



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 21 October, 2009

1. The House met at 2.30 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, 20 October, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**
Rising on Order VIII, Rule 4 of the Standing Orders of the House, Hon. Austin Nwachukwu drew the attention of the House to the death of 30 Nigerians in China under uncertain circumstances and their corpses to be cremated prior to their being brought to Nigeria. He noted that such cremation is against our culture and religion. He therefore stressed the need for the House to unravel the cause of their death and thereafter, sought the leave of the House to consider the Matter 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.

4. **Speed Bumps on Major Road Junctions in Abuja and its effects on Road Users:**
Motion made and Question proposed,

The House:

Aware of the erection of Speed bumps on the major roads in Abuja;

Further aware of the negative impacts of the speed bumps on motorists and other unsuspecting visitors to Abuja;

Worried that the reason for constructing these bumps is to curb the rate of accidents but have aggravated it in an alarming rate:

Further worried that there are more scientific and modern ways of averting accidents on roads without weakening and damaging of vehicles;

Resolves to:

- (i) direct the Minister of Federal Capital Territory (FCT) to remove the speed bumps immediately;
- (ii) further direct the Federal Capital Territory Administration to provide Solar Panels on major highways in Abuja;
- (iii) urge the relevant Road Regulatory Agencies to give orientation to the public on proper road usage (*Hon. Dino Melaye*).

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Leave out all the words in Prayer (ii) (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila).*

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

- (ii) *Insert a new Prayer (iv) as follows:*
"Call on the Federal Capital Territory Administration to modify the speed bumps" (Hon. Emmanuel Jime).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

- (iii) *Insert a new Prayer (iv) as follows:*
"the Federal Capital Territory Administration should analyse the causes of accidents in the Federal Capital Territory and proffer solutions" (Hon. Tam Brisibe).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

- (iv) *Insert a new Prayer (iv) as follows:*
"The Federal Capital Territory Administration should provide road signs, warning the general public of the bumps ahead" (Hon. Jumoke Okoya Thomas).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

- (v) *Insert a new Prayer (iv) as follows:*
"call on Federal Capital Territory Administration to provide appropriate road furniture (signs) on all highways" (Hon. David Idoko).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

Main Question put and agreed to.

The House:

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- (iii) *urge the relevant Road Regulatory Agencies to give orientation to the public on proper road usage (HR. 61/2009).*

5. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Implementation of Public-Private Partnership Contracts Between Public Partner and Private Partner and to Establish a Set of Rules Governing Public Partnership Contract, 2009 — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Implementation of Public-Private Partnership Contracts Between Public Partner and Private Partner and to Establish a Set of Rules Governing Public Partnership Contract, 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 Joint Committee on Privatization and Commercialization and Public Procurement.

6. (i) **A Bill for an Act to Provide for and Regulate Community Service for Offenders in Certain Cases and to Provide for Related Matters, 2009 — *Second Reading:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for and Regulate Community Service for Offenders in Certain Cases and to Provide for Related Matters, 2009 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Samuel Whesu Sejoro).

Debate:

- (ii) **Bills on the Same Subject Matter:**
Rising on Order XII, Rule 14 of the Standing Orders of the House, Hon. Solomon Agidani informed the House that a Bill for an Act to Provide for and Regulate Community Service for Offenders in Certain Cases and to Provide for Related Matters, 2009 is of the same subject matter with a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Prison Act, Cap. P29 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and to Make Comprehensive Provision for the Administration of Prison in Nigeria; and for Related Purpose, 2008, already committed to the Committee on Interior and sought the leave of the House to suspend Order XII, Rule 14 to enable the House to continue debate on the General Principles of the Bill.

Question that Order XII, Rule 14 be suspended to enable the House to continue debate on the General Principles of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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 Interior.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Railway Corporation Act. Cap. N129 LFN 2004, to Provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Railway Authority, the Introduction of Private Sector Participation in the Provision of Rail Services, the Regulation of the Railway Sector and for Related Matters, 2009 — *Second Reading:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Railway Corporation Act. Cap. N129 LFN 2004, to Provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Railway Authority, the Introduction of Private Sector Participation in the Provision of Rail Services, the Regulation of the Railway Sector and for Related Matters, 2009 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Mayor Chukwudi Eze).

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 Land Transport and Privatization and Commercialization.

8. **Adjournment:**
That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 22 October, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Baba Shehu Agaie*).

Adjourned accordingly at 4.48 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker