



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 29 November, 2007

1. The House met at 10.30 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, 28 November, 2007.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcements:**
 - (i) **Communications:**
Mr Speaker read the following Communications as follows:
 - (a) **Ministry of Defence:**



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21st November, 2007

*The RT. Hon. Speaker,
Office of the Speaker,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

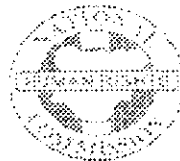
REQUEST FOR VIREMENT OF THE SUM OF 2 BILLION
IN THE 2007 CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE NIGERIAN
ARMY FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF LIFE
SAVING/BODY ARMOUR EQUIPMENT
TO THE NA PERSONNEL IN
SENSITIVE OPERATIONS

I am directed to kindly request for your kind consideration and approval, the virement of the sum of 2 Billion in the Nigerian Army Capital Budget 2007 earmarked for the procurement of Floating Foldable Bridge to enable the Nigerian Army procure life saving items for its troops in sensitive operations.

2. Procurement of the Life Saving Items became a top priority of the Nigerian Army considering the increasing exposure of our troops in providing security to the Niger Delta Region and the protection of our National Economic Assets as well as those in peace keeping operations such as the Dafur Region of Sudan.
3. The Chief of Army Staff had requested for the immediate procurement of the Life Saving Items in place of the Floating Foldable Bridge to reduce avoidable casualties such as the one recently experienced in Dafur, Sudan.
4. The sum of 2 Billion was appropriated in the Nigerian Army 2007 Capital Budget for the procurement of Floating Foldable Bridge. However, taking cognizance of the challenge faced by the troops in sensitive operations and the fact that, the Nigerian Army has one serviceable Bridge retrieved from River Jalingo and another one to be delivered by December, 2007, hence the need to vire the amount became imperative.
5. The Life Saving Items are:—
 - (a) Bullet Proof Vests and Life Jacket (combined in one) automatic Rifle resistible with pump.
 - (b) Bullet Proof Double padded Camouflage Helmets automatic Rifle resistible.
6. The purpose of this letter is therefore to request your kind approval of the virement.
7. Please accept the Hon. Minister of Defence highest regards Sir.

(Signed)
B. GONI AJI
Ag. Permanent Secretary
for: Hon. Minister of Defence

(b) **National Human Rights Commission**



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Date: 26/11/2007

The Hon. Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Your Excellency,

REQUEST FOR VIREMENT APPROVAL

The National Human Rights Commission hereby graciously seeks your intervention in the kind consideration and approval of the Honourable Members to Vire the sum of 15,000,000.00 (fifteen million Naira) being excess in our Personnel Cost Account to our Capital Account.

Precisely, the virement is needed to enable the Commission purchase operational vehicles (a Prado Jeep and one other utility vehicle) and at least 10 sets of complete computers for its investigative and advocacy work.

The Commission at present has in its fleet only one (1) old Toyota Hiace Bus, purchased about ten (10) years ago, which cost of maintenance has become very high due to persistent wear and tear. Indeed the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) had in the past impounded the vehicle because of its state of disrepair.

The crisis in the Niger Delta amongst others which have brought to the fore a horde of Human Rights issues; the advent of the present administration and the concomitant National Action Plan on Human Rights and Rule of Law make it incumbent on the Commission to step up its investigations, advocacy and ancillary functions.

There is however, regrettably a dearth of adequate logistics for the staff to carry out these functions such as project vehicles and computers.

It is in the light of the foregoing that the Commission looks forward to your kind consideration and approval of the virement of the sum of 15,000,000.00 (Fifteen Million Naira only) from the personnel cost to the capital head.

The Virement, if approved will not put the Personnel Cost Account in deficit, but would help to mitigate the situation as the problem of transportation of staff on official assignments shall be partly solved. While investigative and advocacy works shall be greatly enhanced with the purchase of the computers.

Pursuant to this application and in line with due process, 3 (three) different quotations were received from potential suppliers of each of the items needed, copies of which have been attached to this request for your perusal and kind consideration.

For the vehicles, the quotation from Globe Motors which quoted the lowest amount of 8,888,888.88 (Eight Million, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty Eight Naira, Eighty-Eight Kobo) is recommended for the Prado Jeep, while that of ASD Motors Ltd is recommended for the Peugeot 406 Salon at the lowest amount of 3,701,250=00 (Three Million Seven Hundred and One Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Naira Only) for your approval.

For the computers, the quotation from Chelsea Computer Systems has the lowest amount of 2,095,000.00 (Two Million and Ninety Five Thousand Naira) only for ten sets of complete computers. This is recommended for your consideration and approval.

We have also attached herewith copy of the letter written to the Honourable Minister of Finance through the Honourable Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, on the virement request.

Please accept the assurances of the highest esteem and consideration of the Commission.

(Signed)

MRS K. F. AJONI
Executive Secretary

(c) *House of Representatives*



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Our Ref:

Your Ref:

28 November, 2007

Hon. Speaker,
House of Representatives

REQUEST FOR VIREMENT

I am hereby requesting for virement of the sum of One billion five hundred million Naira (1,500,000,000) to enable the House to purchase equipment for members as well as utility vehicles.

Towards this end, the sum of Five hundred million earlier meant for up-grade of fire protection point; Two hundred million earlier meant for the establishment of TV substation and oversight function enhancement fund of Eight hundred million (800 million) totaling One billion five hundred million (1,500,000,000) are requested for Virement to the subhead of Office Equipment for Members as well as Utility vehicles.

It will be highly appreciated if this request is honoured.

Thank you.

(Signed)

Hon. Festus Adegoke
Chairman

(d) Office of the Clerk to the National Assembly



OFFICE OF THE CLERK TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
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MEMO

From: Clerk to the National Assembly

To: The Honourable Speaker

Reference: NASS/CNA/SA/11/Vol. 1/43

Date: 23rd November, 2007

SUBJECT: RE: APPROVAL FOR VIREMENT BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

I wish to forward hereto, a copy of letter No.CM.181/T/1 dated 20th November, 2007 from the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation.

The letter conveys Government decision with regard to the process to be followed in securing virements from the National Assembly by Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAS) and also identified the Office (Clerk to the National Assembly) that is responsible for signing virement approval letters.

Kindly note this development and assist to bring same to the attention of all concerned.

Thanks.

(Signed)

NASIRU I. ARAB
Clerk to the National Assembly

(ii) **Obituary:**

Mr Speaker acquainted the House with the death of Hon. Isaac Ruzama Jimba, Member House of Representatives (1999 - 2007), on Saturday, 17th November, 2007. He would be buried at his residence in Oguma, Bassa Local Government Area of Kogi State on Saturday, 1st December, 2007.

(iii) Bereavement:

Mr Speaker informed the House of the death of the mother of Hon. Olakunle K. Salako, which occurred on Tuesday, 27 November, 2007. The celebration of the final funeral rites would take place on Tuesday, 4 December, 2007, at Ijamido Hall Ota, Ogun State.

4. Petitions:

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

- (i) Hon. Samaila A. Mohammed (Bassa/Jos North Federal Constituency), from the former staff of the Nigerian Mining Corporation Jos, praying the House to investigate their wrongful disengagement from the Corporation and grant the reliefs sought therein.
- (ii) Hon. Samaila A. Mohammed (Bassa/Jos North Federal Constituency), from 4 staff of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies Kuru, Jos, praying the House to investigate the non-compliance of the Common Public Petitions findings on their wrongful dismissal from the Organization and to grant the reliefs sought therein.
- (iii) Hon. Samaila A. Mohammed (Bassa/Jos North Federal Constituency), from Kabiru Yakubu, praying the House to Investigate the non-payment of his terminal benefits and grant the reliefs sought.

3. Virement of the sum of One Billion Five Hundred Million Naira (₦1,500,000,000.00) for the House of Representatives:

Motion made and Question proposed,

The House:

Notes, the request by the House of Representatives to vire the sum of ₦1,500,000,000.00 from the Sub-heads on Upgrading of Fire Protection Point, Establishment of Television Station and Oversight Function Enhancement with a total allocation of ₦1,500,000,000.00 in the 2007 Appropriation and the 2007 Supplementary Appropriations Act to enable the House purchase Office Equipments for the use of the entire Members, as well as purchase utility vehicles for the Principal Officers of the House;

Further notes, the necessity of this virement for the effective implementation of the 2007 Appropriations Act and to enable the House function effectively;

Resolves:

That, the total sum of ₦1,500,000,000.00 be vired by the House of Representatives pursuant to Section 3 of the 2007 Appropriation Act (*Hon. Festus A. Adegoke and 1 Other*).

Debate:

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

The House:

Noted, the request by the House of Representatives to vire the sum of ₦1,500,000,000.00 from the Sub-heads on Upgrading of Fire Protection Point, Establishment of Television Station and Oversight Function Enhancement with a total allocation of ₦1,500,000,000.00 in the 2007 Appropriation and the 2007 Supplementary Appropriations Act to enable the House purchase Office Equipments for the use of the entire Members, as well as purchase utility vehicles for the Principal Officers of the House;

Further noted, the necessity of this virement for the effective implementation of the 2007 Appropriations Act and to enable the House function effectively;

Resolved:

That, the total sum of ₦1,500,000,000.00 be vired by the House of Representatives pursuant to Section 3 of the 2007 Appropriation Act (**HR. 19/2007**).

4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Competition Commission and for Purposes Connected Therewith, 2007. Second Reading

Order read, deferred.

5. Suspension of Plenary Session:

Mr Speaker remarked that all the Sub-Committees of the Committee on Appropriations were actively engaged in the Budget Hearings on the 2008 Appropriation Bill. Consequently, he declared that Plenary Sessions would be suspended till Tuesday, 11 December, 2007, to allow the Sub-Committees ample time to conclude the Hearings on the Report.

7. Approval of Votes and Proceedings:

Motion made, "That this House do adopt the Votes and Proceedings of This Day, Thursday, 29 November, 2007" (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Question put and agreed to.

Votes and Proceedings of This Day, Thursday, 29 November, 2007, adopted accordingly.

6. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday, 11 December, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.05 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker