



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 26 March, 2009

1. The House met at 10.57 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 Wednesday, 25 March, 2009.

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

3. **Announcements:**

(i) **Obituary:**

Mr Deputy Speaker announced with regrets the death of:

- (a) Hon. Donatus D. Dafaan, a former Member of the House of Representatives who died on March 15, 2009 and had been buried in his home town, Kwoor, Plateau State;
- (b) Alhaja Salamat Ayoka Issa, the Mother of Hon. Abdulwahab Issa who died in the early hours of Thursday, 26 March, 2009 at the age of 120 years and had since been buried according to Islamic rites;
- (c) Hajiya Hadiza Musa Yar'Adua, elder sister to Mr President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Alhaji Umar Musa Yar'Adua. She died on Tuesday, 24 March, 2009 at the age 65 years and had since been buried according to Islamic rites.

*A minute in silence was observed in honour of the deceased.*

- (ii) Mr Deputy Speaker read the following letter:



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON RULES AND BUSINESS  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, P.M.B. 141, GARKI  
THE THREE ARMS-ZONE, ABUJA - NIGERIA

*The Honourable Speaker,  
House of Representatives,  
Abuja.*

*Sir,*

**RE: HB 200 — NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SERVICE INSTITUTE BILL, 2009**

*The stated Bill published as HB. 200 was published in error and without advertence to the existing law on the same subject matter, namely, **The Institute for Democratic and Legislative Studies Act, 2007**, which is the same in material particulars with the reference National Legislative Service Institute Bill.*

*May same be withdrawn and struck off the roll of Bills in the House of Representatives, please.*

*Submitted for ruling, that this Bill do abate.*

*(Signed)*

**Hon. Ita Enang**  
*Chairman, Rules and Business Committee.*

*Bill withdrawn and struck off the Roll of Bills in the House of Representatives.*

**4. Petitions:**

The following petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:

- (i) Hon. Andrew Uchendu (*Ikwerre/Emohua Federal Constituency*), from Dr Joyce S. Wigwe, praying the House to intervene in her alleged victimization and dismissal from the service of the Nigeria - Sao Tome and Principe Joint Development Authority with a view to re-instating her;
- (ii) Hon. Samson Osagie (*Orhionmwon Uhumwode Federal Constituency*), from Petroleum Products Owners, Dockyard Road, Apapa, Lagos, praying the House to prevail on the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) to comply with a Court Order restraining Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) or any of its Agents from leasing out Waziri Jetty or transferring its right to a third party;
- (iii) Hon. Austin Nwachukwu (*Ehime Mbano/Ihitte Uboma/Obomo Federal Constituency*), from Mr G. O. Ibezim, praying the House to investigate his alleged wrongful dismissal from the First Bank Plc with a view to re-instating him and granting other reliefs sought therein;
- (iv) Hon. George E. Daika (*Qua'an Pan/Shendam Federal Constituency*), from Henry Longs and Co Solicitors to Sergeant Bitrus Zamtei and 21 other Police Officers, praying the House to investigate their alleged wrongful dismissal from the Nigeria Police Force with a view to re-instating them;
- (v) Hon. Ini Akpan Udoka (*Ikono/Ini Federal Constituency*), from Prospect Chambers and Co. Solicitors to Mr Ime Sunday, praying the House to investigate the circumstances surrounding his dismissal from the Nigeria Police Force and grant other reliefs sought therein;
- (vi) Hon. Dino Melaye (*Kabba/Bunu/Ijumu Federal Constituency*), from Rasak Salami, praying the House to investigate his alleged brutalization and criminal assault at the Polish Embassy in Nigeria with a view to bringing the culprits to book;
- (vii) Hon. Dino Melaye (*Kabba/Bunu/Ijumu Federal Constituency*), from Civil Liberties Organisation praying the House to prevail on the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC), to retain failed Banks Staff and to convert those on contract for over eleven years to permanent employment and grant other reliefs sought therein.

**5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Citing Order VIII, Rule 4, Hon. Igo Aguma drew the attention of the House to a Publication in the *ThisDay Newspapers* of Thursday, 26 March, 2009 in which the Federal Executive Council (FEC) was reported to have taken a decision to withdraw the Police Orderlies to certain categories of Public Office holders — Judges, Magistrates, and Members of the National Assembly. He considered the FEC's decision unfair and inimical to the security of the lives of the affected public office holders. He therefore, alerted the House of the danger such a decision could pose to the nation.

*Question that Order VIII, Rule 4 (3) be suspended to enable the House discuss the matter forthwith, put and agreed to.*

6. **Withdrawal of Police Orderlies to Judges, Magistrates and Members of the National Assembly:**  
*Motion made and Question proposed,*  
The House:

*Notes* the decision of the Federal Executive Council to withdraw Police Orderlies to Judges, Magistrates and Members of the National Assembly;

*Concerned* that such decision will pose serious dangers to the affected persons, especially Judges and Magistrates who dispense justice leading to various terms of sentences;

*Worried* that the decision, if not reversed is capable of drifting the country to anarchy;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Leadership of the House to confer with Mr President for amicable resolution of the matter (*Hon. Mohammed Ali Ndume*).

*Debate:*

*Main Question put and agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* the decision of the Federal Executive Council to withdraw Police Orderlies to Judges, Magistrates and Members of the National Assembly;

*Concerned* that such decision would pose serious danger to the affected persons, especially Judges and Magistrates who dispense justice leading to various terms of sentences;

*Worried* that the decision, if not reversed was capable of drifting the country to anarchy;

*Resolved to:*

Mandate the Leadership of the House to confer with Mr President for amicable resolution of the matter (*HR. 18/2009*).

7. **Presentation of Bills:**

- (i) Resolutions of National Assembly Compliance and Binding Effect Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) National Ethics (Compulsory Inclusion in Curriculum) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Voting Rights of Nigerian Citizens living outside Nigeria Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Establishment of the Office of the First Lady Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*

8. **Presentation of Reports:**

- (i) **Committee on Special Duties:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Special Duties" (*Hon. Osagie R. Samson*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

- (ii) **Committee on Women in Parliament:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Women in Parliament" (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

(iii) **Committee on Federal Capital Territory Area Councils:**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Federal Capital Territory Area Councils" (Hon. Idoko David Onobi).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

(iv) **Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity:**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity" (Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

(v) **Committee on Governmental Affairs:**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Governmental Affairs" (Hon. Leo Ogor).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

(vi) **Committee on National Planning and Economic Development:**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on National Planning and Economic Development" (Hon. Lanre Agoro).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

(vii) **Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes:**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes" (Hon. Rabe Nasir).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

(viii) **Committee on Health:**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Health" (Hon. Alaba Lad Ojomo).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

(ix) **Committee on Environment:**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Environment" (Hon. Duro Faseyi).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

(x) **Committee on Cooperation and Integration in Africa:**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Cooperation and Integration in Africa" (Hon. Albert Abiodun Adeogun).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**(xi) Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream):**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream)" (Hon. G. A. Gaiya).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**(xii) Committee on Customs and Excise:**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Customs and Excise" (Hon. Yakubu Dogara).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**(xiii) Committee on Public Service Matters :**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Public Service Matters" (Hon. Emmanuel Deeyah).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**(xiv) Committee on Constituency Outreach :**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Constituency Outreach" (Hon. Ishaika Mohammed Bawa).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**(xv) 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. Ogbuefi Ora Ozomgbachi).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**(xvi) Committee on Privatisation and Commercialisation :**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Privatisation and Commercialisation" (Hon. Abbas Braimoh).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**(xvii) Committee on Justice:**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Justice" (Hon. H. S. Dickson).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**(xviii) Committee on Donor Agencies and Civil Societies:**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Donor Agencies and Civil Societies" (Hon. Nnena Ukeje).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**(xix) Committee on Water Resources:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on Water Resources" (*Hon. Tsegba Terngu*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**(xx) Committee on Water Resources:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Water Resources on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Integrated Water Resources Management Commission Charged with the Responsibility for the Regulation and Management of Water in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008" (*Hon. Tsegba Terngu*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**(xxi) Committee on Water Resources:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Water Resources on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Gurara Water Management Authority with Responsibility among Other Things, to ensure Sustainable Operation and Maintenance of the Gurara Multipurpose Water Project and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008" (*Hon. Tsegba Terngu*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**(xxii) Committee on Water Resources:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Water Resources on A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008" (*Hon. Tsegba Terngu*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**9. Untold Hardship of Nigerians in Various Deportation Camps in Libya:**

*Motion made and Question proposed,*

The House:

*Notes* the Constitutional responsibility of the Nigerian Government to provide welfare and security to her citizens wherever they may be;

*Appreciates* the effort of the House as a vanguard for ensuring the protection of Nigerian citizens against the inhuman and degrading treatment anywhere in the world;

*Disturbed* that many Nigerians residing in Libya have been hounded into deportation camps, subjected to the most inhuman and degrading treatment and used for menial jobs;

*Regrets* that the continuous remanding of these young, viable, energetic and able-bodied Nigerians in deportation camps from five months to one year negates the internationally acceptable rules on deportation;

*Worried* that many of these Nigerians are dying in record number and their continuous denial of internationally acceptable rules on deportation would increase the death toll;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Diaspora to liaise with the Nigerian High Commission in Libya to urgently facilitate the deportation of these Nigerians back home without delay (*Hon. Sampson Osagie and 63 Others*).

