



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 25 February, 2009

1. The House met at 2.30 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, 24 February, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Oaths of Allegiance and Membership:**
Mr C. I. D. Maduabum (*Member-elect from Nnewi North-South/Ekusigo Federal Constituency of Anambra State*), took and subscribed the Oaths as prescribed by law.
4. **Announcement:**
Mr Speaker announced the appointment of Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum as the Chairman, House Committee on Public Petitions.
5. **Petition:**
The following petition was received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:

Hon. Kamil Akinlabi Mudashiru (*Afijo/Atiba/Oyo East/Oyo West Federal Constituency*), from Tiamiyu Surajudeen, praying the House to investigate his alleged unlawful dismissal by the Nigerian Agricultural Co-operative and Rural Development Bank Limited with a view to re-instating him.
6. **Presentation of Bills:**
 - (i) Nigerian Press and Practice of Journalism Council Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
 - (ii) Petroleum Technology Development Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
7. **Presentation of Report:**
Committee on Rural Development:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Rural Development on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Integrated Rural Development Agency and other Matters Thereto, 2008 (HB. 99)" (Hon. Paulinus Igwe Nwagu).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.
8. **The Need to build Pedestrian Bridges across important spots and junctions along Abuja Airport Road:**
Motion Made and Question proposed,

The House:

Notes the rampant cases of accidents that occur in different spots along the Airport road of the Federal Capital Territory;

Worried that the current movement of people and vehicle at Lugbe, Aleita, Kuchigoro, Immigration Junction and other spots is alarming and poses danger to lives of the citizens who attempt to cross one side of the road to the other;

Further worried that many lives have been lost along these junctions due to the absence of pedestrian bridges;

Resolves to:

Call on the Federal Ministry of Works, Housing and Urban Development and the Ministry of FCT to construct pedestrian bridges at Lugbe, Kuje, Aleita, Kuchigoro, Immigration junctions and other dangerous spots and report to the House within one month (*Hon. Uche Ekwunife and 25 others*).

Debate:

Main Question put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted the rampant cases of accidents that occur in different spots along the Airport road of the Federal Capital Territory;

Worried that the current movement of people and vehicle at Lugbe, Aleita, Kuchigoro, Immigration Junction and other spots is alarming and poses danger to lives of the citizens who attempt to cross one side of the road to the other;

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Call on the Federal Ministry of Works, Housing and Urban Development and the Ministry of FCT to construct pedestrian bridges at Lugbe, Kuje, Aleita, Kuchigoro, Immigration junctions and other dangerous spots and report to the House within one month.

Question put and negatived.

9. Need for Government's intervention to urgently curtail the fast spreading epidemic of Lassa Fever and Meningitis in Nigeria:

Motion made and Question proposed,

The House:

Notes the outbreak of Lassa Fever and meningitis in over ten states of the Federation;

Aware that these epidemics are deadly and have claimed over three hundred lives in the affected states in the last few months;

Disturbed that these deadly viruses are transmitted through various means which range from contact with faeces of rodents, infected human blood, semen, corpses of infected persons and people living in crowded environment;

Regrets the high risk to health workers from exposure to infected patients, in which about five medical doctors have been reported dead in the cause of managing Lassa Fever patients;

Worried that Meningitis, Lassa Fever and AIDS are responsible for the highest single course of death in Nigeria;

Further worried that empirical, clinical and statistical data attribute its widespread to ignorance, illiteracy, poor personal and environmental hygiene, coupled with the absence of community based detection, warning and diagnostic systems/centres;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health and National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to mount intensive enlightenment campaign especially in the rural areas of the affected States to avoid further spread of these deadly diseases;
- (ii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Health to as a matter of National importance set-up more treatment centres equipped with diagnostic machine for Lassa Fever across the country's geopolitical zones for easy management and control (*Hon. Patrick Ikhariale and 25 Others*).

Debate:

Main Question put and agreed to.

The House:

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Aware that these epidemics are deadly and have claimed over three hundred lives in the affected states in the last few months;

Disturbed that these deadly viruses are transmitted through various means which range from contact with faeces of rodents, infected human blood, semen, corpses of infected persons and people living in crowded environment;

Regretted the high risk to health workers from exposure to infected patients, in which about five medical doctors have been reported dead in the cause of managing Lassa Fever patients;

Worried that Meningitis, Lassa Fever and AIDS are responsible for the highest single course of death in Nigeria;

Further worried that empirical, clinical and statistical data attribute its widespread to ignorance, illiteracy, poor personal and environmental hygiene, coupled with the absence of community based detection, warning and diagnostic systems/centres;

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- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health and National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to mount intensive enlightenment campaign especially in the rural areas of the affected States to avoid further spread of these deadly diseases;
- (ii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Health to as a matter of National importance set-up more treatment centres equipped with diagnostic machine for Lassa Fever across the country's geopolitical zones for easy management and control (*HR. 07/2009*).

Question put and agreed to

10. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Centre for Automotive Design and Development Act, 1992, the National Automotive Council Act, 1993 and Provide for the Establishment of the National Automotive Design and Development Council and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 — *Second Reading:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Centre for Automotive Design and Development Act 1992, the National Automotive Council Act 1993 and Provide for the Establishment of the National Automotive Design and Development Council and for Matters Connected Therewith 2009 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Baba Shehu Agaie*).

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 on Industries.

11. A Bill for an Act to make it Mandatory for the National Assembly to Scrutinize and approve Statutory Instrument before it becomes enforceable and to Provide for Matters Connected Incidental Thereto, 2008

— *Second Reading:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to make it Mandatory for the National Assembly to Scrutinize and approve Statutory Instrument before it becomes enforceable and to Provide for Matters Connected Incidental Thereto, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Agoro Lanre Adeniran*).

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 Rules and Business and Justice

12. Consideration of Report:

(i) *Committee on Finance:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Chartered Institute of Accountants of Nigeria Act 1965 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. John Owan Enoh*).

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*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS OF
NIGERIA ACT, 1965 AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

Consideration of Report stood down to enable the House Committee on Justice ascertain the true position of the Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in Chair reported that the House in the Committee of Whole stood down consideration of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Chartered Institute of Accountants of Nigeria Act, 1965 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 and directed the House Committee on Justice to ascertain the true position of the Bill.

Question that the House do adopt the report of the whole, put and agreed to.

13. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 26 February, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Baba Shehu Agaie*).

Adjourned accordingly at 4.50 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker