



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 14 July, 2009

1. The House met at 11.00 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, 9 July, 2009.
By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Oaths of Allegiance and Membership:**
Vitalis Chukwuma Okafor, Member-elect (*Ihiala Federal Constituency*), took and subscribed the Oaths as prescribed by law.
4. **Message:**
Mr Speaker read the following Message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

July 6, 2009

*The Hon. Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arm Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear brother,

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PUBLIC SERVICE
INSTITUTE OF NIGERIA FOR ENACTMENT**

I hereby introduce for formal consideration and passage into Law by the House of Representatives, a Bill for an Act to Establish the Public Service Institute of Nigeria and for Matters Connected therewith.

While I hope that the Bill will receive the usual prompt attention of the Honourable Members of the House of Representatives, please accept, Mr Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)
UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

5. Announcement:

Obituary:

Mr Speaker announced with regrets, the death of Mrs Veronica Ugwuanyi, mother of Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi. She would be buried at her family compound, in Ohom Orba, Udenu Local Government Area of Enugu State on Friday, 24 July, 2009.

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

6. Petition:

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

Hon. Austin Nwachukwu (*Ehime Mbano/Ihitte Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*), from Uchenna Anyanwu, praying the House to intervene in his alleged wrongful dismissal by the Nigeria Police Force and grant other reliefs in his petition.

7. Presentation of Reports:

(i) Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Labour Act, 1999 and Make Comprehensive Provisions on Minimum, Labour Standards for Nigeria and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009" (*Hon. Ado Audu Dogo*)

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Joint Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity and Justice:

Report of the Joint Committee on Labour and Productivity and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Occupational Safety and Health Commission of Nigeria to Promote and Secure the Safety and Health of all Workers and other Persons from Risks arising out of Work Activities in the Workplace and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008.

Order read, deferred.

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Police Act 1967 Cap. P19 2004 LFN and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Police Act, 1967, Cap. P19 2004 LFN and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon Tunde Akogun*).

Debate:

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

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Ad-Hoc Committee on Constitution Review, Committees on Police Affairs and Justice.

9. Consideration of Reports:

(i) Joint Committee on Appropriations and Finance:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Finance on the investigation into the Implementation of the 2009 Appropriation Act and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. Isah Mohammed Ashiru*).

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:***Recommendation (i):**

“Urge the House to reject the claim by the Executive Arm of Government that the budget cannot be fully implemented on account of inadequate funding” (*Hon. Isah Mohammed Ashiru*).

Amendment Proposed:

In line 2, immediately after the word “implemented”, *insert* the words “within the period under review” (*Hon. Andrew Uchendu*).

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

Recommendation (ii):

“That the House should insist that in line with President's mantra of strict adherence to the rule of law, the 2009 Appropriation Act must be complied with to the letter” (*Hon. Isah Mohammed Ashiru*).

*Debate:***Amendment Proposed:**

In line 2, immediately after the word “letter”, *insert* the words “failing which the House will not hesitate to invoke constitutional sanctions against the President” (*Hon. Emmanuel Jime*).

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

Recommendation (iii):

“Further urge the Executive Arm of Government to take appropriate disciplinary measures against any individual or entity that violates the spirit and/or letter of the Appropriation Law of the land” (*Hon. Isah Mohammed Ashiru*).

Leave out all the words in Recommendation (iii) — *Consequential amendment*.

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 Appropriations and Finance on the Investigation into the Implementation of the 2009 Appropriation Act and amended Recommendations (i) and (ii), and Recommendation (iii) consequentially overtaken.

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

10. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 15 July, 2009 at 2.00 p.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 2.00 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker

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