8TH DECEMBER, 2005**

*I wish to happily inform you that I have been made the Deputy Governor designate of my  
Dear State, Ekiti State; and I have since accepted.*

*I wish to put on record my gratitude to you, as you took me under your wings when I came in,  
through by-election, to replace my brother in the Federal House of Representatives.*

*Also, I wish to thank you immensely for the concern your able self and the whole Representatives showered on me while I was hospitalized, during my involvement in an auto-accident.*

*Let me use this medium to thank the entire Members of the House of Representatives and, indeed, the entire National Assembly for coming to my aid; and my colleagues, who have imparted knowledge on me during my very brief stay in National Assembly. I wish to say that my encounter with you all has been instructive and the knowledge so imparted will assist me in my future endeavours.*

*I thank you for your kindness and love.*

*May God bless you all. I hope you will still treat me as a comrade of this honourable House, I submit myself to be of any assistance at anytime I am called upon.*

*Thank you.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*(Signed)*

**HON. CHIEF (MRS) BIODUN OLUJIMI**

*The House extolled Hon. Biodun Olujimi 's laudable virtues, knowledge, hard work and achievements during her brief stay as a Member of the House of Representatives and wished her continuous success in her new office.*

**(ii) Debate on the 2006 Appropriation Bill:**

Mr Speaker advised Hon. Members who wished to contribute to the debate on the above subject to submit their names to the Clerk of the House. Debate would commence from Tuesday, 13 December, 2005 to Thursday, 15 December, 2005.

**4. Sosoliso Plane Crash:**

Mr Speaker referred to the Sosoliso Plane Crash on Saturday, 10 December, 2005, in which 109 passengers including some students of the Loyola Jesuit College, Abuja died. On behalf of the House, he commiserated with the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Government and People of Rivers State and the families of the victims of the crash.

*A minute in silence was observed in honour of the dead victims.*

*(Hon. Rev John A. Longhor and Hon. Almajir Geidam prayed for the repose of the souls of the victims).*

**5. Interim Report of the Joint Committee on Aviation and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness on the Sosoliso Plane Crash:**

Mr Speaker informed the House that the Joint Committee on Aviation and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness had visited the scene of the plane crash. He invited the Chairman, Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, Hon. Chuma Nzeribe to brief the House on the accident.

Hon. Chuma Nzeribe informed the House that the Joint Committee on Aviation and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness visited the scene of the accident in Port Harcourt as soon as the crash occurred. The Committee gathered that on the day in question, a Chanchangi Airline Plane, a Sosoliso Airline Plane and a Light Helicopter were scheduled to land at the Port Harcourt Airport. There was heavy lightning, the runway was very wet and the Pilots were warned not to land. However, the ill-fated Plane, while approaching to land, was most likely struck by lightning and following a strong burst of wind, it hit a huge drainage culvert and was cut into two. A section of it was buried in the huge drainage while another section went up several meters high in a ball of fire. Seven passengers were rescued and four died later. He commended the Governor of Rivers State for his kindness by ensuring that one of the victims was flown to South Africa for treatment and arrangements were in progress to fly another victim to that country for the same purpose. The Committee also gathered that one hundred and three passengers and seven crew-members, among whom were sixty-two students of the Loyola Jesuit College, Abuja, were on board the ill-fated aircraft against the figure of 102 claimed by the Sosoliso Airline Management. The aircraft was a D.C. 9, manufactured in 1965.

Concluding, he urged the National Assembly to rise to the occasion by reviewing certain relevant Acts governing the Aviation Industry in Nigeria and promised that the Committee would submit its final Report by Tuesday, 20 December, 2005 with appropriate recommendations.

*Debate:*

*The House accordingly resolved to:*

- (i) *Condole* the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the President, Staff and Students of Loyola Jesuit College and the Government and People of Rivers State;
- (ii) *Pay* a condolence visit to the Loyola Jesuit College after the day's sitting at 2.00 p.m.

**6- Presentation of a Bill:**

Auditor General Bill, 2005 — *Read the First Time.*

**7. Presentation of Report:**

- (i) *Committee on Health:*  
*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Health on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Agency for the Prevention and Control of HIV/AIDS (NAPCA); and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2004" (*Hon Aminu Safana*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

- (ii) *Joint Committee on Health and Commerce;*  
*Motion made and Question proposed;* "That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Health and Commerce on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Amendment of the Tobacco Smoking (Control) Act, 1990 so as to Protect the Public especially the Children from Watching Tobacco Advertisement by Providing Time Within which Advertisement for Tobacco can be made; and for Matter Connected Therewith, 2004" (*Hon Aminu Safana*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**8. Connecting State Capitals by Railway Lines:**

*Motion made and Question proposed;*  
The House:

*Notes* that several States produce large quantity of food and cash-crops that are transported to other parts of the country by road;

*Concerned* that economic activities are growing daily between the various State Capitals of the country;

*Worried* that most of the States of the Federation were yet to be connected by railway;

*More worrisome* is that the plan to connect States with a railway line had been on the drawing board of the Federal Ministry of Transport for years;

*Resolves to:*

*Mandate* the Joint Committee on Works and Transport to undertake a study tour of all the State Capitals without railway line and make recommendations to the House.

*Debate:*

*Motion by leave of the House withdrawn. Committee on Transport ordered to update the House on the current state of the transport sector in Nigeria.*

**9. A Bill for an Act to Authorize the Issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the Total Sum of N1,876,302,363,351 (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 (Second Allotted Day).***

*Order read: Debate on General Principles deferred to enable the Committee on Appropriations circulate copies of details of the Bill and the Revenue Profile to Members.*

10. **A Bill for An Act to Establish the Small Business Administration Agency to Make Small Loans Available to Small Business in the Federation and Assist Then in Obtaining Procurement Contracts, etc. and to Perform Other Functions Relating Thereto, 2005 — Second Reading:**

*Order deferred to the next Legislative Day.*

11. **Joint Committee on Appropriations and Finance:**

*Motion made and Question proposed; "That this House do receive and consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Finance on a Bill for Act to Authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the Total Sum of One Trillion, Six Hundred and Twelve Billion Naira (NI,612,000,000,000) only for Payment of outstanding debt owed to the Paris Club of creditors, 2005 and approve the Recommendation therein" (Hon. Farouk Lawari).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

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

**(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)**

*(Mr Speaker in the Chair)*

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  
(NI,612,000,000.00) ONLY FOR PAYMENT OF OUT STANDING  
DEBT OWED TO THE PARIS CLUB OF CREDITORS

*Joint Committee Recommendation:*

*"The Committee recommends the approval for the issuance out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federal Government of the sum of NI,612,000,000,000 for the payment of outstanding Debt to the Paris Club of Creditors as set out in the Bill" (Hon. Farouk Lawal) ~ Agreed to.*

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Supply, considered the Report of the Joint Committee on Appropriation and Finance on a Bill for Act to authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of One Trillion, Six Hundred and Twelve Billion Naira (NI,612,000,000.00) only for payment of out standing debt owed to the Paris Club of Creditors and approved the Recommendation therein.

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

12. **Adjournment:**

*That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 14 December, 2005 at 2.00 p.m. (Hon. Abdul Ningi).*

*Adjourned accordingly at 1.34 p.m.*

**Aminu Bello Masari**  
*Speaker*