



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 30 June, 2009

1. The House met at 10.33 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 Thursday, 25 June, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcement:**
Visitors:
Mr Deputy Speaker recognized the presence in the Gallery, of Students and Staff of the Unimodel School, New Karu, Nasarawa State.
4. **Petitions:**
The following petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:

- (i) Hon. Gozie Agbakoba (*Onitsha North/Onitsha South Federal Constituency*), from Dr Godwin O. Okonkwo, praying the House to intervene in the alleged unlawful termination of his appointment by the Federal Medical Centre, Asaba, with a view to re-instating him and paying all his entitlements;
- (ii) Hon. Uche Ekwunife (*Anaocha/Njikoka/Dunukofia Federal Constituency*), from Barr. O. E. Chukwulozie, praying the House to intervene in the wrongful termination of his appointment from the service of the National Insurance Commission with a view to ensuring justice.

Executive Session — 10. 55 a.m.

House in Plenary — 11. 35 a.m.

5. **Oil Spillage in Warri South LGA, Warri Federal Constituency Delta State:**
Motion made and Question proposed,

The House:

Notes the recent massive oil spillage in communities in Warri South Local Government Area of Delta, which occurred on the 6th June, 2009 as a result of capsized oil vessel MTJS AMAZING IMO 730443 at Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) private jetty at Ijalla community belonging to Pipeline and Products Marketing Company (PPMC) limited;

Worried that this oil spill pose a serious danger to the life of the citizens in the affected communities and aquatic lives;

Concerned that this oil spill brings about social and economic consequences with untold hardship rendering the affected communities without means of livelihood;

Resolves to:

- (i) Mandate the Joint Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) and Environment to investigate the matter and assess the extent of damage and report to the House within four (4) weeks;
- (ii) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the affected communities;
- (iii) Further urge the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA) to immediately commence clean-up exercise in the affected areas (*Hon. Daniel O. Reyenieju*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in Prayer (i) (Hon. Friday Itulah).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted the recent massive oil spillage in communities in Warri South Local Government Area of Delta, which occurred on the 6th June, 2009 as a result of capsized oil vessel MTJS AMAZING IMO 730443 at Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) private jetty at Ijalla community belonging to Pipeline and Products Marketing Company (PPMC) limited;

Worried that this oil spill pose a serious danger to the life of the citizens in the affected communities and aquatic lives;

Concerned that this oil spill brings about social and economic consequences with untold hardship rendering the affected communities without means of livelihood;

Resolved to:

- (i) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the affected communities;
- (ii) Further urge the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA) to immediately commence clean-up exercise in the affected areas (**HR. 41/2009**).

6. A Bill for an Act to make it Mandatory for Tyres to bear Manufacturing and Expiry Dates and to Prohibit the Importation of Used and Substandard Tyres and for Related Matters, 2009 — *Second Reading:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to make it Mandatory for Tyres to bear Manufacturing and Expiry Dates and to Prohibit the Importation of Used and Substandard Tyres and for Related Matters, 2009 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ekperikpe L. Ekpo*).

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 Governmental Affairs and Commerce.

7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Petroleum Production and Distribution (Anti-Sabotage) Act, Cap 353 LFN to Vest the Regular Courts with Jurisdiction to try Offenders and Offences under the Act and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 — *Second Reading:*

Order read, deferred.

8. Consideration of Reports:

- (i) **Joint Committee on Governmental Affairs and Labour, Employment and Productivity:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Governmental Affairs and Employment, Labour and Productivity on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Minimum Wage (Amendment) Act, 2000 and for other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. Leo Ogor*).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Debate:

Bill recommitted to the Joint Committee on Governmental Affairs and Employment, Labour and Productivity.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the Joint Committee on Governmental Affairs and Employment, Labour and Productivity on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Minimum Wage (Amendment) Act, 2000 and for other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 and recommitted the Bill to the Joint Committee on Governmental Affairs and Employment, Labour and Productivity.

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

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

Report on the Petition by Mr Sunny S. Moniedafe:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Sunny S. Moniedafe against the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

"That Mr Moniedafe be reinstated to the service of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) as due process was not followed in the procedure leading to the termination of his appointment" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Sunny S. Moniedafe against the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) and approved the Recommendation.

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

(iii) *Committee on Public Petitions:*

Report on the Petition by Port Harcourt Flour Mills:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Port Harcourt Mills against the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

Recommendation (i):

That the restoration of the priority berthing Rights at Berth 4 of the Port Harcourt Ports to Port Harcourt Flour Mills on economic and political grounds (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

In line 2, immediately after the word "grounds" *insert* the words "on arrival, wheat vessel should take berth immediately after completion of ship at berth" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"That the priority Berthing Rights so granted must be within a framework that will be commercially efficient for the concessionaire, Ports and Terminal Operators Nigeria Limited" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*) — *Agreed to.*

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Port Harcourt Mills against the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE), and amended Recommendation (i) and approved Recommendation (ii).

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

(iv) *Committee on Public Petitions:*

Report on the Petition by Mr Silas Omubo:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Silas Omubo against the Nigerian Postal Service (NIPOST) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

Recommendation (i):

"That the Committee gave the Petitioner the benefit of doubt, as NIPOST could not conclusively prove the allegations leveled against him" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*) — *Agreed to.*

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"That Mr Silas Omubo be reinstated to his duty post and all outstanding entitlements paid to him" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*) — Agreed to.

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Silas Omubo against the Nigerian Postal Service (NIPOST) and approved the Recommendations (i) and (ii).

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

(v) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the Petition by Adokson Engineering Company Limited:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Adokson Engineering Company Limited against the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) and approve the Recommendation therein" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

"The Committee recommends that the petition by Adokson Engineering Company Limited be dismissed for lack of merit, as the Bureau of Public Procurement followed the law and due process in the award of the contract to Churchgate Products Limited" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*) — Agreed to.

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Adokson Engineering Company Limited against the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) and approved the Recommendation.

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 July, 2009 at 200 p.m. (*Hon. Baba Shehu Agaie*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.45 p.m.

Nafada Bayero Usman
Deputy Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 25 June, 2009; under item 7, *leave out* the words, "Personal Explanation" and *insert* "Recision of Order" instead thereof.