



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 24 March, 2009

1. The House met at 11.10 a.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 Thursday, 19 March, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Announcement:**
Visitors:
Mr Deputy Speaker recognized the presence in the Gallery, of the students of Bigard Memorial Seminary, Enugu, Enugu State.
4. **Petitions:**
The following petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:
 - (i) Hon. John Halims Agoda (*Ethiope Federal Constituency*), from Mr Opeti, L. O., praying the House to prevail on the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to release his letter of retirement and pay him all his entitlements;
 - (ii) Hon. Elumelu Ndudi (*Aniocha North/Aniocha South/Oshimili North/Oshimili South Federal Constituency*), from Mr E. N. Igbeka, praying the House to intervene in his alleged wrongful termination of appointment from the service of the Federal Ministry of Industries with a view to re-instating him;
 - (iii) Hon. Ganiyu Olukolu (*Amuwo Odofin Federal Constituency*), from Pastor Peter Orisedeme Onova and 11 others, praying the House to prevail on the Management of the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria and Federal Mortgage Finance Limited to sell the Government Houses allocated to them at government approved rate.
5. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**
Citing Order VIII, Rule 4, Hon. Emmanuel Bello drew the attention of the House to the volcanic eruption in Zuma town, Hong Local Government Area of Adamawa State. He noted that volcanic eruptions had occurred in the area in 1963 and 1982 and the recent one had caused a lot of devastation to lives and property in the area. He therefore sought leave of the House to consider the matter as one of Urgent Public Importance.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance, put and agreed to.

Matter to stand over till the next Legislative Day.

6. Presentation of Reports:**(i) Committee on Ethics and Privileges:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Ethics and Privileges" (Hon. Sani Saleh Minjibir).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Committee on Anti-Corruption, National Ethics and Values:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Anti-Corruption, National Ethics and Values" (Hon. Sabo Mohammed Nakudu).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) Committee on Agriculture:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Agriculture" (Hon. Ike Chinwo).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) Committee on Banking and Currency:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Banking and Currency" (Hon. Hussein N. Abdulkadir).

Order read; rescinded.

(v) Committee on Gas Resources:

"That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Gas Resources".

Order read; deferred.

(vi) Committee on Education:

"That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Education".

Order read; deferred.

(vii) Committee on Information and National Orientation:

"That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Information and National Orientation".

Order read; deferred.

7. A Bill for an Act Penalizing the Commission of Acts of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishments, Prescribing Penalties Thereof and for Other Purposes, 2008 — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act Penalizing the Commission of Acts of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishments, Prescribing Penalties Thereof and for Other Purposes, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha).

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 Human Rights and Justice.

8. Consolidation of Bills:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That pursuant to Order XII, Rule 14, a Bill for an Act to Establish the Ecological Disasters (Control) Commission and to Vest it with the Responsibility for the Control and Management of Ecological and Health Disasters; and for Related Matters, 2008 and a Bill for an Act to Establish the Erosion and Floods Control Commission and to Vest it with the Responsibility for the Control and Management of Erosion and Flood and for the Utilization of the Sums received from the Federation Account and for Related Matters 2008 be consolidated (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bills consolidated.

9. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Ecological Disasters (Control) Commission and to Vest it with the Responsibility for the Control and Management of Ecological and Health Disasters; and for Related Matters, 2008 and a Bill for an Act to Establish the Erosion and Floods Control Commission and to Vest it with the Responsibility for the Control and Management of Erosion and Flood and for the Utilization of the Sums received from the Federation Account and for Related Matters 2008 — *Second Reading*:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Ecological Disasters (Control) Commission and to Vest it with the Responsibility for the Control and Management of Ecological and Health Disasters; and for Related Matters, 2008 and a Bill for an Act to Establish the Erosion and Floods Control Commission and to Vest it with the Responsibility for the Control and Management of Erosion and Flood and for the Utilization of the Sums received from the Federation Account and for Related Matters 2008 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ifaluyi Isibor*).

Debate:

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

Bills read the Second Time and referred to the Joint Committee on Environment and Disaster Management.

10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Petroleum Technology Development Fund Act Cap. P15 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by providing for the Establishment of the Governing Board for the Petroleum Technology Development Fund; and For Related Matters — *Second Reading*:

Order read; deferred.

11. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 25 March, 2009 at 2.00 p.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.10 p.m.

Usman Bayero Nafada
Deputy Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 19 March, 2009:

On page 715, *leave out* all the words in item 10 and renumber accordingly.