



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

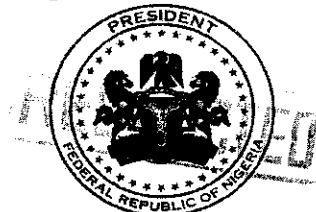
Tuesday, 23 June, 2009

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, 4 June, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Messages:**
Mr Speaker read the following Messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

(i)



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

5th June, 2009

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

Dear brother,

**VIREMENT OF FUNDS FROM THE FCT 2009 STATUTORY BUDGET TO FUND
CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL LANES ON EACH CARRIAGE WAY OF THE
OUTER NORTHERN EXPRESSWAY (ONEX) INCLUDING TWO FLY-OVER
BRIDGES AND REHABILITATION OF AIRPORT ROAD FLY-OVER**

Pursuant to Section 289 of the 1999 Constitution which vests legislative powers over the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja on the National Assembly, I hereby present for the kind consideration and approval of the House of Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria a request for the virement of ₦25,791,449,579.00 (Twenty-Five Billion, Seven Hundred and Ninety-One Million, Four Hundred and Forty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventy-Nine Naira) from the FCT 2009 Statutory Budget.

Anniversary celebration of uninterrupted democracy in Nigeria and by which the House past Leaders and Members were brought together with a view to institutionalizing 4th June as Legislative day, and his facilitative role in the just concluded Retreat for Capacity Building of Members, deserved commendation rather than condemnation. He therefore, considered his condemnation as a breach of his privilege and that of the House and urged the House to look into the matter.

(Ruling suspended).

- (ii) Also citing Order V, Hon. Dino Melaye drew the attention of the House to the high-handedness, arrogance and “social sins” of the Chief Whip, Hon. Emekda Ihedioha. He stated that all these culminated in the publications against him in the media. He urged the House to investigate the matter accordingly.

Order over ruled.

- (iii) Relying on Order V, Rule 8 (ii), Hon. Independence Ogunewe drew the attention of the House to the lack of openness and accountability in the conduct of the recently conducted Afro-Arab Conference and the Tenth Year Anniversary Celebration of uninterrupted democracy in Nigeria. He, therefore, urged the House to look into these allegations by setting up an independent *ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the matter.

Order over ruled.

- (iv) Rising on Order V, Hon. Emmanuel Jime called on the House to suspend Order VIII, Rule 7 (1), to enable the House discuss the allegation of Hon. Dino Melaye against the Chief Whip. He noted that the Standing Orders of the House affords ample opportunity for an aggrieved Member of the House to seek redress which Hon. Dino Melaye did not exploit. By his failure, he had breached the privileges of the House. He therefore, sought the leave of the House to move a motion for the suspension of Hon. Dino Melaye.

Mr Speaker referred the matter to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges for investigation and demanded Hon. Dino Melaye’s resignation as Chairman, Committee on Information and National Orientation.

5. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 24 June, 2009 at 2.00 p.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.40 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker