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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Tuesday, 24th April, 2007

The House met at 10.25 a.m.

PRAYERS

(The Speaker in the Chair)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

The Speaker: Hon. Members, I have examined and approved the Votes and proceedings of Thursday, 22nd March, 2007.

WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE SPEAKER

Hon. Members and Colleagues, I am glad to welcome you back from the Polls.

When we were sworn-in on June 3, 2003, as Hon. Members of this august Assembly, the atmosphere was filled with optimism and hope for a better future for this country. We were confident that we would make a difference that we would impact positively on the lives of the people of this country having sworn and affirmed to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999. We also prayed for God to help us.

As Representatives of the people, and with abiding faith in the unity and future of this country, we have in the past 3 years and 11 months worked very hard to promote and sustain the democratic ideals bequeathed to us by our founding fathers. We have remained committed to the ideals of peace, order and good governance. With your unflinching support, this House has remained united in the pursuit and achievement of the duties and responsibilities conferred on it in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999. These achievements would remain indelible irrespective of what critics would say.

Hon. Members, would recall that on Thursday, 22 March, 2007, Plenary Sessions of the House were suspended to enable us join our brothers and sisters out there to celebrate the Eid-El-Maloud and Easter festivities as well as play active roles in the conduct of the just concluded General Elections. We are now on

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our last lap. We have identified a few Bills and other legislative measures requiring our attention. I appeal to Members to work expeditiously to pass the Bills before the end of the Session. I therefore urge all of us to rededicate ourselves in the discharge of our constitutional and statutory duties till the end of the journey - which is just in sight.

May God Almighty bless us all.

Long live the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker: After reading the announcements, I will call on the Chairman, Election and Electoral Matters to brief us in the interim before we take up the matter next week Tuesday.

While we were on Recess, we have received so many communications. The first one reads as follows:

*The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives
National Assembly,
Abuja.*

Dear Hon. Speaker,

**PRESENTATION OF YEAR 2007 BUDGET OF
THENIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

I am forwarding herewith the 2007 Budget of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) for consideration and approval of the House of the Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The budget is presented in two volumes. Volume 1 captures the Commission's internal requirements for personnel, recurrent and capital expenditures while Volume 2 is the Projects Budget, capturing provisions for the Commission's development interventions.

The 2007 budget also embodies a renewed quest to pursue the implementation of the quick impact Projects (QIPs) and the Foundation Programs of the Master Plan as well as the completion of various ongoing projects and programs of the Commission.

While it will be most appreciated if the budget is given urgent consideration and approval, please

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accept, Mr. Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely

(Signed)
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO.

The next one reads as follows:

*The Hon. Speaker,
House of Representative,
National Assembly,
Three- Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Hon. Speaker,

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE
APPOINTMENTS OF CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
OF THE NATIONAL HAJJ COMMISSION OF
NIGERIA (NAHCON) BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES**

Sequel to my recent assent to the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) (Establishment) Bill 2006 and in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Section 3(2) of the Act, I write to inform the Honourable House that, after due consultation, I have resolved to appoint the following persons as Chairman and Members of the NAHCON.

*A Chairman/Chief Executive Officer – Alhaji
Muhammad Musa Bello*

B Three Full-Time Members:

- i) Alhaji Laidi Tella*
- ii) Dr. Badmus O. Yusuf*
- iii) Dr. Sheikh Saleh Okenwa*

*C Six Part- Time Members representing the Geo-
Political Zones:*

- i) South East - Sheikh Adams Idoko*
- ii) South West - Alhaja Fatimah Oyekan*
- iii) South South - Alhaji Ahmed Efebill*
- iv) North Central - Sheikh Musa Isa*
- v) North West - Alhaji Salisu Ado Shinkafi*
- vi) North East - Hajiya Hannatu Sanda Birma*

D. Representatives of the following Ministries.

- i) Aviation - Capt. Shehu Usman Iyal*
- ii) Foreign Affairs - Alhaji Mahdi Jibir*
- iii) Internal Affairs (Immigration) Saidu Bello, C. I.*
- iv) Health - Dr. Abdulsalami Nasidi*
- v) Finance - Alhaji M. B. Muhammed*

E Representative of the following bodies:

- i) Central Bank of Nigeria - Alhaji Muhammed Nada*
- ii) Jamatu Nasril Islam - Alhaji Bello Muh'd Tambuwal*
- iii) Nigerian Supreme Council For Islamic Affairs
- Amb. Mamu Sanusi*

In view of the above, it will be appreciated if the appointments of the Chairman, three full-time Members and six part-time Members respectively listed in A, B and C above are confirmed by the House in accordance with the same provisions of Section 3(2) of the Act.

The Curriculum Vitae of the nominees are forwarded herewith for further appropriate action by the House.

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While urging the House for a speedy consideration of the request, accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest esteem and best wishes for the entire House.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO.

The next communication reads as follows:

The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly.

**PRESENTATION OF A BILL CITY TECHNICAL
UNIVERSITY YABA 2007**

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives, the attached Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the City Technical University, Yaba, Lagos and other related matters thereof.

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

Yours Sincerely

(Signed)
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO.

The next communication reads as follows:

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

Dear Hon. Speaker.

**PRESENTATION OF A BILL: CITY
TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY KADUNA BILL. 2007**

I hereby present for formal consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives, the

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attached Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the City Technical University Kaduna and other related matters thereof.

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

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

The next communication reads thus:

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

Dear Hon. Speaker,

**ACT 2004 AMENDMENT OF THE SMALL AND
MEDIUM ENTERPRISES DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
OF NIGERIAN (SMEDAN) ACT 2004**

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives, the attached Bill for an Act to amend the Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Development Agency (Establishment Etc.) Act 2004.

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

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO.

Again, we have another one which reads as follows:

The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.

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**PRESENTATION OF A BILL: NATIONAL
HEALTH BILL, 2005**

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives, the attached Bill which seeks to establish a legislative and regulatory framework for the delivery of health services throughout Nigeria

In order to deal with health services effectively, the Bill seeks to create a standard across the Nation in the delivery of health services by establishing norms and standards, frameworks and national policies.

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

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

OLUSEGUN OBASANJO.

Then the last, but not the least, reads as follows:

*Hon. Aminu Bello Masari,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone,
Asokoro - Abuja*

Dear Hon. Speaker,

**RE-IMPOSITION OF STATE OF
EMERGENCY IN EKITI STATE**

I refer to my letter dated October 19, 2006, intimating the Distinguished Senate and the Honourable House of Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria of the Declaration of State of Emergency in Ekiti State following a clearly great threat to the security of the country and unity of that State. In the same letter, I stated details of the events in the State and the need to take hard decisions of a State of Emergency without which safety and protection of lives and property would have been jeopardized in the State.

May I also refer the Distinguished Senate and the Honourable House to the respective Rules and Proceedings of October 26, 2006, which conveyed the

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approval and understanding of the action taken for which the people of Ekiti State were grateful. I have visited Ekiti State three times since then and I have seen on the ground how greatly the action taken by us had impacted positively on the State.

I have received regular report from the Administrator and comments from leaders in Ekiti State to the effect that the position of the State of Emergency was an act of mercy which had prevented bloodshed and had brought the situation in the State to near normalcy.

From all indications and my assessment of the situation on ground as well as the report of Ekiti State Administrator on the violence and mayhem which has erupted since the elections of last Saturday, 14 April, 2007, and appeals from all quarters, there is need to impose a State of Emergency in Ekiti State until the end of the life of this Administration when a new elected government will take over in Ekiti State.

Therefore, by virtue of Section 305 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, I declare a State of Emergency in Ekiti State with effect from today, 18 April, 2007. This declaration has been published in the Federal Government Gazette as of today.

This decision would, without doubt, enhance the security as well as protect the stability and corporate existence of Ekiti State and our nation.

I thank you for your understanding and appreciation of the reasons why the State of Emergency has to be imposed in Ekiti State.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

OLUSEGUN OBASANJO.

PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC PETITIONS

The Speaker: Any Member who has a petition to present to the House may please rise to do so. (No response)

**INTERIM REPORT FROM HON. HAMISU
SHIRA**

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The Speaker: Before we go to the First Order of the Day, may I call on the Chairman of Election and Electoral Matters to give us an Interim Report of his ad-hoc Standing Committee? Hon. Hamisu Shira, please.

Hon. Hamisu Shira (Shira/Giade): Mr. Speaker, before I begin my comment, let me use this opportunity to congratulate my hon. Colleagues who came out successful at the just concluded April 14th and 21st General Elections and of course to sympathise with most of our Colleagues who lost in the elections for various positions.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, because of the importance of April 14th and 21st General Elections to the well being and sustenance of democracy in this country, I am pleased to inform you that our Committee is still collating information as to the outcome of the elections.

To date, we have received series of petitions and complaints from different Political Parties - Members, Governors and so on that lost in the elections and our Committee is carefully studying these issues with a view to taking a proper position for final presentation to the House. Besides, the election is still inconclusive because in many parts of the country, elections were either postponed or cancelled.

However, in view of the foregoing, I will like to crave the indulgence of this honourable House to give the Committee a period of one week within which all pending elections would have been concluded in order to enable the Committee come up with a position that will certainly reflect the outcome of the elections. As I said earlier on, we are determined to ensure that justice is done and we are determined to protect the interest of Nigerians and, of course, to continue to uphold the provisions of the 1999 Constitution and Electoral Act, 2006 which we passed in this House.

Let me also use this opportunity to thank my hon. Colleagues and, perhaps, the leadership of this House for the confidence reposed in our Committee by mandating the Committee to monitor closely the conduct of the elections.

I thank you very much Hon. Speaker and I hope that my request will be granted accordingly.

Hon. Haruna Yerima (Biu/Shani/Kwaa-Kusar/Bayo): I think we have come to a point that we

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have to speak the truth, come out with facts, tell Nigerians what actually happened in the elections and take a position as a Parliament. The time to try to hide things is gone. We have come to a point that we have to come out as a Parliament to talk against whoever has committed a crime against Nigerians.

I do not accept in any way the statement or the presentation of the Chairman of the Electoral Committee (*Interruptions*)

The Speaker: Hon. Yerima, I am not stopping you yet, let me put you on track so that you can say what you know about the elections.

Hon. Yerima Haruna: The Chairman has the responsibility of presenting a Report on our behalf and he should present a Report on our behalf and then we discuss this Report. What are we really afraid of in this country again? What are we hiding in this country?

The Speaker: What we are saying is simple and that is that you should say your opinion on what you know about the elections. The Committee will meet today, they have to meet because the Members are around and they have to meet and give us a Report.

Hon. Austin Opara (Port Harcourt II): Mr. Speaker, Sir, please let me appeal to hon. Members that the Chairman, House Committee on Electoral Matters, whose Committee has done a reasonable work over the pre-election period, had been briefing us on weekly basis. Today, they are supposed to brief us, but the Report is not ready. The implication is that there is nothing before us to debate on.

I want to appeal to hon. Members to please hold on, be patient and let the Chairman prepare the Report and present it before this House and we would make our contributions and come up with a position. There is no time that it will be late to take a position on this matter. But we should be patient and have facts before us to enable us contribute to the debate.

Hon. Abdul Ahmed Ningi (Ningi/Warji): Mr. Speaker, it is on the same vein that I want to call on this very august House that we are at a cross road of history. We should allow the Committee to bring facts on ground coupled with the facts we have individually. We will then debate it and take a position in the interest of Nigeria and Nigerians and I think there is no hiding place for all of us. We must, as a matter of importance, await the Committee's Report, then debate it and come

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out with the Resolution that will guide the future of democracy in this country.

Hon. Faruq Aliyu Adamu (Birnin-Kudu/Buji): Inasmuch as I agree with the House Leader, the Chairman, Electoral Matters, said himself that the elections are inconclusive. So, if they are inconclusive, how come we have results? This is because that was what he said. I think he should either withdraw that word *inconclusive* or we should debate it because results have been announced.

The Speaker: I think what the Chairman, Electoral Matters, was referring to was that some State's elections were cancelled in some constituencies. Even in your State, there are five Federal Constituencies which elections are being cancelled but in terms of Presidential Elections, we know the result because we have been told the figures. It is something like I have explained to you that we are collating all the information. Any Member who is still with information, should give us. I think the decisions we take here are very weighty decisions and so we must be very careful in the act of statements in taking those decisions. Nobody can hide anything in Nigeria; we all knew and have seen what happened. So, really, there is nothing like hiding anything.

Hon. Nasiru Garba Dantiye, you have already won election, we are not talking about winners, let us hear from losers first.

Hon. Victor Lar, accept my sympathy. Welcome to the Club. *(Laughter)* Hon. Dantiye, I think you have taken my advice; you know there was no election in your Constituency.

Hon. Nasiru Garba Dantiye: Can I go ahead?

The Speaker: Go ahead.

Hon. Nasiru Garba Dantiye: Mr. Speaker and my hon. Colleagues, before I say anything, I would like to refer to the statement made by the Standing Committee on Electoral Matters that I find it completely unacceptable to call what happened last week as election. I do not accept that one as election. Let me tell you a story. This is a story coming from Garki/Babura Federal Constituency.

The Speaker: Hon. Garba Dantiye, we are not discussing the elections, what we are discussing is *(Interruptions)*

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Hon. Nasiru Garba Dantiye: Are we discussing the Report?

The Speaker: We will come to the Polls, even if it will take a whole week for the elections to be discussed.

Hon. Tukur Idris Nadabo (Bakori/Danja): Honestly, Mr. Speaker, you are putting words into the mouth of the Chairman, Electoral Committee of the House, which he did not utter. He clearly said that these elections were inconclusive. He was not being specific, but you are now trying to tell us that those elections, with regard to Governorship Election and other Elections, were inconclusive. If these elections were inconclusive, let us discuss this matter now.

The Speaker: Hon. Tukur Idris Nadabo, maybe I discussed this matter with him before coming in here and so I know what he is saying.

Hon. Garba Shehu Matazu (Musawa/Matazu): I want to ask a question before I say my views. First, elections were conducted in 2003 and we were all here and the outcome of those elections were not *(Interruptions)*

Hon. Baba Ahmed Datti (Zaria): I have a Point of Law. I am making a request according to the Rules, please.

The Speaker: Which Law?

Hon. Baba Ahmed Datti: The Electoral Act, 2006.

The Speaker: Which says what?

Hon. Baba Ahmed Datti: Part IV page 44, Section 140(1) says:

No election and return under this Act shall be questioned in any manner other than by a Petition complaining of an undue election or undue return in this Act referred to as an Electoral Petition presented to the competent Tribunal or Court in accordance with the provision of this Act and in which the person elected or returned is joined as a Party.

In this Section, Tribunal or Court means; in the case of a Presidential election, the Court of Appeal.

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(2) In the case of any other elections under this Act, the Election Tribunal established under the Constitution over this Act;

(3) the Election Tribunals provided for under the Constitution and this shall be constituted not later than 14 days before the election.

So, I am not ruling out the powers of this House to discuss the matter, but we should be ready to suspend the relevant Sections of the House Rules in order to discuss that matter. If we are prepared to do that now, we can suspend the House Rules and discuss this matter.

The Speaker: If it is a provision of an Act, I feel that by suspending any provision of our House Rules does not invalidate that. So we have to proceed.

Hon. Members, we have agreed that we are going to discuss this and that we want to have a written document from the Ad-hoc Committee. We will discuss this and I am assuring you that whatever decision we are going to take, it has to be a joint decision of the National Assembly, not only the House of Representatives.

This is the time when leadership is really tested; that is, when Statesmen emerge. People should not be talking out of emotions of failure or out of euphoria of winning. We should talk as Statesmen. Those who are on the winning side today can be on the losing side tomorrow. Those who are losers today can be winners tomorrow. Therefore, we should talk as Statesmen.

At this juncture, let us move to the issue of Ekiti State.

STATE OF EMERGENCY IN EKITI STATE

Hon. Abdul Ahmed Ningi (Ningi/Warji): The Rt. Hon. Speaker, may I move that this honourable House do approve by resolution pursuant to the provision of Section 305 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to extend the Proclamation of a State of Emergency in Ekiti State.

I so move.

Hon. P. O. Oyefoluke Etteh (Ayedade/Irewole/Isokan): The Rt. Hon. Speaker, may I second the Motion as moved by the House Leader.

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Hon. Abdul Ahmed Ningi: The Hon. Speaker, before I get into the details of what I want you to support me to do this afternoon, let me refresh our minds on some of the constitutional provisions of which as Parliamentarians, we should be guided with Section 305(3)(c).

May I crave the indulgence of this honourable House to please listen to me attentively. A Proclamation of emergency can only be declared on the following grounds:

- (a) when the Federation is at war;
- (b) when the Federation is in imminent danger of invasion or involvement in a state of war;
- (c) there is an actual breakdown of public order and safety in the Federation or any part thereof to such extent as to require extraordinary measures to restore peace and security;
- (d) there is a clear and present danger of an actual breakdown of public order and public safety in the Federation or any part thereof requiring extraordinary measures to avert such danger;
- (e) there is an occurrence of imminent danger or the occurrence of any disaster or natural calamity, affecting the community or a section of the community in the Federation;
- (f) there is any other public danger which clearly constitutes a threat to the existence of the federation.

Mr. Speaker, I have taken pains to go through the constitutional provisions just to refresh Members' memory about the role, the need and the foresight of those who drafted this Constitution.

While proclaiming this emergency in the last six months, we must ask ourselves a question. Is Ekiti peaceful after the proclamation of State of Emergency? The answer is yes. By the time the government sent in a Military Administrator to oversee the affairs of Ekiti State, the communal clashes, upheavals and the crisis were stamped out. That means this House has achieved a momentous task in bringing about a stable Ekiti government.

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What we are asking this honourable House to do is to extend that very first gesture that it has given to this government so that the Administrator that is in Ekiti State will remain up till 29th May, 2007.

If you look at Section 305(c) and (d) which I read earlier, one of the cardinal problems that will constitute serious danger is the absence of a leadership in any given human endeavour. You cannot contemplate having a State without a leader; a leader recognized constitutionally and by the provision of the constitutional Act and by the order of the National Assembly.

I want Members to reflect a little on this matter. If today we do not have a leader in Ekiti State that is piloting its affairs, what will be the result? The result is anarchy and a complete breakdown of law and order. I want Hon. Members to disassociate their minds from political leanings and to look at Nigeria and Nigerians as the most important people to be served. We should narrow down whatever position we are going to take on humanity and on the possibility of guiding Ekiti State to be peaceful, so that they will witness progress, transformation and stability.

I call on my Colleagues to eschew any kind of bitterness they have concerning this particular matter and see it as a human endeavour to be nipped in the bud so that Ekiti State would remain peaceful until after 29th May, 2007. I therefore request hon. Members to reason with us in giving Ekiti State the much needed courage. This is because if we turn down the State of Emergency in Ekiti State, only God knows what would happen tomorrow.

The State of Emergency has been in place for six months; and we are living witnesses that even if for nothing, stability has returned to Ekiti State. This honourable House should not be associated with anything that would bring rancour, riot or loss of lives and property. That was what informed my opinion that this is one area that we should forget about where we come from, political and religious leanings for the simple reason of saving human lives. Only God knows what would happen if the State of Emergency was not declared in Ekiti State. There were people there ready to foment trouble that would make Ekiti State ungovernable. However, because of the State of Emergency in place, Ekiti State is governable, stable and peaceful.

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Hon. Members, we are at the crossroad of history. We are almost winding up our four-year tenure and we cannot leave a very sour case in the polity. Whatever we could do to make sure that this democracy is sustained would be in the best interest of Nigerians and all of us. Agreed there were crises and lapses here and there, but they are human lapses. We must marry our ideas for the survival of this country. We must make sure that this democracy survives; and Ekiti State is a minor to what we can do. Please, let us not confuse the election that took place with Ekiti matter. Ekiti is a very special case. We should not intentionally confuse the two. The election in Ekiti State is a different ball game. First of all, let us save Ekiti State and its people from the precipice of chaos and rancour and give it the legality it deserves so that the Administrator would have up till 29th May, 2007 to complete his job. We have done it in the past.

Mr. Speaker, from the mood that I have seen Members, I believe that I have made concrete conclusion that they are convinced with my argument. One of my Colleagues said that he is going to speak for humanity. I know him; once he speaks for humanity everything is home and dry.

Hon. Members, please support this Ekiti State issue so that the government will go on.

Thank you very much.

The Speaker: House Leader, it is well presented, but unfortunately you do not know the actual number here. The total attendance is 97. We have 97 Members here in the register.

Hon. Victor Gampyal Lar (Langtang North/South): Mr. Speaker, I was going to confirm the fact that even to constitute a quorum to sit, we do not have the numbers let alone to even have two-thirds majority of the Members of the House.

The Speaker: This issue is dead on arrival as far as the Rules are concerned.

Hon. Faruq Aliyu Adamu (Birnin-Kudu/Buji): I have a question, Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Speaker: Ask your question.

Hon. Faruq Aliyu Adamu: I just want to ask a question and my question goes like this. The Leader

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himself said that Ekiti State is now peaceful. Now we want the Administrator to leave Ekiti State immediately.

The Speaker: Really we do not have the numbers.

Hon. Austin A. Opara (Port Harcourt II): Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have the Ekiti matter on our Order Paper. The House Leader has led the House and with the observation that you have made you have ruled that the matter is dead on arrival. The implication is that there is no matter before us again. What are we debating? It means that the issue of Ekiti State of Emergency has been defeated. That is what you have ruled. So the matter is over.

Hon. Abdul Ningi: Hon. Members, I admit that we are not up to 240 in this Chambers today, but when I have the number I will come back.

Hon. Faruq Aliyu Adamu: Mr. Speaker, what happens in-between? This is because Section 305(vi) dealt on this.

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The Speaker: What it means is that the Speaker of Ekiti State House of Assembly who was sworn-in as Acting Governor will continue to act as the Governor.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Abdul Ningi: Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do stand adjourned till tomorrow, Wednesday, 25th April, 2007 at 2.00 p.m.

Hon. P. O. Oyefoluke Etteh (Ayedade/Irewole/Isokan): Mr. Speaker, I do second the Motion moved by the House Leader.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do stand adjourned till Wednesday, 25th April, 2007 at 2.00 p.m.

The House adjourned accordingly at 12.15 p.m.