



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 24 June, 2009

1. The House met at 2.40 p.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 23 June, 2009, as amended.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Oaths of Allegiance and Membership:**
Mr Tasiru Okanlanwan Owolabi Shoniya (*Ibeju-Lekki Federal Constituency of Lagos State*) took and subscribed the Oath as prescribed by law.
4. **Announcements:**
Visitors:
Mr Speaker recognised the presence in the Gallery, of:
 - (i) Members of the Legislative Arms of Surulere Local Government Area, Lagos State;
 - (ii) Chairman, Councilors and Party Leaders of Surulere II Federal Constituency of Lagos State;
 - (iii) Students of English and French Department, Bayero University, Kano.
5. **Petitions:**
The following petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:
 - (i) Hon. Joseph J. Ajatta (*Oshodi-Isolo II Federal Constituency*), from G. O. Adelanwa, President of the Association of the Nigerian Purchasing and Supply Officers, on behalf of the Health Pensioners, praying the House to prevail on the National Pension Commission to pay them their outstanding pension arrears and grant other reliefs sought therein;
 - (ii) Hon. Dino Melaye (*Kabba/Bunu/Ijumu Federal Constituency*), from Sergeant Bunmi Oluwonusi, praying the House to intervene in his alleged unlawful dismissal from the Nigeria Police Force with a view to re-instating him and granting other reliefs sought therein;
 - (iii) Hon. Godfrey Gaiya (*Jaba/Zango Kataf Federal Constituency*), from Zakari A. Sogfa, on behalf of Timothy S. Adams, praying the House to prevail on the Police Service Commission to review his suspension and grant other reliefs sought therein.
6. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance:**
 - (i) Rising on Order VIII, Rule 4, Hon. Paul Ada drew the attention of the House to the publications in the *ThisDay* and *Daily Trust* Newspapers of 24 June, 2009 on the online Pre-registration for NYSC Orientation Exercise. He noted that if the exercise was implemented as presently designed, it might cause hardship to the qualified graduates, more so that the Bank concerned with the Pre-registration did not have its branches in most Local Government Areas of the Federation. He therefore urged the

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.

- (ii) Citing Order VIII, Rule 4, Hon. Igo Aguma intimated the House of poor implementation of the 2009, Appropriation Act passed by the National Assembly. He noted that the current releases indicated only 20% implementation which he considered abysmally below expected performance. He 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.

7. Presentation of Reports:

(i) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Mr Fwang Jacob:

Motion Made and Question proposed "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Fwang Jacob against the Nigeria Air Force" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Mr Okafor Anthony Uzoma:

Motion Made and Question proposed "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Okafor Anthony Uzoma against the Federal Polytechnic, Afikpo/Federal Ministry of Education" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Mr Justin Akutaekwe:

Motion Made and Question proposed "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Justin Akutaekwe against the Federal Ministry of Interior" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

8. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Distribution and Payment to State Governments of Some Taxes and Duties Collected by the Federal Inland Revenue Services (FIRS) or Other Authorities of the Federal Government and Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 — Second Reading.

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Distribution and Payment to State Governments of Some Taxes and Duties Collected by the Federal Inland Revenue Services (FIRS) or Other Authorities of the Federal Government and Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon Moruf Akindelu Fatai*).

Debate:

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

9. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 25 June, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 4.07 p.m.