



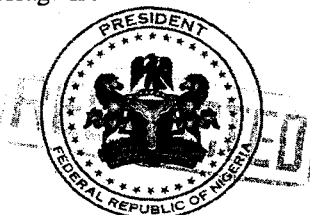
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 2 June, 2009

1. The House met at 10.50 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, 28 May, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Message:**
Mr Speaker read the following message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

May, 27, 2009

*Right Honourable Dimeji Bankole, CFR
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear brother,

**BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
1999 AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THERETO**

I forward herewith, for your kind consideration and passage into law, the attached draft Bill for an Act to Alter the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Amendment No. III).

Pursuant to the above, therefore, and in line with the powers vested in the National Assembly, I hereby present the said Bill for the kind consideration of the Honourable Members of the House of Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

It is my hope that the Honourable House of Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria will consider and pass the amendment Bill in your usual expeditious manner

Please accept, Mr Speaker, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

4. Announcements:

(a) Vice President of the Pan-African Parliament:

Mr Speaker announced the election of Hon. Bethel Amadi as the first Vice President of the Pan-African Parliament during the 11th Ordinary Session of the Parliament in Midrand, Republic of South Africa.

(b) Special Session of the House of Representatives:

Mr Speaker announced that a Special Session of the House of Representatives to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Nigerian Legislature has been scheduled for Thursday, 4 June, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. Consequently, all Bills and Motions slated for consideration on that day would be considered on Wednesday, 3 June, 2009.

5. Presentation of Reports:

(a) Committee on Foreign Affairs:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on the briefing by the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chief Ojo Maduekwe on the Sale of Nigeria Embassy Properties in Washington DC, United States of America" (*Hon. Bature Umar M.*)

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(b) Committee on Public Petitions:

(i) Report on the Petition by Ex-Private Kayode Omidiji:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Ex-Private Kayode Omidiji against the Nigerian Army" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Report on the Petition by Ex-Private Haruna Hassan:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Ex-Private Haruna Hassan against the Nigerian Army" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) Report on the Petition by Ex-Trooper Ismail against the Nigerian Army:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Ex-Trooper Ismail against the Nigerian Army" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) Report on the Petition by Mr Sunny S. Moniedafe:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Sunny S. Moniedafe against the

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(c) Committee on Federal Capital Territory (FCT):

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Mid-Sessional Report of the House Committee on FCT" (Hon. Ali A. Atai Usman).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

6. Indiscriminate Displacement of Skilled Nigerians by Foreign Companies Based in Nigeria:
The House:

Notes and appreciate the presence and operations of foreign owned companies in Nigeria;

Further notes that such operations by foreign companies in Nigeria could lead to technology transfer;

Worried by the unhealthy policies of these Foreign owned Companies operating in Nigeria where redundant or unskilled workers in their home countries are brought in to replace skilled, competent and highly qualified Nigerian workers in their employment;

Disturbed by the recent development where a GSM provider operating in Nigeria replaced four Nigerian Executives with the Arab Expatriates as reported in National Dailies;

Further disturbed that members of the Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria in Port Harcourt are threatening to go on strike because the Port Operators brought in twenty eight Sri-Lankan workers to take over their jobs;

Concerned that in a contract awarded by Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to a software technology company, to implement an Enterprise Resource Package (ERP), and all its Consultants will be expatriate workers despite the several software experts in Nigeria;

Further concerned that the Company's new CEO, an American, was recruited from Los Angeles, USA which could flaw the implementation of the Enterprise Resource Package (ERP) as he may not be familiar with the Nigerian terrain and its peculiarities;

Resolves to:

(i) Condemn these unwholesome practices by these foreign owned Companies;

(ii) Mandate the Joint Committee on Interior and Labour, Employment and Productivity to thoroughly investigate this issue with a view to curtailing these unhealthy trends perpetuated by foreign companies and report to the House within four weeks (Hon. Abubakar Bunu and 15 others).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted and appreciated the presence and operations of Foreign owned companies in Nigeria;

Further noted that such operations by foreign companies in Nigeria could lead to technology transfer;

Worried by the unhealthy policies of these Foreign Owned Companies operating in Nigeria where redundant or unskilled workers in their home countries were brought in to replace skilled, competent and highly qualified Nigerian workers in their employment;

Disturbed by the recent development where a GSM provider operating in Nigeria replaced four Nigerian Executives with the Arab Expatriates as reported in National Dailies;

Further disturbed that members of the Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria in Port Harcourt were threatening to go on strike because the Port Operators brought in twenty eight Sri-Lankan workers to take over their jobs;

Concerned that in a contract awarded by Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to a software technology company, to implement an Enterprise Resource Package (ERP), and all its Consultants would be expatriate workers despite the several software experts in Nigeria;

Further concerned that the Company's new CEO, an American, was recruited from Los Angeles, USA which could flaw the implementation of the Enterprise Resource Package (ERP) as he may not be familiar with the Nigerian terrain and its peculiarities;

Resolved to:

- (i) Condemn these unwholesome practices by these Foreign Owned Companies;
- (ii) Mandate the Joint Committee on Interior and Labour, Employment and Productivity to thoroughly investigate this issue with a view to curtailing these unhealthy trends perpetuated by foreign companies and report to the House within four weeks.

7. A Bill for an Act to Further Amend the Police Act, 1967 Cap. P 2004 LFN and for Matters Connected Therewith — *Second Reading:*

Order read; deferred.

8. Consolidation of Bills:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That pursuant to Order XII, Rule 14, a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Polytechnic Act, 1979 and for Other Related Matters, 2009; a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, 1986 and Other Related Matters, 2009; and a Bill for an Act to Harmonize Retirement Age of Academic Staff of Federal Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education and for Matters Incidental Thereto, 2009 be consolidated" (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bills consolidated.

9. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Polytechnic Act 1979 and for Other Related Matters, 2009 , a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, 1986 and Other Related Matters, 2009; and a Bill for an Act to Harmonize Retirement Age of Academic Staff of Federal Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education and for Matters Incidental Thereto, 2009 — *Second Reading:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Polytechnic Act, 1979 and for Other Related Matters, 2009; a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, 1986 and Other Related Matters, 2009; and a Bill for an Act to Harmonize Retirement Age of Academic Staff of Federal Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education and for Matters Incidental Thereto, 2009 be now read a Second Time (*Hon. Austin Nwachukwu*).

Debate:

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

Bills read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Education.

10. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Management of Biosafety and for Other Related Maters, 2009 — *Second Reading:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Management of Biosafety and for Other Related Maters, 2009 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Gbenga Makanjuola*).

Debate:

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

Bill read a Second Time and referred to Joint Committee on Science and Technology and Agriculture.

11. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 3 June, 2009 at 2.00 p.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.40 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 28th May, 2009, item 3, *insert* a second announcement as follows:



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

ANNOUNCEMENT**UPFRONT CALENDAR OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Dear Honourable Colleagues, the 2nd Session of the 3rd National Assembly will come to an end on June 4, 2009 being two years of the Proclamation convening this Assembly.

The House will thereafter proceed on Retreat at Uyo and Kano from Sunday, June 7, 2009 to Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

Honourable Members will then proceed on a one week break thence, to reconvene on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 for plenary for 5 weeks up to and including Thursday, July 30, 2009.

The House will then proceed on an eight weeks Annual Vacation from August 1, 2009 to reconvene on September 29, 2009.

(Signed)

Hon. Ita Enang
Chairman, Rules and Business Committee