



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 28 October, 2009

1. The House met at 2.15 p.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 Tuesday, 27 October, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Petitions:**
The following petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:
 - (i) Hon. Habeeb A. B. Fasinro (*Eti-Osa Federal Constituency*), from Remi Atoyebi & Co., on behalf of Chief Francisca Adeyanyu and St Matthew Daniel, praying the House to prevail on the Nigerian Army to vacate their land in compliance with Court Order;
 - (ii) Hon. Monsuru Alao Owolabi (*Lagos Island II Federal Constituency*), from Mr Bandele A. Omirin, praying the House to intervene in his alleged wrongful dismissal from the Nigeria Police Force, with a view to re-instating him;
 - (iii) Hon. Samaila A. Mohammed (*Bassa/Jos North Federal Constituency*), from:
 - (a) Mr Reuben Awanye Itruma, praying the House to investigate his alleged unlawful dismissal from the National Veterinary Research Institute, Vom, Plateau State, with a view to ensuring justice,
 - (b) Hajia Omololara Rabi Umar, praying the House to intervene in her alleged wrongful termination of her appointment by the National Veterinary Research Institute, Vom, Plateau State, with a view to re-instating her;
 - (iv) Hon. Nelson Belief (*Brass/Nembe Federal Constituency*), from Mr Jacob Ayenkalegiri, praying the House to intervene in his alleged unlawful dismissal from the Nigeria Police Force, with a view to re-instating him.
4. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**
Rising on Order VIII, Rule 4, of the Standing Orders of the House, Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari informed the House that he had received information from the Ajaokuta Steel Company and the National Iron Ore Mining Company, Itakpe, Kogi State in respect of the massive looting of the equipment and property of these companies on the ground of the rumour that the companies were to be privatized. In order to take urgent steps to avert the looting, he 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.

Matter to Stand-over till the next Legislative Day.

5. Privileges:

Relying on Order V, Rule 3 of the Standing Orders of the House, Hon. Samaila Mohammed referred to a publication in the "Daily Trust" Newspapers of Wednesday, 28 October, 2009 to the effect that the House rejected the Motion on the proposed visit of the Sudanese President, Mr Ahmed Al-Bashir to Nigeria. He noted that what was reported in the said newspapers was contrary to the Resolution of the House on the matter. He considered the publication as a misrepresentation of the House Resolution and a breach of the privilege of the House.

Matter referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges.

6. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Maritime Security Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Constitution (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Employees' Compensation Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Gas Flaring (Prohibition and Punishment) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) National Agency for Elderly Persons (Establishment) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (vi) National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism, Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (vii) Noise Control Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (viii) Complementary and Alternative Medical Council of Nigeria Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (ix) Presidential Debate Commission (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*
- (x) National Human Right Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2009 — *Read the First Time.*

7. Presentation of Reports:

(i) Committee on Land Transport:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Land Transport on the Investigative Hearing on the State of Nigeria's Rail Transport System" (Hon. Bernard Udoh).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Committee on Health:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health on a Bill for an Act to Establish a Supervisory Board for Federal Cardiothoracic Centres; to serve as Special Medical Centres for Heart Diseases, to render Specialised Medical Services to Patients with Heart Diseases and serve as Research Centres for the Study of Heart Diseases, and for Matters Related Thereto, 2008" (Hon. Alaba Lad-Ojomo).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

8. Medium-Term Expenditure Frame Work and Fiscal Strategy Proposal of the Federal Government of Nigeria:

The House:

Notes that the Medium-Term Expenditure Frame Work and Fiscal Strategy Proposal (Revised) 2010 - 2012 was sent by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the National Assembly;

Further notes that Section 11 (1) (b) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 provides that a Medium-Term Expenditure Framework for the next three Financial Year be laid before the National Assembly;

Aware that Section 11 (2) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, provides for the consideration and approval of the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework as contained therein by the National Assembly with such modification and amendments as deemed fit;

Further aware that the Medium-Term Framework Expenditure Framework laid is in consonance with the provisions of Section 11 (3) of the Act;

Resolves to:

Consider and approve the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper (Revised) 2010 - 2012 (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Debate:

(*Debate adjourned till Tuesday, 3 November, 2009*).

9. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Certified Secretaries and Reporters of Nigeria for the Registration and Discipline of Certified Secretaries and Reporters and Provide for a Governing Board Charged with the Responsibility, among Other Things, for Formulation of Policies for the Institute, and for Related Purposes, 2009 — *Second Reading*:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Certified Secretaries and Reporters of Nigeria for the Registration and Discipline of Certified Secretaries and Reporters and Provide for a Governing Board Charged with the Responsibility, among Other Things, for Formulation of Policies for the Institute, and for Related Purposes, 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 Committee of Whole.

10. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Operation and Development of Postal Services, the Establishment of the Nigerian Postal Commission and Other Related Matters, 2009 — *Second Reading*:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Operation and Development of Postal Services, the Establishment of the Nigerian Postal Commission and Other Related Matters, 2009 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mayor 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 Committee on Communications.

11. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the City Technical University, Yaba - Lagos and Other Related Matters Thereof, 2009 — *Second Reading*:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the City Technical University, Yaba - Lagos and Other Related Matters Thereof, 2009 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Samuel Whesu Sejoro*).

Debate:

Debate on the General Principles of the Bill deferred. Mr Deputy Speaker ordered the review of the House earlier decision on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the City Technical University, Kaduna and Other Related Matters Thereof, 2009, which was committed to the Committee on Education.

12. **Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 29 October, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 5.15 p.m.