



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 6 May, 2004

1. The House met at 10.45 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, 5 May, 2004.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. **Special Session in Honour of late Hon. Altine Oga Idikwu:**
Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do meet in a Special Session in honour of late Hon. Altine Oga Idikwu who died on Wednesday, April 14, 2004 (Hon. Abdul Ningi).

Question put and agreed to.

4. **Suspension of Order XVI, Rule (4):**
Motion made and Question proposed, That Order XVI, Rule (4) of the Standing Orders be suspended to admit members of the family of late Hon. Altine Oga Idikwu to the Chamber for the purpose of the Special Session (Hon. Abdul Ningi).

Question put and agreed to.

Order accordingly suspended.

5. **Condolence Address by the Hon. Speaker:**
Hon. Members, we have assembled in this chamber this morning as a mark of honour and respect for our departed beloved colleague, Hon. Altine Oga Idikwu who passed on to eternal glory on the 14th of April this year. We will pay tributes to this fine and illustrious Nigerian who devoted his entire legislative career to the service of this country.

The death of Hon. Altine Idikwu is a big loss to his family, Benue State, the National Assembly and indeed the entire workers of this country he served selflessly in his capacity as Chairman of the House Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity from 1999 until his death. We shall sorely miss his warmth and friendship, his love for the down trodden and workers of this country.

We interacted closely with Hon. Altine Idikwu and he manifested loyalty to his country, constituted authorities, humility and the fear of God Almighty. It is no wonder, therefore, that on his re-election to the House of Representatives in June 2003, he was re-appointed Chairman, House Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity, a position he held in the last legislative dispensation. It was obvious to us and his associates that he loved the workers of this country and was committed to ensuring that their rights were not trampled upon. This was evident in the role he played during the last nationwide strike following the sudden increase in the prices of petroleum products.

On behalf of all the members of this Honourable House, I extend my condolences to the family left behind to the Nigerian workers he ably represented in this House and to the Government and people of Benin State. May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

HON. ALTINE OGA IDIKWU

(Tributes)

End of Tributes — 12.15 p.m.

Question: *That this House do adjourn sine die the Special Session in honour of late Hon. Altine Oga Idikwu, agreed to.*

6. **Adjournment:**

That this House do stand adjourned till Tuesday, 11 May, 2004 at 10.00 a.m. (Hon. Abdul Ningi).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.20 p.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker