



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 31 March, 2009

1. The House met at 11.10 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, 26 March, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcements:**

(i) **Visitors:**

Mr Speaker recognized the presence in the Gallery, of:

- (a) Staff and students of Federal Government College, Ikirun, Osun State;
- (b) Staff and pupils of Gilead Model School, Mararaba, Nasarawa State;
- (c) Staff and pupils of Sanfield Academy, New Karu, Nasarawa State;
- (d) Students of Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom.

(ii) **Obituary:**

Mr Speaker announced with regret the death of:

- (a) Hon. Tony Anyanwu (*Member representing Ahiazu /Ezinihite Mbaise Federal Constituency, 1999 - 2003*) who died on Saturday, 28 March, 2009;
- (b) Hon. Dabo Stantaley Gawan, Special Adviser to the Deputy Speaker;
- (c) The Father of Hon. Ahmed Mustapha (*Bauchi Federal Constituency*); who died at the age of 97.

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

4. **Petition:**

The following petition was received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:

Hon. Emmanuel Audu Mainsango (*Kachia/Kagark Federal Constituency*), from Samuel M. Bahago and 8 others, on behalf of Kuturmi Unity Development Association, praying the House to intervene in the alleged neglect of their community arising from the construction of Gurara Dam project and grant other reliefs sought therein.

5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Relying on Order VIII, Rule 4, Hon. Khadijat Buka A. Ibrahim, drew the attention of the House to the recent fire disaster in Tarmuwa Local Government Area of Yobe State, following which two wards, Chiro Kusko and Mafa were completely destroyed, rendering the inhabitants homeless and property worth millions of Naira destroyed. She therefore, urged 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 Defence:**

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

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Committee on Army:

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

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management" (Hon. Abubakar Abdulaziz Yari).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

7. Consolidation of Bills:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That pursuant to Order XII, Rule 14, a Bill for an Act to Establish the Legal and Regulatory Framework, Institution and Regulatory Authorities for the Nigerian Petroleum Industry, to Establish Guidelines for the Operation of the Upstream and Downstream Sectors, and for Purposes Connected with the Same, 2008 and 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 be consolidated (Hon. Ita Enang).

Question put and agreed to.

Bills consolidated.

8. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Legal and Regulatory Framework, Institution and Regulatory Authorities for the Nigerian Petroleum Industry, to Establish Guidelines for the Operation of the Upstream and Downstream Sectors, and for Purposes Connected with the Same, 2008 and 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:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Legal and Regulatory Framework, Institution and Regulatory Authorities for the Nigerian Petroleum Industry, to Establish Guidelines for the Operation of the Upstream and Downstream Sectors, and for Purposes Connected with the Same, 2008 and 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 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Tunde Akogun).

Debate:

Bills read a Second Time and referred to the Joint Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream), Petroleum Resources (Upstream), Gas and Justice.

8. Consideration of Report:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider a Bill for an Act to Amend the Immigrations Act, Cap. 11 LFN 2004 to Provide for Better Control of Expatriate Quota issues in the Petroleum Industry for purposes of advancing Nigerian Content Development in the Petroleum Industry and for Other Matter Connected Therewith, 2009" (Hon. Tunde Akogun).

Question put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE IMMIGRATIONS ACT, CAP. 11 LFN 2004
TO PROVIDE FOR BETTER CONTROL OF EXPATRIATE QUOTA ISSUES IN THE PETROLEUM
INDUSTRY FOR PURPOSES OF ADVANCING NIGERIAN CONTENT DEVELOPMENT IN THE
PETROLEUM INDUSTRY AND FOR OTHER MATTER CONNECTED THEREWITH, 2009

Debate:

Bill rec-committed to the Joint Committee on Interior and Justice.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole, considered a Bill for an Act to Amend the Immigrations Act, Cap. 11 LFN 2004 to Provide for Better Control of Expatriate Quota issues in the Petroleum Industry for purposes of advancing Nigerian Content Development in the Petroleum Industry and for Other Matter Connected Therewith, 2009 and re-committed the Bill to the Joint Committee on Interior and Justice.

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

9. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 1 April, 2009 at 2.00 p.m. (Hon. Tunde Akogun).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.30 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker