



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 12 December, 2007

1. The House met at 2.55 p.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) **Visitor:**
Mr Speaker announced the presence in the Gallery of the National Association of Physical Science Students of the University of Benin.
 - (ii) **Communication:**
Mr Speaker read a letter from the Defence Intelligence Agency as follows:

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Date: 10 December, 2007

Ref.No: DIA/36/3/A

*The Honourable Speaker House of Representative
National Assembly
ABUJA*

Sir,

UTILISATION OF BALANCE OF OUTSTANDING 2007 CAPITAL PROJECT

1. I have the honour to most respectfully state that, the Agency wishes to humbly appreciate the level of funding of the Federal Government in supporting the functionality of its Defence Attache System. The previous laudable efforts of the government to ameliorate the difficulties being encountered by the Nigerian

Defence Sections abroad were timely and immeasurable. However, it became evident during the 2007 Annual Defence Advisers/Attaches Conference that if the Defence Intelligence Agency is to be fully repositioned to fulfill its mandate, a further measure of intervention is expedient.

2. *Incidentally, the Agency has an unutilized funds in its 2007 capital appropriation amounting to ₦250,000,000.00 being the cost of supply and installation of Agency Terrorist and Monitoring Equipment. In order to improve the overall efficiency of the Mission the Agency has identified some critical areas for funding in this phase. Consequently, the following problem areas which are discussed in the subsequent paragraphs were identified:*

- a. *Lack of vehicles*
- b. *Security*
- c. *Alternative Source of Power*

LACK OF VEHICLES

3. *Most of the Defence Missions lack appropriate operational vehicles. Most of the available vehicles are 'scraps' which are beyond economic repairs. Sum of \$888,000, £88,000 and €45,000 (₦136,917,375.00) would be required to procure some vehicles for the missions. The affected missions are listed at Column C of Annex A.*

SECURITY

4. *Statutorily, the Defence Sections (where it exists) are required to provide the physical security to the Chancery and its material assets. In the same vein, the importance of secured communication for depriving the adversaries or potential enemies' access to intelligence can not be overemphasized. Meanwhile, it is believed that the communication between the Defence Sections/HQ DIA/other essential agencies are presently not secured. Consequently, the sum of \$508,345, £16330 and €8,000 (₦70,156,625.00) are being sought for that purpose.*

ALTERNATIVE SOURCE OF POWER

5. *The erratic power supply is predominant in most of the African countries in which some of the missions are located. In view of the fact that the Chancery are usually equipped with back up power, the same cannot be said of the DAs accommodation. There is therefore the need to provide alternative power supply to the affected accommodation areas by procuring some generators for their use. The Missions mostly affected with their respective cost implication are detailed out in Column E of Annex A and a total sum of \$335,000 (₦42,926,000.00) would be required.*

SUMMARY

6. *It will be highly appreciated if the NASS could kindly vire ₦250,000,000.00 from the supply and installation of Terrorist and Monitoring Equipment to provide the necessary succour to the Defence Missions to cover the following capital items:*

a.	<i>Provision of Vehicles</i>	—	<i>\$888,000, £88,000 and €45,000 (136,917,375.00)</i>
b.	<i>Security</i>	—	<i>\$508,345, £16,330 and €8,000 (₦70,156,625.00).</i>
c.	<i>Alternative Source of Power</i>	—	<i>\$335,000 (₦42,026,000.00)</i>
	<i>Total</i>	=	<i>₦249,100,375.00</i>

7. *Please accept the esteem assurances of the Chief of Defence Intelligence.*

(Signed)
OD FALABI
Colonel
for Chief of Defence Intelligence

Request referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

(iii) ICJ Judgment: The Green Tree Agreement between Nigeria and Cameroon:

The Message of the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria in respect of the ICJ Judgment and The Green Tree Agreement between Nigeria and Cameroon vide the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 11 December, 2007, page 201. Referred to the Joint Committees on Justice, Human Rights, State and Local Governments and Special Duties.

4. Petitions:

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

- (i) Hon. Emmanuel Jime (*Makurdi/Guma Federal Constituency*), from Folio Communications Ltd, praying the House to prevail on the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) and others to obey Court Judgment and pay all their claims as contained in the said judgement;
- (ii) Hon. Emmanuel Jime (*Makurdi/Guma Federal Constituency*), from Michael Maigari and 3 others, praying the House to intervene in their alleged dismissal from service of the Nigeria Police Force and grant the reliefs sought therein.
- (iii) Hon. Bassey Edet Otu (*Calabar Municipal/Odukpani Federal Constituency*), from DSC Edem C.O., praying the House to investigate his alleged wrongful termination of Appointment by the Nigeria Customs Service and grant the reliefs sought therein;
- (iv) Hon. Bassey Edet Otu (*Calabar Municipal/Odukpani Federal Constituency*), from Dr Godson Ewulum, praying the House to investigate the activities of Police Equipment Fund with a view to stopping the Monumental fraud perpetrated by its Management Team;
- (v) Hon. Emeka Ihedioha (*Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency*), from Dr Anthony Chukwuemeka Ibe, praying the House to investigate his illegal arrest and detention at Hutton Centre, St Lukes Hospital, Marston Road, Middlesbrough, England and grant other reliefs sought therein;
- (vi) Hon. Eze Chukwudi Mayor (*Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency*), from members of the Nigerian Union of Traders Association in Ghana, praying the House to intervene in the alleged closure of duly registered shops owned by Nigerians in Ghana, by the Ghana Investment Promotion Centre in collaboration with the Ghanaian Ministry of Trade and Industry and grant other reliefs sought therein;
- (vii) Hon. Daemi Kunaiyi-Akpanah (*Asari/Toru Federal Constituency*), from Mr Reginald Word, praying the House to investigate his alleged unlawful detention by the State Security Service officials and grant other reliefs sought therein;
- (viii) Hon. Beni Lar (*Langtang North/South Federal Constituency*), from Dr N. P. Kazi, praying the House to prevail on the authority of Federal College of Education, Pankshin, Plateau State to reinstate him as the Ag. Provost of the Institution.

5. Presentation of Reports:**(i) Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the petition by Fatima Adebayo against the Nigeria Police:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Fatima Adebayo against the Nigeria Police" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

(ii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the petition by Miss Bosede Faleke against the Management of Hotel Dabrass:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Miss Bosede Faleke against the Management of Hotel Dabrass" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

(iii) *Committee on Public Petitions:*

Report on the petition by Mrs Esther Oyinlola Majekodunmi against the Federal Inland Revenue Service:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mrs Esther Oyinlola Majekodunmi against the Federal Inland Revenue Service" (Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

House in Executive Session

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3.35 p.m.

House in Plenary

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4.38 p.m.

6. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 13 December, 2007 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 4.45 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker