



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 14 October, 2009

1. The House met at 2.40 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, 13 October, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Message:**
Mr Speaker read the following Message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

October 9, 2009

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

Dear brother,

**A BILL FOR NIGERIA COMPUTER SECURITY AND
PROTECTION AGENCY, 2009**

I hereby introduce for formal consideration and passage into law, the attached Bill for Nigeria Computer Security and Protection Agency, 2009.

It is my hope that the Honourable Members of the 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

4. Announcement:

Visitor:

Mr Speaker acknowledged the presence in the Gallery, of Mr Bash Ali, OON, World Boxing Federation Cruiser Weight Champion.

5. Petitions:

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

- (i) Hon. Joseph J. Ajatta (*Oshodi-Isolo II Federal Constituency*), from Arewa R. S. Olufemi, praying the House to intervene in his alleged wrongful dismissal by the Federal Road Safety Commission with a view to reinstating him and granting other reliefs sought;
- (ii) Hon. Mohammed Saleh (*Sabun Gari Federal Constituency*), from 7 Ex-Police Officers, praying the House to investigate their alleged wrongful dismissal by the Nigeria Police Force to ensure justice is done.

6. Matters of Urgent Public Importance:

- (i) Rising on Order VIII, Rule 4 of the Standing Orders of the House, Hon. Halims Agoda drew the attention of the House to the imminent withdrawal of the 2009 World Boxing Championship Hosting Right granted to Nigeria due to the failure of the Federal Ministry of Sports to perform its expected role in constituting the Local Organizing Committee and the payment of the necessary fees to the world body. He noted that the hosting right granted Nigeria, was a rare privilege to the country, moreso that the current Champion, Mr Bash Ali, is a Nigerian. He therefore, urged 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 Order VIII, Rule 4 (3) of the Standing Orders of the House be suspended to enable the House debate the matter forthwith, put and agreed to.

7. Imminent Withdrawal of 2009 World Boxing Championship Hosting Right:

The House:

Notes the rare opportunity given to Nigeria to host the 2009 World Boxing Championship;

Further notes that a Nigerian, Mr Bash Ali is the current Champion of the World Boxing Federation Cruiser Weight;

Aware of the directives of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Federal Ministry of Sports to facilitate arrangements to enable Nigeria host the bout;

Worried by the seeming failure of the Federal Ministry of Sports to perform its expected role in ensuring that the Hosting Right of the World Boxing Championship is actualized:

Resolves to:

Call on the Minister of Sports and Chairman, National Sports Commission to nominate a member to join the Local Organizing Committee of the World Boxing Championship to enable Nigeria satisfy the condition precedent required for actualisation of the hosting right which will expire on Friday, 16 October, 2009 (*Hon. Halims Agoda*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted the rare opportunity given to Nigeria to host the 2009 World Boxing Championship;

Further noted that a Nigerian, Mr Bash Ali is the current Champion of the World Boxing Federation Cruiser Weight;;

Aware of the directives of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Federal Ministry of Sports to facilitate arrangements to enable Nigeria host the bout;

Worried by the seeming failure of the Federal Ministry of Sports in ensuring that the Hosting Right of the World Boxing Championship is actualized:

Resolved to:

Call on the Minister of Sports and Chairman, National Sports Commission to nominate a member to join the Local Organizing Committee of the World Boxing Championship to enable Nigeria satisfy the condition precedent required for actualisation of the hosting right which would expire on Friday, 16 October, 2009 (**HR. 58/2009**).

- (ii) Also rising on Order VIII, Rule 3 (4) of the Standing Orders of the House, Hon. Paul Eze invited the attention of the House to the continuous neglect of the Ajaokuta Steel Company Limited to pay its staff salaries, resulting in their protest and blocking of the access road within the area. He noted that the act of the workers had resulted in sporadic shooting by the Nigeria Police Force in the area with unpleasant consequences on the workers and travellers. 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.

8. Presentation of Reports:

(i) Committee on Justice:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Justice on the True position of developments concerning the Bill for an Act to Amend the Chartered Institute of Accountants of Nigeria Act, 1965 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 41 and the opinion of the Committee in respect of a suit between the Chartered Institute of Taxation on Nigeria (CITN) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN)" (*Hon. Henry S. Dickson*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes:

"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes on the petition by 71 disengaged staff of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency".

Order read, deferred.

9. Rescission of Order 8, Rule 1 (6) of the Standing Orders; National Legislative Service Institute Bill (HB. 200):

Order read, deferred, pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 8 of the Standing Orders of the House.

10. Review of Pension:

Motion made and Question proposed,

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Section 173 (3) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, "shall be reviewed every five years or together with any Federal Civil Service Salary reviews, which: 'earlier'";

Further notes that pension is the major source of income for most of the retired Nigerian citizens whom have done their service to the country in various capacities;

Worried that since 1999, pension payment has remained the same while cost of living continue to rise on a daily basis;

Disturbed that while the Federal Civil Service Salary has been reviewed twice since 1999 to date, the pension paid to retirees remains the same;

Aware that as representatives of the people we swore to defend and protect the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Government to review the Pension Scheme as required by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Mohammed Ali Ndume and 12 Others*).

Debate:

Question, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that pursuant to Section 173 (3) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, "Pensions shall be reviewed every five years or together with any Federal Civil Service Salary reviews, whichever is earlier";

Further noted that pension is the major source of income for most of the retired Nigerian citizens who dedicated their service to the country in various capacities;

Worried that since 1999, pension payment had remained the same while cost of living continued to increase on a daily basis;

Disturbed that while the Federal Civil Service Salary had been reviewed twice since 1999 to date, the pension paid to retirees remained the same;

Aware that as representatives of the people we swore to defend and protect the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

Resolved to:

Urge the Federal Government to review the Pension Scheme as required by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (**HR. 59/2009**).

11. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory Water Board and for Matters Related Therewith, 2009 — *Third Reading:*

"That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory Water Board and for Matters Related Therewith, 2009 be read a Third Time".

Order read, deferred.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

12. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Institute of Credit Administration and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 — *Third Reading:*

"That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Institute of Credit Administration and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 be read a Third Time".

Order read, deferred.

13. Consolidation of Bills:

Pursuant to Order XII, Rule 14 of the Standing Orders of the House, Mr Speaker directed that a Bill for an Act to Make Provisions for the Prevention of HIV and Aids-based Discrimination and to Protect the Human Rights and Dignity of People Living with and Affected by HIV and Aids and other Related Matters (HB. 196) be consolidated with a Bill for an Act to Prohibit and punish Discrimination Against Persons Living with HIV/AIDS in Housing, Employment and Health Services and in all forms of Socio-Economic Life; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 148) previously committed to the Joint Committee on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Control and Human Rights.

14. A Bill for an Act to Prohibit Corporate Prostitution and Exploitation of Women in Corporate Organizations and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 — *Second Reading*.

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Prohibit Corporate Prostitution and Exploitation of Women in Corporate Organizations and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila*).

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 Women Affairs and Justice.

15. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Judicial Institute Act, Cap. N55 LFN 2004, to reduce the Membership of the Governing Board of the Institute to an Effective Size, to Specify the New Qualification for Appointment of the Administrator of the Institute, to Reflect the Present Way of Funding the Institute as a Judicial Body, and to Provide for Matters Related Thereto, 2009 — *Second Reading*.

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Judicial Institute Act, Cap. N55 LFN 2004, to reduce the Membership of the Governing Board of the Institute to an Effective Size, to Specify the New Qualification for Appointment of the Administrator of the Institute, to Reflect the Present Way of Funding the Institute as a Judicial Body, and to Provide for Matters Related Thereto, 2009 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Lanre Agoro*).

Debate:

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

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

16. **Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 15 October, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 5.05 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker