



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 17 December, 2009

1. The House met at 11.05 a.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 16 December, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Announcement:**
Submission of Reports on the 2010 Appropriation Bill:
Mr Speaker announced that the House would suspend Plenary Sessions to enable all Sub-Committees to conclude work on the 2010 Appropriation Bill. Consequently, he ordered all Sub-Committees to submit their Reports to the Appropriations Committee on or before 28 December, 2009.
4. **Petitions:**
The following petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:
 - (i) Hon. Friday Itulah (*Essan North East/South East Federal Constituency*), from Benjamin Iredia & Co. on behalf of Miss Sally Abhulimen, praying the House to investigate her alleged denial by the Federal Ministry of Sports to represent Nigeria at Beijing, China with a view to ensuring justice;
 - (ii) Hon. Gbenga Oduwaiye (*Ijebu Central Federal Constituency*), from Ayo Kazeem, praying the House to intervene in his alleged unlawful dismissal by the Nigerian Army with a view to re-instating him;
 - (iii) Hon. Beni Lar (*Langtang North/South Federal Constituency*), from Mohammed A. Ramalan, praying the House to investigate the alleged unlawful termination of his appointment by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources;
 - (iv) Hon. Mayor Eze (*Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency*), from Chief John Okoro Ogbonnaya & Associate on behalf of Okechukwu Nwan Yusuf, praying the House to investigate his long term imprisonment by the Egyptian Court to ensure justice prevails;
 - (v) Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari (*Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*), from Mrs Hassanat Ranti Bello, praying the House to intervene in the alleged wrongful termination of her appointment by the Management of Usmanu Danfodio University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto with a view to re-instating him;
 - (vi) Hon. Shehu Garba Matazu (*Musawa/Matazu Federal Constituency*), from Yusuf Ali Matazu, praying the House to intervene in the alleged wrongful termination of his appointment by the National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) with a view to ensuring justice.

5. Presentation of Reports:**(i) House Delegation on Visit to Westminster, United Kingdom:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Delegation's Visit to Westminster, United Kingdom on the invitation of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) United Kingdom Branch" (*Hon. Emeka Ihedioha*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Committee on Environment:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Environment on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chemical Waste Management Commission charged with the Responsibility for Providing for the Safe Disposal and Management of Industrial, Toxic and Chemical Wastes and for Related Matters, 2008" (*Hon. Duro Faseyi*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) Joint Committee on Environment and Emergency Preparedness:

Motion made and Question proposed, " That this House do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Environment and Emergency Preparedness on a Bill for an Act to Establish Environmental Disaster Control Agency and to be vested with the Responsibility for the Control and Management of Decertification, Deforestation, Drought, Erosion, Flood Ocean Surge, Coastline Erosion and for Other Ecological Related Matters, 2009 (HB. 109), (HB. 31) and (HB. 144) (Consolidated)" (*Hon. Duro Faseyi*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) Committee on Public Procurement:

Motion made and Question proposed, " That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Procurement on the Investigation into a Petition by Tilone Nigeria Limited against Total Upstream Nigeria Limited on Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) Services Contract on Akpo Field Development Project" (*Hon. Yusuf Maitama Tuggar*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

6. Conference Report on Virement Proposals for some provisions in the 2009 Appropriation Act:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

On Wednesday, 25 November, 2009 approved the 2009 Virement Proposals for some Ministries, Departments and Agencies of government;

Notes that the Senate considered and approved same with some differences;

Notes that the two Chambers met in Conference on Wednesday, 16 December, 2009 and harmonised the differences in the Virement Proposals,

Resolves to;

Receive and adopt the Conference Report on Virement Proposals for the Ministries, Departments and Agencies named therein and the Schedule thereto pursuant to section 3 of the Appropriation Act, 2009 and the Standing Orders of the House (*Hon. Ayo Adeseun*).

Question put and agreed to.

7. Inhuman Treatment of Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) Workers Arising from Non-payment of their Salary Arrears:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the salaries and wages of Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) workers have not been paid for 18 months;

Further notes that hundreds of Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) workers have been sleeping on the streets of Abuja as a way of protesting the non-payment of their salary arrears;

Aware that the Federal Government of Nigeria through the Vice-President has given directive to the Bureau for Public Enterprises (BPE) that the 18 months arrears be paid;

Disturbed that the directive has been apparently ignored by the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE);

Further disturbed that the workers in quest for the demand for the payment of their salary arrears have exposed themselves to untold hardship by sleeping on the street, in spite of the prevailing harmattan weather;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Joint Committee on Privatization and Commercialization, Communications and Labour, Employment and Productivity to investigate the matter and report to the House within 3 weeks (*Hon. Dino Melaye*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the salaries and wages of Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) workers have not been paid for 18 months;

Further noted that hundreds of Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) workers have been sleeping on the streets of Abuja as a way of protesting the non-payment of their salary arrears;

Aware that the Federal Government of Nigeria through the Vice-President had given directive to the Bureau for Public Enterprises (BPE) that the 18 months arrears be paid;

Disturbed that the directive had been apparently ignored by the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE);

Further disturbed that the workers in quest for the demand for the payment of their salary arrears have exposed themselves to untold hardship by sleeping on the street, in spite of the prevailing harmattan weather;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Joint Committee on Privatization and Commercialization, Communications and Labour, Employment and Productivity to investigate the matter and report to the House within 3 weeks (**HR. 84/2009**)

8. Need for the immediate Relocation of the Post Amnesty Camp at Aluu; near the University of Port Harcourt to a more suitable Site:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House

Notes that the Presidential Committee on Amnesty opened a Post-Amnesty Camp in Aluu, within the precincts of the University of Port Harcourt;

Aware that the University of Port Harcourt has for sometime been bedeviled by criminal activities due to the activities of secret cults which the University Community has only recently brought under control;

Further aware that the ex-militants are still undergoing the process of rehabilitation and reintegration;

Worried that it is not in the interest of the University Community at large to have the post Amnesty camp sited too close to the University;

Disturbed that on Monday, 16 November, 2009, it was alleged that some youth suspected to be ex-militants invaded the University Campus, raped female students, destroyed properties and disrupted the entire University Community;

Resolves to:

- (i) Commiserate with the victims, University Community and ensure that the victims are adequately compensated;
- (ii) Urge the Federal Government/Presidential Committee on Amnesty to as a matter of urgency relocate the Aluu Rehabilitation Camp to a more secluded area;
- (iii) Further urge the Federal Government/Presidential Committee on Amnesty to ensure prompt payment of all entitlement(s) to the ex-militants as at when due (*Hon. Betty Apiafi*).

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Leave out* all the words in Prayer (ii) (*Hon. Friday Itulah*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

- (ii) *Insert* a new Prayer (iv) as follows:
"Urge the Committee on Human Rights to investigate the incident and contact the rioters with a view to assuaging their pains" (*Hon. Betty Apiafi*).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to

The House:

Noted that the Presidential Committee on Amnesty opened a Post-Amnesty Camp in Aluu, within the precincts of the University of Port Harcourt;

Aware that the University of Port Harcourt has for sometime been bedeviled by criminal activities due to the activities of secret cults which the University Community had only recently brought under control;

Further aware that the ex-militants were still undergoing the process of rehabilitation and reintegration;

Worried that it was not in the interest of the University Community at large to have the post Amnesty camp sited too close to the University;

Disturbed that on Monday, 16 November, 2009, it was alleged that some youth suspected to be ex-militants invaded the University Campus, raped female students, destroyed properties and disrupted the entire University Community;

Resolved to:

- (i) Commiserate with the victims, University Community and ensure that the victims are adequately compensated;
- (ii) Urge the Federal Government/Presidential Committee on Amnesty to as a matter of urgency relocate the Aluu Rehabilitation Camp to a more secluded area;
- (iii) Further urge the Federal Government/Presidential Committee on Amnesty to ensure prompt payment of all entitlement(s) to the ex-militants as at when due;
- (iv) Also urge the Committee on Human Rights to investigate the incident and contact the rioters with a view to assuaging their pains (**HR. 85/2009**).

9. Urgent Need to Reduce Vehicular Accidents on Lokoja - Abuja Road:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Abuja - Lokoja Highway is a major and important road connecting the Northern part of the Federation, including Abuja, and the Southern States;

Further notes that the volume of traffic on the road is about the highest in the country;

Aware that due to the bad state of the road, ghastly vehicular accidents with heavy casualty figures are of daily occurrence on the road;

Further aware that the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) have declared Abuja-Lokoja road as the "Most Dangerous Road" in the federation and has done a lot in the evacuation of accident victims without recording any significant reduction in vehicular accidents on the road;

Worried that with the festive periods at hand, unless urgent steps are taken to reduce accidents on this road, more lives will be lost;

Further worried that dualization and rehabilitation of the road is on-going at a snail speed;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Safety Commission (FRSC) to draft more of its personnel on the road to check the activities of drivers and motorists;
- (ii) further urge the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to expedite action on the rehabilitation exercise;
- (iii) call on the Federal Ministry of Works to ensure speedy completion of the dualization and Rehabilitation works currently on-going and to sanction non-performing contractors handling the projects (*Hon. Umar Buba Jibril and 6 Others*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

"Call on Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to fill up the pot holes created in the course of rehabilitation of the roads, to arrest further mishaps on the roads" (*Hon. Baruba Bala*).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Abuja - Lokoja Highway is a major and important road connecting the Northern part of the Federation, including Abuja, and the Southern States;

Further noted that the volume of traffic on the road was about the highest in the country;

Aware that due to the bad state of the road, ghastly vehicular accidents with heavy casualty figures were of daily occurrence on the road;

Further aware that the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) have declared Abuja-Lokoja road as the "Most Dangerous Road" in the Federation and had done a lot in the evacuation of accident victims without recording any significant reduction in vehicular accidents on the road;

Worried that with the festive periods at hand, unless urgent steps were taken to reduce accidents on this road, more lives would be lost;

Further worried that dualization and rehabilitation of the road was on-going at a snail speed;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Safety Commission (FRSC) to draft more of its personnel on the road to check the activities of drivers and motorists;
- (ii) further urge the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to expedite action on the rehabilitation exercise;
- (iii) call on the Federal Ministry of Works to ensure speedy completion of the dualization and Rehabilitation works currently on-going and to sanction non-performing contractors handling the projects;
- (iv) further call on Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to fill up the pot holes created in the course of rehabilitation of the roads, to arrest further mishaps on the roads (HR. 86/2009).

10. Treatment of snake bite as a National Emergency:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House

Aware of the plight of snake infected areas in the country;

Notes the high incident of snake bites in Kaltungo and Shongom Local Government Areas of Gombe State and high rate of death arising from it as a result of lack of anti-venom vaccines;

Concerned about the high cost of Vaccines for the treatment, which cost ₦30,000.00 per dose for four viles;

Further aware of the existing partnership between the Federal Ministry of Health and a United Kingdom (UK) company for the production of vaccines for Snake bites;

Recall that there were budgetary provisions in 2007, 2008 and 2009 Appropriation Acts for the purchase of vaccines for the endemic areas which were not done;

Worried that snake bites centers in the States have no stock of the vaccines;

Resolves to:

- (i) direct the Committee on Health to investigate the level of implementation of the 2007, 2008 and 2009 Appropriation of the Federal Ministry of Health as it concerns purchase and distribution of these vaccines and report to the House within two weeks;
- (ii) ascertain the existing or otherwise of the said partnership between the Federal Ministry of Health and the United Kingdom (UK) Company for the production of snake vaccines, especially carpet viper snake, and the present level of this collaboration; and
- (iii) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to declare treatments of snake bites a National Emergency (*Hon. Adamu Gora Kalba and 22 Others*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to

The House:

Aware of the plight of snake infected areas in the country;

Noted the high incident of snake bites in Kaltungo and Shongom Local Government Areas of Gombe State and high rate of death arising from it as a result of lack of anti-venom vaccines;

Concerned about the high cost of Vaccines for the treatment, which cost ₦30,000.00 per dose for four viles;

Further aware of the existing partnership between the Federal Ministry of Health and a United Kingdom (UK) company for the production of vaccines for Snake bites;

Recalled that there were budgetary provisions in 2007, 2008 and 2009 Appropriation Acts for the purchase of vaccines for the endemic areas which were not done;

Worried that snake bites centers in the States have no stock of the vaccines;

Resolved to:

- (i) direct the Committee on Health to investigate the level of implementation of the 2007, 2008 and 2009 Appropriation of the Federal Ministry of Health as it concerns purchase and distribution of these vaccines and report to the House within two weeks;
- (ii) ascertain the existing or otherwise of the said partnership between the Federal Ministry of Health and the United Kingdom (UK) Company for the production of snake vaccines, especially carpet viper snake, and the present level of this collaboration; and
- (iii) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to declare treatments of snake bites a National Emergency (**HR. 87/2009**).

11. Rescission of the House Resolution on the proposed Loan of \$ 300 Million Loan from IDA Window of the World Bank:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House

Recalls that on 9th December 2009, a motion was passed declaring null and void the \$ 300 Million loan from the IDA window of the World Bank, purportedly approved/procured by the Executive without the approval of the National Assembly as required by the Constitution and the Debt Management Act No 18 of 2003;

Notes that subsequent upon moving the said motion, the Federal Ministry of Finance supplied further and better particulars revealing that the loan was in fact only being negotiated and yet to be procured;

Further notes that the loan is being procured for purposes of financing the Nigerian Electricity and Gas improvement project (NEGIP) which is critical to the power sector problem of the Nation;

Observes that the purported approval of the \$ 300 Million loan by the Federal Executive Council was in effect merely a mandate to the Ministry of Finance to process the said loan;

Notes that the acknowledgment of the Executive arm of Government that the said loan can not be procured without the express approval of the National Assembly as required by the extant statutes;

Further notes that the issues of concerns of the House was that of breach of procedure and not the substantive idea of procurement of the loan;

Observes that from the further and better particulars received on the transaction, it is evident that the transaction will benefit the power sector programme of the Government subject to procedural compliance;

Resolves to:

- (i) rescind its earlier Resolution of 9th December, 2009 on the matter;
- (ii) urge the Executive to proceed with the negotiation process and thereafter submit a comprehensive request to National Assembly as required by the extant statutes for approval to procure the loan (*Hon. Friday Inulah and 17 Others*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to

The House:

Recalled that on 9th December 2009, a motion was passed declaring null and void the \$ 300 Million loan from the IDA window of the World Bank, purportedly approved/procured by the Executive without the approval of the National Assembly as required by the Constitution and the Debt Management Act, No. 18 of 2003;

Noted that subsequent upon moving the said motion, the Federal Ministry of Finance supplied further and better particulars revealing that the loan was in fact only being negotiated and yet to be procured;

Further noted that the loan was being procured for purposes of financing the Nigerian Electricity and Gas improvement Project (NEGIP) which was critical to the power sector problem of the Nation;

Observed that the purported approval of the \$ 300 Million loan by the Federal Executive Council was in effect merely a mandate to the Ministry of Finance to process the said loan;

Noted that the acknowledgment of the Executive arm of Government that the said loan could not be procured without the express approval of the National Assembly as required by the extant statutes;

Further noted that the issues of concerns of the House was that of breach of procedure and not the substantive idea of procurement of the loan;

Observed that from the further and better particulars received on the transaction, it was evident that the transaction would benefit the power sector programme of the Government subject to procedural compliance;

Resolved to:

- (i) rescind its earlier Resolution of 9th December, 2009 on the matter;
- (ii) urge the Executive to proceed with the negotiation process and thereafter submit a comprehensive request to National Assembly as required by the extant statutes for approval to procure the loan (HR. 88/2009).

12. Extension of Sittings:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do extend the Day's Sitting to enable it deliberate on the other items on the Order Paper" (Hon. Tunde Akogun).

Question put and agreed to.

13. A Bill for an Act to Establish a National Order of Precedence of Public Officers and Other Persons in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 2009 — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish a National Order of Precedence of Public Officers and Other Persons in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 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.

14. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Agency for Foreign Assistance (NAFFA); and for Related Matters, 2009 — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Agency for Foreign Assistance (NAFFA); and for Related Matters, 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.

15. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Development Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2003 (as Amended), 2009 — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Development Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2003 (as Amended), 2009 be now read a Second Time" (Hon Godfrey Gaiya).

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 Governmental Affairs.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Maritime Security Agency to Promote Maritime Security and for Other Related Purposes, 2009 — Second Reading:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Maritime Security Agency to Promote Maritime Security and for Other 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 on Marine Transport.

17. **Consideration of Report:**

Committee on Finance:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Finance on the investigation into Revenue Generation and Non-remittance by Government Ministries, Department and Agencies and Statutory Corporations into the Federation Account and approve the Recommendations therein" (Hon. John Owan Enoh).

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)

Debate:

Recommendation (i):

"That the different Statutes that create funds and make financial provisions should be amended to comply with Section 162 (1) of the Constitution" (Hon. John Owan Enoh).

Amendment Proposed:

In line 2, immediately after the word "with", leave out all the other words and insert the words "sections 80 and 162 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999" instead thereof (Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa).

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

Recommendation (ii):

"That in the short term, Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) with such enabling laws should be compelled to immediately submit before the National Assembly quarterly reports of their revenues and remittances" (Hon. John Owan Enoh) — Agreed to.

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

"Operating Surplus.

That estimates of yearly revenue must be based on scientific facts and information, i.e. there must be specific basis for arriving at revenue estimates and assessments and this must be easily verifiable" (Hon. John Owan Enoh) — Agreed to.

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):

"That all expenditures incurred by Agencies of Government must be appropriated and under no circumstances whatsoever must any Government Agency spend its internally generated revenues without appropriation from the National Assembly" (Hon. John Owan Enoh) — Agreed to.

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (v):**"Unappropriated Expenditure.**

That the Committee recommends sanctions for revenue diversion, failure to remit collections, delayed remittance and revenue consumption without appropriation. There should also be sanction for low revenue collection without justification and budgetary allocation should henceforth be tied to revenue performance" (Hon. John Owan Enoh) — Agreed to.

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (vi):

"That the budgeting process must be strengthened to be all-inclusive and timely particularly in the release of allocation. Social services like hospitals and educational institutions cannot deliver in the absence of secured budgetary provisions" (Hon. John Owan Enoh) — Agreed to.

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (vii):**"Unremitted Tax.**

That the Committee recommends that Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) be mandated to urgently recover the ₦5.37 billion arrears of Withholding Tax (WHT), VAT and PAYE and that FIRS should develop a mechanism for tracking down unremitted taxes by ensuring that the Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) pay these taxes as at when due" (Hon. John Owan Enoh) — Agreed to.

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (viii):**"Accountant-General of the Federation (OAGF).**

That the office of the Accountant-General of the Federation (OAGF) should be authorised to deduct at source all outstanding arrears of Withholding Tax (WHT), VAT and PAYE standing in the name of any Agency of Government" (Hon. John Owan Enoh) — Agreed to.

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (ix):

"That the office of the Accountant-General of the Federation (OAGF) should be empowered to extend its revenue monitoring machinery to include other high income yielding Agencies not presently covered, e.g. Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), etc." (Hon. John Owan Enoh) — Agreed to.

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (x):

"That revenue accounts should be non-chequing while arrangement should be reached with commercial banks to mop up all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) current account balances into the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF). The mopping up should be done monthly for revenue accounts" (Hon. John Owan Enoh) — Agreed to.

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (xi):

"That Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) should be mandated to make proposals to the Budget Office on how they can increase revenue from their existing sources as well as how they can raise new sources of revenue" (Hon. John Owan Enoh) — Agreed to.

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (xii):

"That the office of the Accountant-General of the Federation (OAGF) should be authorised to deduct at source revenue collected by a Ministries, Department and Agency (MDA) which is not remitted on time. Authority should similarly be given to the office of the Accountant-General of the Federation (OAGF) to request Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to debit the account of any collecting bank that failed to remit monies collected by it on behalf of government" (Hon. John Owan Enoh) — Agreed to.

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (xiii):**"Concessions and Collectables.**

That previous executive grant of exemptions on duty should be reviewed and the process made more transparent in future. It is also recommended that every future grant must be for a definite period" (*Hon. John Owan Enoh*) — *Agreed to.*

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (xiv):**"Unlegislated Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).**

That urgent steps be taken to pass enabling laws for those Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) which are currently operating without legal backing" (*Hon. John Owan Enoh*) — *Agreed to.*

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (xv):**"Outstanding Debts.**

That all Government agencies with substantial public debts be mandated to urgently recover these debts and that they additionally be compelled to draw up a recovery plan and submit quarterly reports to the National Assembly on the progress made" (*Hon. John Owan Enoh*) — *Agreed to.*

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (xvi):**"Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), payments to Federation Account/Confirmation of crude oil Exports.**

That the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) should be compelled to firstly remit the totality of revenues arising from its crude oil take without the usual deduction of subsidy at source since the only agency statutorily charged with the responsibility for determining and payment of subsidies for the purpose of transparency in the Administration of the Petroleum Support Fund (PSF) is Petroleum Product Pricing and Regulatory Agency (PPPRA)" (*Hon. John Owan Enoh*) — *Agreed to.*

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (xvii):

"That the House Committee on Customs should be mandated to ensure that the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) fully discharges one of its primary mandate of independently recording the quantity of crude oil that is exported from the different terminals" (*Hon. John Owan Enoh*) — *Agreed to.*

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (xviii):**"Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and Port Concessioning.**

That the House Committee on Marine Transport should be mandated to undertake a study of the number and nature of port concession agreements to determine Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) remaining financial responsibilities in the country's Ports" (*Hon. John Owan Enoh*) — *Agreed to.*

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Finance on the investigation into Revenue Generation and Non-Remittance by Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies and Statutory Corporations into the Federation Account and amended Recommendation (i) and approved Recommendations (ii) - (xviii).

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

18. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do adjourn the First Sitting till 3.45 p.m. (Hon. Tunde Akogun).

Adjourned accordingly at 3.15 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 16 December, 2009, page 396, item 8.:

Leave out the Referral Order and insert the following instead thereof:

Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Joint Committee on Banking and Currency, Capital Market and Finance.