*Debate:*

**Amendment Proposed:**

*Insert new Prayer (ii) as follows:*

"Urged Nigerians to desist from venturing into other countries illegally, and while there, they should respect the law of their host countries" (*Hon. Rabe Nasir*).

*Question that the amendment be made, Put and agreed to.*

*Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.*

**The House:**

*Noted* the Constitutional responsibility of the Nigerian Government to provide welfare and security to her citizens wherever they may be;

*Appreciated* the effort of the House as a vanguard for ensuring the protection of Nigerian citizens against the inhuman and degrading treatment anywhere in the world;

*Disturbed* that many Nigerians residing in Libya have been hounded into deportation camps, subjected to the most inhuman and degrading treatment and used for menial jobs;

*Regretted* that the continuous remanding of these young, viable, energetic and able-bodied Nigerians in deportation camps from five months to one year negates the internationally acceptable rules on deportation;

*Worried* that many of these Nigerians are dying in record number and their continuous denial of internationally acceptable rules on deportation would increase the death toll;

**Resolved to:**

- (i) Mandate the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Diaspora to liaise with the Nigerian High Commission in Libya to urgently facilitate the deportation of these Nigerians back home without delay;
- (ii) Urged Nigerians to desist from venturing into other countries illegally, and while there, they should respect the law of their host countries (**HR. 19/2009**).

10. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 by Amending the Land Use Act, Cap. 15 LFN 2004 and for Related Matters — **Second Reading:**

*Order read; deferred.*

11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National War College Act (Cap. N82 2004) to Provide for Change of Name to National Defence College and for Matters Connected Purposes, 2008 — **Second Reading:**  
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National War College Act (Cap. N82 2004) to Provide for Change of Name to National Defence College and for Matters Connected Purposes, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*)

**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 the Whole.*

12. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Infrastructural Development Agency charged with the Responsibility of collaborating with relevant Ministries and other Extra-Ministerial Departments in providing basic infrastructure in all parts of Nigeria, for Quick Economic Development and for Related Matters, 2008 — **Second Reading:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Infrastructural Development Agency charged with the Responsibility of collaborating with relevant Ministries and other Extra-Ministerial Departments in providing basic infrastructure in all parts of Nigeria, for Quick Economic Development and for Related Matters, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Ali Ndume*).

**Debate:**

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

**13. Amendment to the Order Paper:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the Day's Order Paper be amended to accommodate the Third Reading of the Federal Capital Territory Budget, 2009" (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

**14. Joint Committee on Federal Capital Territory, Federal Capital Territory Area Councils and Finance: A Bill for an Act to Authorise the Issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account the Total Sum of ₦159,521,990,850.00 (One Hundred and Fifty-nine Billion, Five Hundred and Twenty-one Million, Nine Hundred and Ninety Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty Naira) only of Which the Sum of ₦24,596,140,978.00 (Twenty-four Billion, Five Hundred and Ninety-six Million, One Hundred and Forty Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy-eight Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs and the Sum of ₦16,321,165,871.00 (Sixteen Billion, Three Hundred and Twenty-one Million, One Hundred and Sixty-five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-one Naira) only is for Overhead Costs, While the Balance of ₦118,604,684,000.00 (One Hundred and Eighteen Billion, Six Hundred and Four Million, Six Hundred and Eighty-four Thousand Naira) only Is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the Financial Year Commencing on 1st January and Ending 31st December, 2009 — Third Reading:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Authorise the Issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account the Total Sum of ₦159,521,990,850.00 (One Hundred and Fifty-nine Billion, Five Hundred and Twenty-one Million, Nine Hundred and Ninety Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty Naira) only of Which the Sum of ₦24,596,140,978.00 (Twenty-four Billion, Five Hundred and Ninety-six Million, One Hundred and Forty Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy-eight Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs and the Sum of ₦16,321,165,871.00 (Sixteen Billion, Three Hundred and Twenty-one Million, One Hundred and Sixty-five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-one Naira) only is for Overhead Costs, While the Balance of ₦118,604,684,000.00 (One Hundred and Eighteen Billion, Six Hundred and Four Million, Six Hundred and Eighty-four Thousand Naira) only Is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the Financial Year Commencing on 1st January and Ending, 31st December, 2009 be read a Third Time" (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

**15. Conferees:**

Mr Deputy Speaker named the following Conferees on the Federal Capital Territory Budget, 2009:

- (a) Hon. Ali A. Atai Usman
- (b) Hon. Idoko David
- (c) Hon. John Owan Eno
- (d) Hon. Ernest Ibejiabor
- (e) Hon. Oyetunji Omotayo
- (f) Hon. Adamu Kalba Gora

**16. Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday, 31 March, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

*Adjourned accordingly at 1.55 p.m.*

Usman Bayero Nafada  
Deputy Speaker