



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Wednesday, 2 May, 2012

1. The House met at 11.25 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 26 April, 2012.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcement:**
Mr Speaker reminded all Standing Committees of the directive to properly scrutinize the enabling laws of the various Government Agencies under their jurisdiction, with a view to proposing amendments where necessary, in order to bring the outdated laws in conformity with the provisions of the 1999 Constitution.

4. **Petitions:**
The following petitions were presented and laid by:

Hon. Ibrahim Olaifa (*Oluyole Federal Constituency*):

- (a) on behalf of 28 former Members of staff of the National Horticultural Research Institute Idi-Ishin, Ibadan, praying the House to intervene in their alleged wrongful dismissal from the service of the Organisation, with a view to reinstating them and ensuring justice;
- (b) from Aare J. B. Lawson and Co. on behalf of CSP (Sir) Benjamin Ishado Akande (KSJI) (*retd*), and others, praying the House to investigate the alleged anomalies in the new pension administration as it affected them, with a view to rectifying the observed disparities and granting other reliefs sought in their petition.

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. **Presentation of Reports:**
 - (i) **Committee on Niger Delta Ministry:**
"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Niger Delta Ministry on the Cancellation of Section I of the Reconstruction of the East West Road Contract".

Order, deferred by leave of the House, pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 48 (2).

- (ii) **Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream):**
That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) on the Abandoned Mega Filling Station at Burutu, in Burutu Federal Constituency of Delta State".

Order deferred, by leave of the House, pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 48 (2).

(iii) Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream):

"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) on the Urgent Need for the Commencement of Green field Refinery at Itobe".

Order, by leave of the House deferred, pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 48 (2).

6. Waste and Refuse Dumping in Our Rivers and Waterways:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes Nigeria is blessed with abundant Rivers and Waterways in almost every of its geological formation, the biggest of which are the Rivers Niger and Benue;

Further notes that Rivers constitute over 75% of the sustainable, supply and available water for diverse use in Agric (Fishing, Farming), Domestic (Drinking, Washing), Commercial (Transport, Industrial use) to mention a few;

Worried that despite its ubiquity, dearth of potable water remains one of the most honoured and long standing developmental issues in our standard of living index;

Further worried that according to the United Nation Conference on Human Settlement Report, One-Sixth of the waste generated within most low and middle income settlements are not collected, they usually end up at illegal spaces which includes Rivers and Waterways;

Disturbed that most towns, particularly the rural areas are devoid of toilet facilities, let alone modern toilets, thereby resulting to the use of streams as an evacuation mechanism;

Further disturbed that cultural belief perception, attitude, low education has significantly contributed to this unhealthy and unfashionable way of life, resulting occasionally into outbreak of certain epidemics and water borne diseases;

Also worried that the inadequacy and inefficiency of waste management equipment and personnel respectively engenders indiscriminate waste disposal habit into our Streams/Rivers.

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Ministries of Health and Environment to embark on advocacy and enlightenment campaign to educate the people on the danger of pollution on the waterways (*Hon. Segun Williams — Abeokuta South Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Motion made and Question proposed: "That the House do dispense with notice on amendments pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 56" (*Hon. Albert T. Sam-Tsokwa — Dunga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*) — *Agreed to*

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in the Prayer and *insert* instead thereof as follows:

"Urge the Federal Ministries of Health and Environment to embark on advocacy and enlightenment campaign to educate the people on the danger of pollution on the waterways, while it provides alternative means of both human and material waste disposal" (*Hon. Gogo Bright Tamuno — Okrika/Ogu/Bilo Federal Constituency*).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Nigeria is blessed with abundant Rivers and Waterways in almost every of its geological formation, the biggest of which are the Rivers Niger and Benue;

Further noted that Rivers constitute over 75% of the sustainable, supply and available water for diverse use in Agric (Fishing, Farming), Domestic (Drinking, Washing), Commercial (Transport, Industrial use) to mention a few;

Worried that despite its ubiquity, dearth of potable water remains one of the most honoured and long standing developmental issues in our standard of living index;

Further worried that according to the United Nation Conference on Human Settlement Report, One-Sixth of the waste generated within most low and middle income settlements are not collected, they usually end up at illegal spaces which includes Rivers and Waterways;

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Also worried that the inadequacy and inefficiency of waste management equipment and personnel respectively engenders indiscriminate waste disposal habit into our Streams/Rivers.

Resolved to:

Urge the Federal Ministries of Health and Environment to embark on advocacy and enlightenment campaign to educate the people on the danger of pollution on the waterways, while it provides alternative means of both human and material waste disposal (HR. 91/2012).

7. Urgent Need for the Rehabilitation of the Ugboju-Onyagede Ankpa Federal Road:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the single lane Ugboju-Onyagede Ankpa Road is a major Federal Highway linking most of the States in the Southwest with the Northern Part of the country;

Worried that the deplorable state of this very important highway has been causing frequent road mishaps, which have severally resulted in the loss of several lives and properties, loss of man-hours and unprecedented health implication to road users;

Further worried that the deplorable state of the Roads is now impassable and a death trap causing untold hardship to the people of Benue State and other neighbouring States;

Concerned that commercial socio economic activities cutting across the South East, South West and North Central Geographical Zones are facing a downward trend and disruption due to the deplorable state of the Road.

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Ministry of Works and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to as a matter of urgency to initiate the process to rehabilitate the road (Hon. Ezekiel A. Adaji — Ohimini/Otukpo Federal Constituency).

Question put and agreed to.

Resolution referred to the Committee on FERMA, and Works, pursuant to Standing Order VIII, Rule 51 (5) (HR. 92/2012).

8. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and for Related Matters — Second Reading:

Order, by leave of the House deferred, pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 48 (2).

9. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, 2007 No. 7 to appoint a Person other than the Governor as the Chairman of the Board of the Bank, exclude Deputy Governors and Directors as Members of the Board, divest the Board of the Power of Consideration and approval of the Annual Budget of the Bank; and for Other Related Matters — Second Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, 2007 No. 7 to appoint a Person other than the Governor as the Chairman of the Board of the Bank, exclude Deputy Governors and Directors as Members of the Board, divest the Board of the Power of Consideration and approval of the Annual Budget of the Bank; and for Other Related Matters be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question that the Bill be now read a Second time, put and agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Banking and Currency, and Justice.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Scholarship Board and for Other Connected Purposes — Second Reading:**

Order read; by leave of the House, deferred.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Assisted Reproduction Authority to among others regulate the Practice of Assisted Reproductive Techniques in Nigeria and for Related Matters — Second Reading:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Assisted Reproduction Authority to among others regulate the Practice of Assisted Reproductive Techniques in Nigeria and for Related Matters be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Kigbu Joseph Haruna — Lafia/Obi Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question that the Bill be now read a Second time, put and agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Health, and Justice.

12. **Consolidation of Bills:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Consumer Protection Council Act, Cap. C25 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to modify its Composition, widen the scope of its Functions and Powers in order to Provide for a Broader and more effective Council and for Related Matters and a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Consumer Protection Council Act, Cap. C25, of the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 and to Re Enact the Consumer Protection Agency Act, 2011; to Provide for the Establishment of an Investigation Unit, ensure Effective Civil Action for Damages and Other Unfair or Deceptive Practices, ensure Discontinuance of Prohibited Acts, among Other Things Complement Other Laws Governing Restraints of Trade, Unfair Competition and Unfair, Deceptive and Fraudulent Acts or Practices in Order to Protect the Public and Foster Fair and Honest Competition and for Other Related Matters be now consolidated." (*Hon. Albert Sam Tsokwa — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

Question that the Bills be consolidated, put and agreed to.

13. **Closed Session:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do resolve into Closed Session" (*Hon. Mulikat Adeola-Akande — House Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

House in Closed Session — 1.27 p.m.

House in Open Session — 4.00 p.m.

14. **Adjournment:**

That this House do adjourn till Thursday, 3 May, 2012 at 11.00 a.m. (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 4.05 p.m.