



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 16 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 Wednesday, 15 July, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Announcements:**
 - (i) **Outstanding Committee Reports:**
Mr Speaker ordered all Committees that had been funded to submit their outstanding Reports for consideration by the House.
 - (ii) **2009 Budget Implementation Consultative Forum:**
Mr Speaker read an invitation from the Special Adviser to the President on National Assembly Matters, to a Two-Day Consultative Forum between the Members of the House of Representatives and the Executive Arm of Government, to discuss the implementation of the 2009 Budget and 2010 Budget preparation.

The House unanimously rejected the invitation.
 - (iii) **Visitors:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence in the Gallery, of the Nigerian Association of Computer Science Students, Auchu Polytechnic Chapter, Edo State.
 - (iv) **Obituary:**
Mr Speaker announced with regrets the death of Alhaji Mohammed, father of Hon. Ismail Mohammed (*Bassa/Jos North Federal Constituency*), Plateau State.

A minute in silence was observed in honour of the deceased.
4. **Petitions:**
The following petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:
 - (i) Hon. Sokonte Davies (*Degema/Bonny Federal Constituency*), from Mr Nengima Charles, praying the House to intervene in his alleged under payment of gratuity and pension by the Nigeria Police Force with a view to paying all his entitlements;
 - (ii) Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha (*Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*), from Nnaji Obieze, praying the House to investigate the alleged murder of Mr Rufus Obieze by men of the Nigeria Police Force (FCT Command) with a view to ensuring that justice prevails;

- (iii) Hon. Abbas Braimah (*Estako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*), from Mr Sunday A. John, praying the House to intervene in his alleged wrongful dismissal by the Nigeria Telecommunication Plc and grant other reliefs sought therein.

5. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Constitutional (Third Amendment) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Electric Power Sector Reform (Amendment) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) National Order of Precedence of Public Officers and other Persons Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Federal Capital Territory Agency for Mass Education (Establishment) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Federal Capital Territory Education Resources Centre Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (vi) Federal Capital Territory College of Education Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (vii) Constitution (Forth Amendment) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (viii) Public Holidays Act (Amendment) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (ix) Federal Roads Maintenance Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (x) Labour Act (Amendment) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*

6. Presentation of Reports:

- (i) ***Joint Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity and Justice:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Labour, Employment 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" (Hon. Ado Audu Dogo).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

- (ii) ***Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Trade Unions Act, Trade Disputes Act and make Comprehensive Provision for Collective Labour Relations and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008" (Hon. Ado Audu Dogo).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

- (iii) ***Joint Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission and Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive and adopt the Report of the Joint Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission and Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs on the Niger Delta Development Commission 2009 Statutory Budget" (Hon. Mutu Nicholas Ebomo).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

7. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Centre for Democratic Studies and Other Related Matters, 2009 — *Second Reading.*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Centre for Democratic Studies and Other Related Matters, 2009 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Tunde Akogun).

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

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Joint Committee on Governmental Affairs and Public Service Matters.

8. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Political Parties Registration and Regulatory Commission and for Other Matters Connected Thereto, 2009 — *Second Reading:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Political Parties Registration and Regulatory Commission and for Other Matters Connected Thereto, 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.

9. Consideration of Report:

Ad-Hoc Committee on Nigerdock:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the *Ad-Hoc* Committee on the Investigation into Threats to National Security and Economic Interest of Nigeria at Nigerdock Premises and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Question put and agreed to.

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

Question that Order VII, Rule 2 (2) be suspended to enable Mr Speaker preside in the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

**REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION INTO THREATS TO NATIONAL SECURITY
AND ECONOMIC INTEREST OF NIGERIA AT NIGERDOCK PREMISES**

Debate:

Consideration deferred to enable Members study the Report.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the *Ad-Hoc* Committee on the Investigation into Threats to National Security and Economic Interest of Nigeria at Nigerdock Premises and deferred consideration to enable Members study the Report.

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 Tuesday, 21 July, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.00 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker

