



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

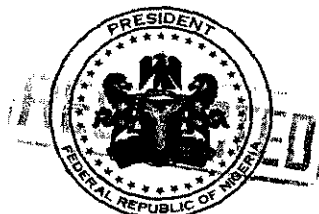
Wednesday, 7 October, 2009

1. The House met at 2.25 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, 6 October, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Messages:**
Mr Speaker read the following Messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follow:

(i)



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

September 8, 2009

*The Rt. Hon. Dimeji Bankole, CFR
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Brother,

**BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
NIGERIA 1999 AND FOR OTHER MATTERS
CONNECTED THERETO**

I hereby introduce for formal consideration and enactment into law, the above-named Bill by the National Assembly.

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

(ii)



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

September 14, 2009

*Right Honourable Dimeji Bankole, CFR
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Brother,

**FORWARDING OF THE DRAFT EMPLOYEE'S
COMPENSATION BILL 2009**

I forward herewith, for your kind consideration and passage into law, the attached draft Employee's Compensation Bill, 2009.

It is my hope that the Honourable House of Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria will consider and pass the Bill in your usual expeditious manner.

Please accept, Mr Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

(iii)



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

September 15, 2009

*Right Honourable Dimeji Bankole, CFR
Speaker of the House, of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Brother,

**BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MARITIME SECURITY
AGENCY (ESTABLISHMENT, ETC.) 2009**

I forward herewith, for your kind consideration and passage into Law, the attached draft Bill for an Act to Establish the Maritime Security Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2009.

Pursuant to the above, therefore, and in line with the powers vested in the National Assembly, I hereby present the said Bill for the kind consideration of the Honourable House of Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

It is my hope that the Honourable House will consider and pass the Bill in your usual expeditious manner.

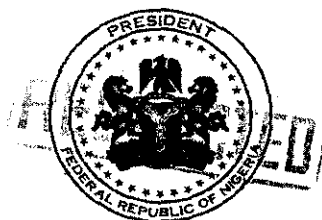
Please accept, Mr Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

(iv)



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

September 29, 2009

*Rt. Hon. Dimeji Bankole, CFR
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Brother,

**SUBMISSION OF THE MEDIUM-TERM EXPENDITURE
FRAMEWORK (MTEF) TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

I am pleased to forward to you two (2) copies of the 2010/2012 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) which the Federal Ministry of Finance has prepared in line with the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2007.

The Fiscal Responsibility Act indicates that the Budget is required to be based on the MTEF, which is to be approved by the Federal Executive Council (FEC) and the National Assembly, before taking effect. The MTEF was duly approved by the FECT on 22nd July, 2009. However, the Act requires that the MTEF should also be laid before the National Assembly, which after due consideration, is to pass resolutions in both Houses to give effect to the MTEF before its formal publication in the Gazette. In order to advance this process, I hereby forward copies of the MTEF to your office for necessary consideration.

Please accept, Right Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

4. **Petitions:**

The following petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:

(i) Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga (*Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*), from:

- (a) P. C. Timothy Nwankegu, praying the House to intervene in his alleged wrongful dismissal by the Nigeria Police Force with a view to reinstating him;
- (b) P. C. Ikpozu Isaac, praying the House to intervene in his alleged unlawful dismissal by the Nigeria Police Force with a view to reinstating him.

5. **Executive Session** — 2. 38 p.m.

House in Plenary — 3. 45 p.m.

6. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance:**

(i) Rising on Order VIII, Rule 4, Hon. Paul Adah informed the House of the rape and gruesome murder of Miss Grace Achie Ushang, a member of the National Youth Service Corps by unknown persons in Maiduguri. He noted that failure of the Nigeria Police to arrest the culprits was generating tension in her Local Government Area. He, therefore sought the leave of 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.

(ii) Also rising on Order VIII, Rule 4, Hon. Emmanuel Bello drew the attention of the House to an outbreak of a disease suspected to be cholera in Maiha/Mubi North/Mubi South Federal Constituency of Adamawa State. He noted that the killer disease which had spread to 9 other Local Government Areas had claimed about one hundred lives and could further spread if not urgently controlled. He prayed 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.

Question that the House do suspend Order VIII, Rule 4 (3) to enable the House discuss the matter forthwith, put and agreed to.

7. **Outbreak of Suspected Cholera in Maiha, Mubi North/Mubi South and Gombi/Hong Federal Constituencies of Adamawa State:**

The House:

Notes the outbreak of a killer disease suspected to be cholera in Maiha, Mubi, Mararaba Mubi, Hildi Uba-Gaya and surrounding villages of both Maiha, Mubi North/Mubi South and Gombi/Hong Federal Constituencies of Adamawa State;

Further notes that the killer disease, according to statistics from the State Ministry of Health has so far killed more than 100 people with about 1,000 people hospitalised;

Disturbed that the killer disease has spread to about 9 other Local Government Areas of Adamawa State;

Worried that unless the Federal Government takes adequate step to curb the killer disease, it will continue to spread to other parts of the Federation.

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently send the under listed drugs to the affected areas:
 - (a) Chlorine for decontamination of wells in the areas,
 - (b) Drips and rehydration fluids,
 - (c) Detergents,
 - (d) Antiseptics;

- (ii) Further call on the Federal Ministry of Health to detail its officials to the affected areas with relevant medication and also organise sensitization programmes in all the 774 Local Government Areas of the Federation to avoid future reoccurrence (*Hon. Emmanuel Bello*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted the outbreak of a killer disease suspected to be cholera in Maiha, Mubi, Mararaba Mubi, Hildi Uba-Gaya and surrounding villages of both Maiha, Mubi North/Mubi South and Gombi/Hong Federal Constituencies of Adamawa State;

Further noted that the killer disease, according to statistics from the State Ministry of Health had so far killed more than 100 people with about 1,000 people hospitalised;

Disturbed that the killer disease had spread to about 9 other Local Government Areas of Adamawa State;

Worried that unless the Federal Government takes adequate step to curb the killer disease, it would continue to spread to other parts of the Federation.

Resolved to:

- (i) Call on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently send the under listed drugs to the affected areas:
- (a) Chlorine for decontamination of wells in the areas,
 - (b) Drips and rehydration fluids,
 - (c) Detergents,
 - (d) Antiseptics;
- (ii) Further call on the Federal Ministry of Health to detail its officials to the affected areas with relevant medication and also organise sensitization programmes in all the 774 Local Government Areas of the Federation to avoid future reoccurrence (**HR. 55/2009**).

8. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Public Service Institute Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time*.
- (ii) National Farm Reserve Commission (Establishment and Development) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time*.
- (iii) Free Trade Zones Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time*.
- (iv) Chartered Institute of Certified Secretaries and Reporters of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time*.
- (v) Musicians Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time*.
- (vi) Nigerian Postal Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time*.
- (vii) National Regulatory Agency for the Production, Trade and Application of Building Materials Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time*.
- (viii) National Health Insurance Scheme (Amendment) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time*.
- (ix) Franchise Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time*.
- (x) Criminal Code Act (Amendment) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time*.
- (xi) Prohibition of Overseas Basic and Undergraduates Education of Children and Wards of Public Officers — *Read the First Time*.

9. **Presentation of Report:**

Joint Committee on Banking and Currency and Justice:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Banking and Currency and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation Act, 2005 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008" (*Hon. Ogbuefi Ozomgbachi*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Mediators and Conciliators; and for Other Related Matters, 2009 — *Second Reading*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Mediators and Conciliators; and for Other Related Matters, 2009 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Emeka Ihedioha*).

Debate:

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 Judiciary and Justice.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Legislative Houses, Powers and Privileges Act, Cap. L12 2004, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria and for Other Related Purposes, 2009 — *Second Reading*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Legislative Houses, Powers and Privileges Act, Cap. L12 2004, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria and for Other Related Purposes, 2009 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Henry O. Dickson*).

Debate:

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 Judiciary and Human Rights.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Facilitate Electronic Transaction in Nigeria; and for Related Matters, 2009 — *Second Reading*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Facilitate Electronic Transaction in Nigeria; and for Related Matters, 2009 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta*).

Debate:

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 Communications and Commerce.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Housing Fund Act 1992 and to Establish the National Housing Trust Fund and Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 — *Second Reading*:**

Order read, deferred.

14. **Consideration of Reports:**

(i) ***Joint Committee on Science and Technology and Defence:***

"That this House do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Science and Technology and Defence on A Bill for an Act to Prohibit Chemical Weapons and Establish the National Authority for the Effective Implementation of Chemical Weapons Convention in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 and approve the Recommendations therein".

Order read, deferred.

(ii) **Joint Committee on Women Affairs and Youth Development:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Women Affairs and Youth Development on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Council for Public Assistance to Widows, Dependant Children and Orphans, and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto 2008 and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. Binta Masi Garba*).

Question put and negatived..

(iii) **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory College of Education, and Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 (Committee of the Whole):**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory College of Education, and Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

Question put and negatived.

15. **Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 8 October, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 5.30 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker