



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 25 May, 2004

1. The House met at 12.30 p.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Apology for Late Commencement of Sitting:**
Mr Deputy Speaker apologized for the late commencement of sitting and ascribed the delay to the inauguration of the Women Parliamentary Caucus.
3. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 20 May, 2004.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

4. **Messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:**
Mr Deputy Speaker read the following Messages from the President, Commander-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:
(i)



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

PRES/134

May 3, 2004

*The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone,
Asokoro - Abuja.*

Dear Hon. Speaker,

PRESENTATION OF A BILL

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the House, the attached Bill for the Domestication of the Agreement on the Establishment of the West African Monetary Zone (WAMZ) and Matters Connected Therewith.

I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Honourable Members of the House.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

(ii)



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

PRES/134

20 May, 2004

Hon. (Alhaji) Aminu Bello Masari,
Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone,
Asokoro - Abuja.

Dear Hon. Speaker,

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

I have received, with great pleasure and appreciation, the House proceedings on Wednesday, May 19, 2004, with respect to my letter requesting for the action of the House of Representatives on my proclamation of a state of emergency in Plateau State.

The near unanimous endorsement by the Lower Chamber of the National Assembly of the motion in support of the proclamation has filled most Nigerians with new hope and inspiration.

I want to use this opportunity to thank you and other Distinguished and Honourable Members of PDP and ANPP in the House for this prompt and positive action. I am also to convey the appreciation of the Federal Government of Nigeria, our great Party—Peoples Democratic Party (PDP)—and all well-meaning Nigerians for this significant development. I am confident it will have salutary effect on our political stability and security, and give commonality of purpose and direction to our political, social and economic initiatives, programmes and development.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration and convey my appreciation to all the responsible Honourable Members for their positive and patriotic action.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

(iii)



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

PRES/134

21 May, 2004

Hon. (Alhaji) Aminu Bello Masari,
Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone,
Asokoro - Abuja.

Dear Hon. Speaker,

**STATE OF EMERGENCY IN PLATEAU STATE) PROCLAMATION:
EMERGENCY POWERS REGULATIONS**

Please refer to your kind approval of the State of Emergency (Plateau State) Proclamation 2004. Sequel to the State of emergency, there is urgent need to make consequential Regulations for the administration of the Government of the State. The Regulations are made under Section 3 of the Emergency Powers Act 1961 (as modified). Under Section 5 of the said Act, every Regulation so made requires approval by resolution of each House of the National Assembly within two months of the coming into operation of the Regulations.

I hereby forward the under-listed Regulations for your consideration and approval, please:

- (1) *Emergency Powers (General) Regulations, 2004*
- (2) *Emergency Powers (Processions and Meetings, etc.)*
- (3) *Emergency Powers (Reporting of Persons) Regulations, 2004*
- (4) *Emergency Powers (Control of Arms and Explosives) Regulations, 2004*
- (5) *Emergency Powers (Curfew) Regulations, 2004*
- (6) *Emergency Powers (Detention of Persons) Regulations, 2004*
- (7) *Emergency Powers (Restriction Orders) Regulations, 2004*
- (8) *Emergency Powers (Protected Places) Regulations, 2004*

Please accept the assurances of my highest regards and esteem.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

5. Announcements:

Mr Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following letters which he read as follows:

(i)



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May 20, 2004

*His Excellency,
Hon. Aminu B. Masari,
Hon. Speaker of the House
National Assembly,
Abuja.*

Your Excellency,

RE - EXCESS CRUDE ACCOUNT

In line with the requirement for us to report quarterly the money in the Excess Crude Account, please find below the amount for Excess Crude Account, PPT and Royalty for the months of January, February, and March, 2004. We are also including the December figure which is a carry-over from last year.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed)

Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
Minister of Finance

(ii)



THE PRESIDENCY

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24-05-04

*Your Excellency,
Rt Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.*

Re: Invitation to An Informal Dinner/Dance Party

After a very active first quarter of Legislative activities, we all deserve sometime to relax and calm our nerves; more so as Democracy Day is fast approaching including the end of this session's calendar.

2. *In this regard Your Excellency, Mr Speaker, I write to formally inform you and the entire Members of the House of Representatives that we have put together, a very informal dinner/dance get-together with Lagbaja on stage at the NICON HILTON Congress Hall on the 26th May, 2004 at 8.00 p.m.*
3. *Invitation cards have since been distributed.*
4. *God bless.*

(Signed)

Senator (Princess) Florence Ita-Giwa
*Special Adviser to the President
on National Assembly Matters.*

6. Petition:***Detention of 13 Opuana Youths:***

Hon. Ebikekeme Ere presented a petition on behalf of Opuana Kingdom Council of Chiefs in Bayelsa State. The petitioners protested the detention without justification of 13 community youths by the Nigerian Navy and prayed the House to intervene in the matter with a view to securing the release of the detainees.

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

7. Presentation of Report:

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Health on the investigation into Oral Polio Vaccine Controversy (*Hon. Jeff. Ojinika*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. A Bill for an Act to Prescribe the Basis for Allocation of Revenue Standing to the Credit of Local Government Councils and Area Councils in the Federation Account and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2004 — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Bill for an Act to Prescribe the Basis for Allocation of Revenue Standing to the Credit of Local Government Councils and Area Councils in the Federation Account and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2004 be now read a Second Time (*Hon. G. E. Nnaji*).

Debate:

Debate adjourned till the next Legislative Day and a 10-Member Committee comprising of Hon. Bala Ibn Na-Allah, Chairman; Hon. Alex Nwofe, Hon. Obeten Obeten, Hon. Wunmi Bewaji, Hon. Moh. Kumalia, Hon. Victor Lar, Hon. West-Idahosa, Hon. Patricia Udogu and Hon. 'Yemi Oluwole was constituted to examine the constitutional issues raised during debate and report to the House tomorrow, 26 May, 2004.

9. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 26 May, 2004 at 2.00 p.m. (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Adjourned accordingly at 2.00 p.m.

Austin Opara
Deputy Speaker