



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 21 July, 2009

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1. The House met at 11.00 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, 16 July, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
 3. **Announcement:**
Mr Deputy Speaker named the following conferees on a Bill for an Act to Establish National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA):
 - (i) Hon. Abiodun I. Akinlade
 - (ii) Hon. Aliyu Mustapha Khabeeb
 - (iii) Hon. Uchieze Emmanuel
 - (iv) Hon. Aniedi Ikpong King
 - (v) Hon. Idris Wase
 - (vi) Hon. Sani Mohammed.
 4. **Petitions:**
The following petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:

Hon. Mayor Eze (*Orlu Federal Constituency*), from:
 - (a) Bernadette Uzoamaka Obiwulu against the Nigeria Postal Service, praying the House to intervene in her alleged wrongful termination, restore her appointment and grant her other prayers;
 - (b) B. U. Obiwulu (Mrs) against the Federal Ministry of Education, urging the House to intervene and ensure that her gratuity and pensions promptly paid.
 5. **Presentation of Bills:**
 - (i) Institute of Safety Professionals of Nigeria Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
 - (ii) Nigerian Agency of Foreign Assistance Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
 - (iii) Electronic Transactions Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
 - (iv) Privacy Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
 - (v) Small and Medium Enterprises Commission Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
 - (vi) Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
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- (vii) Kidnaping and Hostage Taking (Prohibition) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (viii) Science and Technology Research Development Fund (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (ix) Confirmation of Ministerial Nominees (Procedure) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (x) Community Service Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (xi) National Cancer Institute Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (xii) Nigerian Institute of Agriculturist Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*

6. Conference Report on the National Health Bill, 2009:

Order read, deferred.

7. Review of Pension:

Order read, deferred.

8. Immortalization of Bashorun M. K. O. Abiola:

Motion made and Question proposed,

The House:

Notes that on Saturday, 12 June 1993, a Presidential Election was held throughout the length and breath of Nigeria in compliance with all enabling and relevant regulatory laws in place at that time;

Further notes that the Presidential candidates for the election were Alhaji Bashorun Moshood Kashimawo Olawale Abiola of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) and Alhaji Bashiru Othman Tofa of the National Republican Convention (NRC);

Aware that Nigerians cutting across ethnic, tribal, regional and religious divide in the exercise of their civil and political rights trooped out in their millions to vote for a President of their choice;

Further aware that the election was widely acclaimed and adjudged the most free and fair and also the most peaceful in the annals of Nigeria's political and electoral system by both local and international observers who monitored the election;

Concerned that the annulment of June 12, 1993 Presidential election, by General Ibrahim Babangida in a broadcast to the nation amounted to a brazen violation of the fundamental civil and political rights of Nigerians as constitutionalised and recognized in Africa Charter of Human and Peoples' Rights;

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Government to immortalize Chief M. K. O. Abiola having selflessly sacrificed his life for the growth of democracy in Nigeria (*Hon. Patrick Obahiagbon & 33 Others*).

Debate:

Question put and negatived.

9. Incessant Maltreatment and dehumanizing search on Nigerians by Foreign Airlines and their Immigration Officials:

Motion made and Question proposed,

The House:

Notes that Section 32 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria guarantees the fundamental human rights for Nigerians whether at home or abroad;

Further notes that in recent times Nigerians onboard British Airways Flight BA 075 and Ethiopian Airline ET 605 were either maltreated or humiliated and subjected to dehumanizing search in utter disregard to their fundamental human rights;

Aware that whenever this unwholesome act is done to a Nigerian by these foreign Airlines and their Immigration officials no apology is rendered to the Nigerian Government;

Worried that the spate of inhuman, contemptuous, humiliating treatment of Nigerians by these foreign airlines shows disrespect for Nigerians and Nigeria as a country;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Joint Committee on Aviation and Foreign Affairs to carry out a detailed investigation on the maltreatment of Nigerians on British Airways, Ethiopian Airline and their Immigration Officials and make recommendations to the House within one week (*Hon. Abasi Ogwime Braimah & 59 Others*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

In line 3 of the Prayer, immediately after the word “within”, *leave out* the words “one week” and *insert* the words “four weeks” instead thereof (*Hon. Abasi Ogwime Braimah*).

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

Main question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Section 32 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria guarantees the fundamental human rights for Nigerians whether at home or abroad;

Further noted that in recent times Nigerians onboard British Airways Flight BA 075 and Ethiopian Airline ET 605 were either maltreated or humiliated and subjected to dehumanizing search in utter disregard to their fundamental human rights;

Aware that whenever this unwholesome act was done to a Nigerian by these foreign Airlines and their Immigration officials, no apology was rendered to the Nigerian Government;

Worried that the spate of inhuman, contemptuous, humiliating treatment of Nigerians by these foreign airlines shows disrespect for Nigerians and Nigeria as a country;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Joint Committee on Aviation and Foreign Affairs to carry out a detailed investigation on the maltreatment of Nigerians on British Airways, Ethiopian Airline and their Immigration Officials and make recommendations to the House within four weeks (*HR. 44/2009*).

10. Need for a Special Concession to Government Hospitals by the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN):

Motion made and Question proposed,

The House:

Notes the enormity of the problems the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) has brought on the nation;

Concerned that even institutions of government which offer essential services like hospitals barely have enough power to carry out their routine services to the public;

Worried that most government hospitals run on generators or other alternative sources of power due to the inadequate power supply by Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN);

Disturbed that most Nigerians can no longer afford the high medical fees as a result of the enormous cost of alternative power sources used by government hospitals to power life supporting medical equipment like Ultra-scans, X-Ray Machines, Baby Incubators, Dialysis and Heart Transplant Machines;

Regret the consequences of the inadequacies of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) resulting to high medical bills, delayed treatment, worsening cases of diseases, failures during medical operations and even death.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) to give special consideration to all government hospitals nationwide;
- (ii) Call on the Presidency to expedite actions on its resolve of attaining 6,000 Megawatts by December 2009 to enable the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) discharge its statutory duty to supply regular and uninterrupted power to all Nigerians (*Hon. Bashir O. Bolarinwa & 37 Others*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (iii) as follows:

"Urge Multinational Companies to come into the Health Sector for the provision of power" (*Hon. Abdulkadir M. Nasir*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

Main question put and negatived.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Capital Territory Agency of Mass Education and Other Matters Connected Therewith 2009 — *Second Reading.***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Capital Territory Agency of Mass Education and Other Matters Connected Therewith 2009 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Ali Atai Aidoko Usman).

Debate:

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

Bill read a Second Time and referred to Committee of Whole, pursuant to Order XV, Rule 8.

12. **Adjournment:**
That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 22 July, 2009 at 2.00 p.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.25 p.m.

Usman Bayero Nafada
Deputy Speaker