



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 11 November, 2009

1. The House met at 2.30 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, 10 November, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Oaths of Allegiance and Membership:**
The following Member-elect, took and subscribed the Oaths as required by law:

Suleiman A. Kokori (*Okene/Ogori-Mangogo Federal Constituency*).
4. **Announcements:**
 - (i) **Election into the post of the Vice-President of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarian:**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced the election of Hon. Binta Masi Garba as the Vice-President of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarian (CWP), African Region on 29th October, 2009.
 - (ii) **Visitor:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence in the Gallery, of Staff and Students of the School of Vocational and Technical Education, Kaduna State College of Education, Gidan-Waya, Kafanchan.
5. **Swine Flu Influenza in Nigeria:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 otherwise known as swine flu has been reported and confirmed to have affected at least 2 people in Lagos, Nigeria;

Aware that as at 25 October, 2009, there were more than 440,000 laboratory confirmed cases of Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 and over 5,700 deaths reported by World Health Organization (WHO) across the world;

Concerned that as at 27 October, 2009, the African continent recorded 14,109 laboratory confirmed human cases of Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 including 76 deaths;

Worried that in the West African sub-region a record of confirmed laboratory cases in our neighbouring countries of Cameroun, Ghana, Cote d'Voire and Sao Tome and Principe amounting up to 28 cases;

Disturbed that the seasonal harmattan is just around the corner and our hospitals at Federal, State and Local Government Area Levels are inadequately staffed and equipped to handle the most basic illnesses;

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Ministry of Health to:

- (i) activate and implement its National Pandemic Influenza preparedness and response plans;
- (ii) create National, State and Local Government Area level control and command Centres;
- (iii) set up transparent and effective communication system to inform the public on a timely and regular basis on prevention, treatment, emergency medical cases available of vaccines and antiviral drugs;
- (iv) immediately assess, at any time, if external assistance is required to assist us to contain the spread of the disease and to act accordingly;
- (v) mandate the Committee on Health to ensure that the above measures are complied with (*Hon. Samaila A. Mohammed*).

*Debate:***Amendment Proposed:**

Insert a new Prayer (vi) as follow:

"urge the Federal government to treat the prevention and containment of Influenza A (H1N1) as a matter of National priority" (*Hon. Okey Udeh*).

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

Main Question as amended put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 otherwise known as swine flu had been reported and confirmed to have affected at least 2 people in Lagos, Nigeria;

Aware that as at 25 October, 2009, there were more than 440,000 laboratory confirmed cases of Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 and over 5,700 deaths reported by World Health Organization (WHO) across the world;

Concerned that as at 27 October, 2009, the African continent recorded 14,109 laboratory confirmed human cases of Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 including 76 deaths;

Worried that in the West African sub-region a record of confirmed laboratory cases in our neighbouring countries of Cameroun, Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire and Sao Tome and Principe amounting up to 28 cases;

Disturbed that the seasonal harmattan is just around the corner and our hospitals at Federal, State and Local Government Area Levels are inadequately staffed and equipped to handle the most basic illnesses;

Resolved to:

Urged the Federal Ministry of Health to:

- (i) activate and implement its National Pandemic Influenza preparedness and response plans;
- (ii) create National, State and Local Government Area level control and command Centres;
- (iii) set up transparent and effective communication system to inform the public on a timely and regular basis on prevention, treatment, emergency medical cases available of vaccines and antiviral drugs;
- (iv) immediately assess, at any time, if external assistance is required to assist us to contain the spread of the disease and to act accordingly;
- (v) urge the Federal government to treat the prevention and containment of Influenza A (H1N1) as a matter of National priority;
- (vi) mandate the Committee on Health to ensure that the above resolutions are complied with (**HR. 68/2009**).

6. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Cancer Institute to be the Nation's Principal Agency for cancer Research; to Coordinate a National Research Programme on Cancer Causes, Prevention, Detection, Diagnosis and Treatment through various Research projects and Clinical Trails, and for Matters Related Thereto, 2009 — Second Reading:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Cancer Institute to be the Nation's Principal Agency for cancer Research; to Coordinate a National Research Programme on Cancer Causes, Prevention, Detection, Diagnosis and Treatment through various Research projects and Clinical Trails, and for Matters Related Thereto, 2009 be now read a Second Time (*Hon. Abubakar Shehu Bunu*).

Debate:

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

Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Health.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission, Provide for the Engagement of Nigerians in Diaspora in the Policies, Projects and Participation in the Development of Nigeria and for the Purpose of Utilising the Human, Capital and Material Resources of Nigerians in Diaspora towards the overall Socioeconomic, Cultural and Political Development of Nigeria; and for Matters Related Thereto, 2009 — Second Reading:**

Rising on Order XII, Rule 3 (2) of the Standing Orders of the House, Hon. Friday Itulah observed that the above Bill had never been put on notice before being scheduled for Second Reading as provided by the House Rules. He therefore, urged the House to defer debate.

Order sustained, Bill deferred.

8. **Consideration of Report:**

Joint Committee on Banking and Currency and Justice:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do resume the consideration of 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 and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. Ogbuefi Ozomgbachi*).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE NIGERIA DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION ACT, 2005 AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

Amendment of Section 17.

Committee Recommendation:

- (1) Every insured institution being a licenced bank or deposit taking financial institution to which this Act relates shall be obliged to pay to the corporation a premium which shall not be less than one percent 1% per annum for licensed banks and not less than half percent 2% per annum for other deposit taking financial institutions of the total deposit liabilities standing in its books as at 31st December of the preceding year in the following manner—
 - (a) the deposit liabilities shall be as certified by the approved auditor of the licensed bank or such other financial institution;
 - (b) the certified deposit liabilities shall be forwarded to the Corporation on or before 31st January of every year; and
 - (c) the annual premium shall be payable not later than 1 month from the date of the demand notice.

Question that Section 17 (1) as amended stand part of the Bill (Hon. Ogbuefi Ozomgbachi) — Agreed to.

Amendment of Section 18.***Committee Recommendation:*****Payment of dividends by insured institutions while in default of assessment.**

- (1) Without prejudice to the provisions of the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act, 1991 as amended, no insured Bank shall pay any dividend on its capital stock or from profit declared while it remains in default in the payment of any premium obligation due or special contribution due to the Corporation.
- (2) the Corporation may remove from office the Managing Director of any insured institution who is responsible for the declaration or payment of any such dividend and the insured institution shall be liable to a fine of ten percent (10%) of the total dividend so declared or paid.

Question that Section 18 (1) (2) as amended stand part of the Bill (Hon. Ogbuefi Ozomgbachi) — Agreed to.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered 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 and approved Clauses 9 - 19 and deferred consideration *sine die*.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.

9. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 12 November, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Baba Shehu Agaie*).

Adjourned accordingly at 4.50 p.m.

Usman Bayero Nafada
Deputy Speaker