

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

Thursday, 2nd September, 1999

The House met at 3.15 p.m.

PRAYERS

(Mr. Speaker in the Chair)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, good afternoon. I have examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Monday, 1st September, 1999.

OATHS

Mr. Speaker: Members-Elect who have not taken and subscribed the Oaths should please come forward. *(No response)*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Meeting of Members of Banking and
Currency Committee**

Members of the Banking and Currency Committee are hereby informed that there will be a meeting of the Committee in Committee Room 2 today at 4.00 p.m. The Managing Director of Nigeria Security, Printing and Minting Company is also being expected at the meeting. Members of the Committee are enjoined to attend the meeting promptly. This announcement was signed by Hon. Adekola Aliyu, Chairman, Banking and Currency Committee.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, there are four Items on the Order Paper for today.

An hon. Member: Observation, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: What observation?

An hon. Member: Mr. Speaker, Sir, this House is presently under siege and serious threat. The influx of members of the public into this Chamber is becoming very alarming. Just yesterday, I lost my bag. When the Session was going on, a Member saw a non Member on

this particular seat. So, I want to crave your indulgence that security system in this Chamber be tightened up for the safety of our property and persons.

Thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much. Appropriate action will be taken on security. Sergeant-at-Arms, please take note.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 1999

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, there are four Orders on the Order Paper of today. The first is the presentation of the Report of the House Committee on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill standing in the name of Hon. Barau I. Jibrin, Chairman, House Committee on Appropriation. He is invited to present his Report.

A MATTER OF PRIVILEGE

Allegation Against Senate President

Hon. Tony Anyanwu (Ahiazu/Ezinhibite): Mr. Speaker, Sir, before the debate on the Appropriation Bill 1999, I have a matter of privilege to raise. May I take the indulgence of Order 16, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: All right, raise your matter, please.

Hon. Tony Anyanwu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want to inform you that a few things have happened recently. Mr. Speaker, Sir, this has to do with the Senate President.

For some time now, a lot of people have been coming to me indicating that the Senate President has made various remarks that are threatening to me. I understand that he has the belief that I am leading a crusade in this House to unseat him. I made various efforts to meet him to find out the basis upon which he has come to that conclusion and it was not possible. Two nights ago in the lobby of Hilton Hotel, I saw the Senate President and I tried to greet him. He raised his hands warning me and said: *I know what you are doing in the House, when we go back to Owerri, I will deal with you.* He threatened me more or less and he said a lot of things. I asked him,

what have I done? He still continued and you could see his facial expression. This is coming from the Number Three man in the country, and I do not think that I have done anything in this House to show that I am leading any group against him. All I know is that I am a Member of the Committee on Judiciary which is involved in the investigation on the Senate President.

I am merely doing my job as a Member of this House. I do not think I have done anything to undermine him. For him to threaten me being the Number Three man, I am deeply concerned about my safety and I want to place this on record that if anything happens to me, I am deeply concerned. This happened in the presence of Hon. Chudi Ofodile, some other hon. Members and a lot of people were there just as we were entering the lift. So, Mr. Speaker, Sir, hon. Members, I am deeply concerned and that is why I am saying it.

Thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Please, can you see me in my office after the Session?

Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 1999

Hon. Barau I Jibrin (Tarauni): Mr. Speaker, Sir, hon. Members, I rise to present the Report on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill standing in my name. You may recall that after the Second Reading of the 1999 Appropriation Bill on the 10th of the month of August, 1999, this House committed the Bill to the Appropriation Committee in accordance with Section 87(4) (a) of the Standing Rules of the House.

You will also recall that just about that time, outcries had already been made by some people as well as by the Executive arm of the government that the National Assembly is unnecessarily delaying the passing of the Bill. The reason for such outcries is not far-fetched. It is either such people, due to the fifteen years of prolonged military rule in Nigeria, have forgotten about the due process of legislation or are completely ignorant of the procedures of passing Bills, especially, important Bills such as the Appropriation Bill which requires serious scrutiny in all its departments.

Following this, the leadership of both Houses of the National Assembly arranged a meeting to discuss ways of hastening the process of passing the Bill without going counter to the set down procedures. Thus, the harmonised time table reducing the period to conclude

work on the Bill by the Appropriation Committee with three weeks was drafted and now implemented. This time table created a situation where Members of the Appropriation Committee had to work for three weeks from 9.00 a.m. daily to sometime 2.00 a.m. including week-ends.

The various House Committees which are sub-Committees of the Appropriation Committee for the purpose of this exercise did also work tirelessly sometimes to late nights to perform their functions as they relate to the appropriation exercise.

I will now take you to the Revenue aspects of the Bill. The Committee first of all considered the revenue profile.

The Executive computed the revenue accruable on the basis of \$16 per barrel.

Mr. Speaker: Have you not skipped page 2 of the Report?

Hon. Barau Jibrin: No. That one is wrong. Page 2 is not there.

Mr. Speaker: That is all right. Please, go on.

Hon. Barau Jibrin: The Committee realising the fact that the actual price is over \$20 per barrel decided to use \$18 per barrel revenue scenario. Based on this projection, the Committee arrived at a revenue of ₦570.4 billion as against ₦429.3 billion submitted by the Executive. The total Federally collectible Revenue thus comes to ₦706.9 billion.

The Committee also agreed to the servicing of the Nation's External Debt to the tune of ₦83 billion. The Joint venture cash calls is put at ₦110.9 billion and NNPC priority project at ₦14.4 billion. By Committee's Accounts, the Net Revenue transferable to the Federation Account will be ₦498.5 billion, this will be shared among the three tiers of Government in accordance with the existing formula as follows:

- (i) Federal Government (48.5%) = ₦226.77 billion
- (ii) State (24%) = ₦112.10 billion
- (iii) Local Governments (20%) = ₦93.20 billion
- (iv) Special Funds (7.5%) = ₦35.03 billion

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The Revenue from VAT was put at ₦31.4 billion out of which the Federal Government share will be ₦4.7 billion; other Independent Revenue of Federal Government is put at ₦9 billion while ₦5 billion is expected to be realised from the privatization process. The total Government Revenue is put at ₦253.531 billion which the Committee is recommending to the House to Share as follows:

(a)	Domestic Debts	₦49 billion
(b)	Personnel Costs	₦94.71 billion
(c)	Overhead Costs	₦23.8 billion
(d)	Local Contractors Debts	₦4.0 billion
(e)	Capital Expenditure	₦82.021 billion
(f)	Deficit/Surplus	<u>₦8.51 billion</u>
	Total	<u>₦253.531 billion</u>

It was noted that, prior to this time, the NNPC priority projects as well as the Joint Venture cash calls and such related spending are assumed and do not go through the normal budgetary process. The Committee is of the opinion that this practice should cease henceforth and all Federally Collectible Revenue should be put into the Federation Account and shared accordingly, through the appropriation process in order to forestall any corrupt practices. This thinking of the Committee is in line with Section 80 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE

The Committee considered the submission from all the Government Ministries and agencies as well as the recommendations from the relevant Committees in the House and discovered among other things that many of the overheads submissions are padded and do not reflect the prevalent economic realities. The time constraint does not permit our Committee to do a thorough scrutiny of this aspect, but we resolved to recommend 90 per cent of the overhead as recommended in the Executive submission to the Bill.

On the Personnel Costs, the Committee discovered during its discussions with the officials of the Ministry

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of Finance that the actual staff strength of each Ministry and parastatals could not be determined as many of these agencies are in the habit of padding their nominal roll in order to secure higher funding.

The Committee resolved that this corrupt practice should be stopped by way of conducting a staff audit throughout all Federal Government establishments between now and December by the National Assembly in collaboration with Federal Ministry of Finance. Some money from the Service Wide Vote is dedicated for this exercise. For now the Personnel Costs was recommended to the House as presented in the Bill, with minor adjustment.

The sum of ₦7 billion Naira which is provided for personnel contingencies after the personnel contingencies made for each Ministry and Agency was found unnecessary and was, therefore, removed.

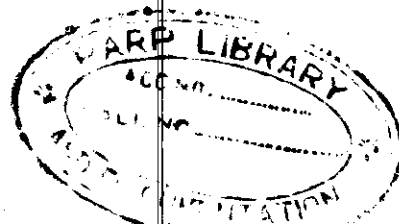
The Recurrent Expenditure being recommended is as follows:

(i)	Overhead	=	₦23.8 billion
(ii)	Personnel	=	<u>₦94.71 billion</u>
	Total	=	<u>₦118.31 billion</u>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The sum of ₦82.47 billion is being recommended to this House for approval as Capital Expenditure for the Period of July to December, 1999, by the Federal Government. Before arriving at these decisions, the Committee considered the President's request in the Bill as well as submissions from the Ministries and other Agencies.

The Committee recommends for approval all the Capital projects submitted by Mr. President, and accordingly recommends a sum of ₦800 million to the Niger-Delta Development projects as against the ₦720 million proposed by him. In line with the House Commitment to the National growth and development, the Committee recommends increased allocation to Roads to ₦8.12 billion. The furnishing of the New Federal Secretariat was considered too high at ₦600 million, and accordingly recommends a reduction to ₦400 million.



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The National Women and Children Hospital was considered important to the populace and the sum of ₦500 million was recommended for the take-off, instead of ₦400 million budgeted by the President.

However, the ₦250 million recommended for the VAT offices and Tribunals was considered to be on the high side and sum of ₦100 million was recommended for VAT offices. This is because the Committee felt that the Establishment of Tribunals in a Civilian dispensation will be robbing the courts of its functions.

However, since the Executive could not furnish the Committee with the Projects to be funded with the ₦8.9 billion earmarked for infrastructural enhancement projects, the Committee recommends a slash to 50 *per cent* out of the amount. The sum of ₦1.5 billion out of ₦3 billion is recommended for approval for Hercules aircraft. Initially 300 million naira was recommended by the Executive Arm of the Government. Adjustment for Capital projects is reduced from ₦250 million to ₦100 million.

The Committee also noted that there were projects going on in various Ministries and parastatals which should be completed before the end of the year and for which provisions were not made by the Executive. This was looked into and recommendations were made to ensure their completion. The Committee in considering the Welfare of the people recommended ₦5 billion for Agriculture, ₦5.461 billion for Rural water supply programme and ₦5.5 billion for Rural Electrification, ₦3.2 billion to Police to enhance Security, ₦2.7 million for Education ₦2.3 million for Health and so on. The Capital provision being recommended to the House for approval is ₦82,270,499,922.

On behalf of the Committee. I request the House to approve the following recommendations.

That:

- (i) the sum of One Hundred and Thirteen billion, three hundred and eighteen million, Six hundred and sixty thousand, Four hundred and sixty-two Naira, fifty kobo ₦113,318,660,462.50k) as Recurrent Expenditure;
- (ii) the sum of Eighty-two billion, Two Hundred and seventy, Four hundred million and Ninety-nine thousand, nine hundred and

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twenty-two Naira (82,270,499,922) as Capital Expenditure for the period July to December, 1999.

- (iii) a total sum of One Hundred and Ninety-five billion, Five Hundred and Eight-nine million, One Hundred and Sixty thousand, Three hundred and Eighty-four Naira, Fifty kobo ₦195,589,160,384.50k) being Supplementary Appropriation for the period July to December, 1999.

Details of these amount are as contained in the schedule to the Bill, the one you were given earlier.

The Committee urges the Executive to forward next year's Appropriation Bill to the House within the time frame provided in the Constitution.

Long live Federal Republic of Nigeria and Thank you all.

Thank you. (*Applause*)

Hon. Mohammed Wakil (Damboa/ Gwoza Chibok): Mr. Speaker, Sir, my hon. Colleagues, may I move that the House do now resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House to consider the 1999 Supplementary Appropriation Bill.

Hon. Lumunba Dan Adeh (Bassa/Jos North): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I hereby second the Motion moved by the House Leader that the House do resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole.

I beg to second.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole to consider the 1999 Supplementary Appropriation Bill.

**1999 SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION
BILL — CONSIDERED IN THE COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE HOUSE**

The Chairman: Hon. Members, may I on behalf of the House thank all the House Standing Committees and Appropriation Committee for a job well done and

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I want to congratulate them for presenting and recommending to us a budget that is people-oriented. (Applause)

In doing this job, we tried as much as possible to provide money especially to the Rural Water Supply Sector, the Rural Electrification Sector, Agriculture, the Police and the Judiciary. These are vital sectors to us and I believe that what we have done will go a long way towards ameliorating the social conditions of our people.

I thank you very much. I am going to read the Schedules and ask for your approval for them to form part of this Bill, please.

Hon. Ita Enag (Itu/Ibiono-Ibom): A point of Observation, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman: Yes, please.

Hon. Enang: Mr. Chairman, Sir, hon. Members, I have read the Report submitted by the Appropriation Committee and I want to observe that the Report is based on wrong assumptions. I will urge the House and the Chairman to direct an exhaustive deliberation and consideration of this matter so that we can arrive at a Constitutional decision and we will not be ridiculed in the end by the public.

Mr. Chairman, the Bill that Mr. President sent to this House was based on one *per cent* derivation and the Constitution says in Section 162 (2) that *no revenue allocation principle shall be based on a derivation principle of less than thirteen per cent*. Mr. Chairman, the Bill here, has not reflected the thirteen *per cent* at all. At that time, a lot of us made representations to the different organs and the arguments were that this Bill is based on the Revenue Allocation Law which allows for only one *per cent* and until that law is amended, that we cannot go beyond that percentage. Others argued that the National Revenue Mobilisation and Fiscal Commission is yet to be formed to make a proposal to the National Assembly or advise the President on a proposal to the National Assembly on that matter.

Mr. Chairman, I am saying that this is a wrong assumption because this Constitution came into effect on 29th May, 1999, and any other law which is inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution or

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made subsequent to May 1999 which is at variance with the Constitution is void. Mr. Chairman, I will refer you to Section 1 (3) of the 1999 Constitution which says that:

if any other law is inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, this Constitution shall prevail and that other law shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be void.

Mr. Chairman, I am submitting that if this Budget is discussed and approved on the bases of the existing revenue law providing for only one *per cent*, it is void to the extent of being inconsistent. If you look at Section 1 (315) of the Constitution, if the President is saying that he is entitled, being an existing law, Mr. Chairman, that existing law can be modified to bring it into conformity with the provisions of this Constitution. Therefore, I am submitting with respect, Sir, that this Report that is submitted, is against the law and that the Committee should make reference to the existing law. But if we cannot make reference, Sir, I am saying that whatever surplus money there is, should be made accruable to the derivation principle.

Thank you very much.

Hon. Iheanacho Obioma (Ikwoano/Umuahia North/Umuahia South): Mr. Chairman, Sir, hon. Members, what my hon. Colleague from Itu/Ibiono-Ibom constituency (**Hon. Ita Enang**) just pointed out was duly considered before we came up with this Report. We had the problem and we discussed it with the Senate; on what to do. We said that considering the fact that we are having problems with the Federal Ministry of Finance in getting all the necessary data we decided to take the stand we took because, there were so many other factors we had to consider. You know that when we talk about derivation, we also had to talk about the Federation Account; it is not just the Consolidated Revenue Account. So, we found it very difficult to be able to reach out to all the monies that would have been brought together for us to talk about this. Then we asked, what do we do? We have to recommend that the issue of derivation that has to be thirteen *per cent* that is in the Constitution, be authorised so that these monies will be kept aside untouched for the purpose of this Supplementary Budget so that by the year 2000 Budget, this will now be reflected.

We should also note that we are talking about Supplementary. We are not talking about the actual Budget. It is true that the Constitution is there to take care of these things but we recommended that this money, thirteen *per cent* derivation, should be what will be used, but it should be kept aside until the 2000 year budget when this would reflect.

We actually took cognisance of this, it is not as if it was an oversight. We did mention it and we kept it.

The Chairman: Hon. Members, I want to assure our brothers and sisters from areas where resources are derived from; that the House is definitely taking care of their interests.

Thank you.

Hon. Members, I am starting with the Recurrent Expenditure, Head 20 which is the Presidency consisting of the State House, Vice President, State Protocol, Secretary of the Government of the Federation, Parastatals under Secretary of the Government of the Federation, Office of the National Security Adviser, National Planning Commission, Federal Office of Statistics, Police Affairs and Pension Office.

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RECURRENT EXPENDITURE

HEAD 20 — PRESIDENCY

₦5,638,205,702.00 for Head 20 — Presidency — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

HEAD 21 — NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

₦2,811,805,020.50 for Head 21 — National Assembly (Part I & II) — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 22 — STATES AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS**

₦34,574,376.00 for Head 22 — State and Local Governments — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 23 — POLICE FORMATION AND
COMMANDS**

₦10,780,538,599.00 for Head 23 — Police Formation and Commands — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

HEAD 24 — MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS

₦121,974,406.50 for Head 24 — Ministry of Women Affairs — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 25 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

₦2,567,427,822.50 for Head 25 — Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 26 — OFFICE OF AUDITOR GENERAL
OF THE FEDERATION**

₦146,722,329.50 for Head 26 — Office of Auditor General of the Federation — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

HEAD 27 — JUDICIARY

₦463,844,022.00 for Head 27 — Judiciary — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 28 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF WATER
RESOURCES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

₦421,927,696.50 for Head 28 — Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Rural Development — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

HEAD 30 DEFENCE

₦16,410,231,041.50 for Head 30 — Defence — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 31 — NATIONAL POPULATION
COMMISSION**

₦349,638,450.50 for Head 31 — National Population Commission — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

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**HEAD 32 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION**

₦12,916,754,522.00 for Head 32 — Federal Ministry of Education — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

HEAD 34 — MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

₦8,108,278,293 for Head 34 — Ministry of Foreign Affairs — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 35 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
FINANCE**

₦3,125,458,419.50 for Head 35 — Federal Ministry of Finance — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

HEAD 36 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH

₦4,659,647,919.00 for Head 36 — Federal Ministry of Health — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 37 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
INDUSTRIES**

₦345,374,818.00 for Head 37 — Federal Ministry of Industries — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 38 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
INFORMATION**

₦1,607,028,225.00 for Head 38 — Federal Ministry of Information — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 39 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

₦4,099,584,280 for Head 39, Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 40 — FEDERAL OFFICE OF
ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT
SERVICES**

₦250,965,924.00 for Head 40 — Federal Office of Establishments and Management Services — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

HEAD 41 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

₦327,641,621.50 for Head 41 — Federal Ministry of Justice — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

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**HEAD 42 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF LABOUR
AND PRODUCTIVITY**

₦458,786,334.00 for Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 43 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF POWER
AND STEEL**

₦821,939,394.50 for Head 43 — Federal Ministry of Power and Steel — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 44 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY**

₦549,469,484 for Head 44 — Federal Ministry of Science and Technology — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 45 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF YOUTHS
AND SPORTS**

₦3,129,969,467.50 for Head 45 — Federal Ministry of Youths and Sports — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 46 — PUBLIC COMPLAINTS
COMMISSION**

₦145,196,048.50 for Head 46 — Public Complaints Commission — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 47 — FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE
COMMISSION**

₦104,712,497.50 for Head 47 — Federal Civil Service Commission — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 48 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
COMMERCE**

₦552,943,192.50 for Head 48 — Federal Ministry of Commerce — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 49 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORT**

₦658,118,500.00 for Head 49 — Federal Ministry of Transport — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 50 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
PETROLEUM RESOURCES**

₦1,624,904,810.50 for Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 51 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF WORKS
AND HOUSING**

₦2,002,954,151.50 for Head 51 — Federal Ministry of Works and Housing — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 52 — FEDERAL MINISTRY
COMMUNICATIONS**

₦780,665,703.50 for Head 52 — Federal Ministry of Communications — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

HEAD 54 — CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND

₦16,734,855,659.00 for Head 54 — Consolidated Revenue Fund — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 55 — INDEPENDENT NATIONAL
ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

₦540,298,921.00 for Head 55 — Independent National Electoral Commission — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

HEAD 56 — CONTINGENCIES

₦612,500,000.00 for Head 56 — Contingencies — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

HEAD 57 — SERVICE—WIDE VOTES

Question proposed, That ₦8,546,677,356.00 for Head 57 — Services — Wide Votes — Stand part of the Schedule.

Mr. Chairman: I call on the Chairman of the Appropriation Committee to please explain to the House, what this means.

Hon. Barau Jubrin: Mr. Speaker, Sir, hon. Members, as a matter of fact, I had wanted to give you a very detailed Report about what really happened, but because of time constraint, I have to give a kind of summary.

The issue of Service-Wide Votes had been that of much concern to everybody. We took time to really scrutinize all things that have to do with that Vote. We came to understand that some of these monies had already been spent. There is about ₦3 billion which was given to NEPA for debts owed NEPA by the various Ministries and Parastatals. There are other Votes there again. But we got a loophole somewhere in the Service-Wide Votes which has about ₦7 billion. This was set aside for Personnel contingencies. When you look at the proposed Appropriation Bill, you will find that in every Ministry or Parastatal, there is a kind of contingency for Personnel. We felt that that money should not be there. So, we took it off and therefore, removed ₦7 billion out of the Service-Wide Votes.

Apart from that, there is another ₦200 million which was kept again for another contingency. We took it off. So, we now took off a total of about ₦7,200,000,000. There is the issue of Personnel Audit. Right now we do not have projections as to what will prevail in terms of Personnel in the Federal Civil Service, that is people who are in the employment of the Federal Government. We then thought that it is good the Finance and Appropriation Committees in conjunction with the Federal Ministry of Finance work together to find a very reliable figure for the Personnel working for the Federal Government. So we decided that we will take money out of the Service-Wide Vote to really do that job. I will say that about ₦7.4 billion has already been taken out of the Service-Wide Vote.

I think approving this Vote is not bad. All other money remaining there has really been appropriated to various places.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you very much.

₦8,546,677,356.00 for Head 57 — Service-Wide Vote — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

HEAD 58 — MINISTRY OF SOLID MINERALS

₦291,920,286.00 for Head 58 — Ministry of Solid Minerals — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 59 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
AVIATION**

₦376,746,627.50 for Head 59 — Federal Ministry of Aviation — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

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**HEAD 60 — NATIONAL SALARIES AND
WAGES COMMISSION**

₦47,451,152.00 for Head 60 — National Salaries and Wages Commission — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 61 — FEDERAL CHARACTER
COMMISSION**

₦150,936,388.00 for Head 61 — Federal Character Commission — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

₦113,318,660,462.50 — RECURRENT EXPENDITURE - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ESTIMATE

**HEAD 20 — RELEASE OF COUNTERPART
FUNDS OF FOREIGN ASSISTED PROJECTS**

₦2,100,009,000.00 for Head — Release of Counterpart Funds of Foreign Assisted Projects — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 20 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
EXTERNAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATION**

₦405,660,750.00 for Head 20 — Federal Government External Financial Obligation — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 20 — NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT**

₦800,000,000.00 for Head 20 — Niger Delta Development Project — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

HEAD 21 — NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PROJECTS

₦2,204,150,000.00 for Head 21 — National Assembly Projects — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 25 — PROCUREMENT AND
OPERATION OF FERTILIZER**

₦400,000,000.00 for Head 20 — Furnishing of New Secretariat — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

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**HEAD 51 FEDERAL MINISTRY OF WORKS
AND HOUSING (ROADS)**

₦9,620,000,000.00 for Head 51 — Federal Ministry of Works and Housing (Roads) — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 20 — PTF PROJECTS (HEALTH,
EDUCATION, ROADS ETC.)**

₦5,592,000,000.00 for Head 20 — PTF Projects (Health, Education, Roads, etc.) — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 30 MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
(REFURBISHMENT OF HERCULES C130 FOR
EVACUATION OF SOLDIERS ON ECOMOG
SERVICES)**

₦1,500,000,000.00 for Head 30 — Ministry of Defence (Refurbishment of Hercules C130 for Evacuation of soldiers on ECOMOG Services — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 20 — INFRASTRUCTURAL
ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS**

₦4,469,586,525.00 for Head 20 — Infrastructural Enhancement Projects — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 35 — RELEASE AND CASH-BACKING
OF OUTSTANDING 1ST AND 2ND QUARTER
CAPITAL ALLOCATION**

₦8,200,000,000.00 for Head 35 — Release and Cash-Backing of Outstanding 1st and 2nd Quarter Capital Allocation — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 24 — NATIONAL WOMEN AND
CHILDREN HOSPITAL**

₦500,000,000.00 for Head 24 — National Women and Children Hospital — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

**HEAD 35 — ESTABLISHMENT OF VAT
OFFICE**

₦100,000,000.00 for Head 35 — Establishment of VAT office — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

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**HEAD 35 — MINOR ADJUSTMENT FOR
CAPITAL PROJECTS**

*₦100,000,000.00 for Head 35 — Minor Adjustment for
Capital Project — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

**HEAD 32 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION**

*₦2,700,000,000.00 for Head 32 — Federal Ministry of
Education - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

HEAD 36 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH

*₦2,319,250,000.00 for Head 36 — Federal Ministry of
Health - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

**HEAD 38 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
INFORMATION**

*₦900,000,000.00 for Head 38 — Federal Ministry of
Information - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

HEAD 45 — YOUTH AND SPORTS

*₦300,000,000.00 for Head 45 — Youth and Sport —
ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

**HEAD 24 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF WOMEN
AFFAIRS**

*₦200,000,000.00 for Head 24 — Federal Ministry of
Women Affairs — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

**HEAD 42 — MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND
PRODUCTIVITY**

*₦300,000,000.00 for Head 42 — Ministry of Labour and
Productivity — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

HEAD 49 — MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

*₦1,200,000.00 for Head 49 — Ministry of Transport —
ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

HEAD 59 — AVIATION

*₦500,000,000.00 for Head 59 — Aviation — ordered to
stand part of the Schedule.*

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HEAD 20 — STATE HOUSE

*₦100,000,000.00 for Head 20 — State House — ordered
to stand part of the Schedule.*

**HEAD 20 — NATIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION**

*₦50,000,000.00 for Head 20 — National Planning
Commission — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

HEAD 52 — COMMUNICATION

*₦182,885,042.00 for Head 52 — Communication —
ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

HEAD 23 — NIGERIA POLICE FORCE

*₦3,000,000,000.00 for Head 23 — Nigeria Police Force
— ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

HEAD 23 — POLICE AFFAIRS OFFICE

*₦150,000,000.00 for Head 23 — Police Affairs Office —
ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

HEAD 23 — POLICE PENSION OFFICE

*₦52,000,000.00 for Head 23 — Police Pension Office —
ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

**HEAD 26 — AUDITOR—GENERAL FOR THE
FEDERATION**

*₦84,000,000.00 for Head 26 — Auditor-General for the
federation — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

**HEAD 20 — ESTABLISHMENT AND
MANAGEMENT SERVICE**

*₦50,000,000.00 for Head 20 — Establishment and
Management Service — ordered to stand part of the
Schedule.*

HEAD 41 — JUSTICE

*₦395,908,000.00 for Head 41 — Justice — ordered to
stand part of the Schedule.*

HEAD 27 — JUDICIARY

*₦402,815,500.00 for Head 27 — Judiciary-ordered to
stand part of the Schedule.*

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**HEAD 39 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

*₦1,460,000,000.00 for Head 39 — Federal Ministry of
Internal Affairs — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

HEAD 20 — FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY

*₦5,200,000,000.00 for Head 20 — Federal Capital
Territory — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

HEAD 34 — MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

*₦1,000,000,000.00 for Head 34 — Foreign Affairs —
ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

**HEAD 43 — POWER AND STEEL (RURAL
ELECTRIFICATION)**

*₦5,500,000,000.00 for Head 43 — Power and Steel
(Rural Electrification) — ordered to stand part of the
Schedule —*

**HEAD 25 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

*₦5,000,000,000.00 for Head 25 — Federal Ministry of
Natural Resources — ordered to stand part of the
Schedule.*

**HEAD 37 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
INDUSTRY**

*₦550,000,000.00 for Head 37 — Federal Ministry of
Industry ordered — to stand part of the Schedule.*

**HEAD 48 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
COMMERCE**

*₦500,000,000.00 for Head 48 — Commerce — ordered
to stand part of the Schedule.*

**HEAD 50 — MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM
RESOURCES**

*₦200,000,000.00 for Head 50 — Petroleum Resources —
ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

**HEAD 28 — MINISTRY OF WATER
RESOURCES, RURAL WATER SUPPLY
PROGRAMME**

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*₦5,461,327,000.00 for Head 28 — Water Resources,
Rural Water Supply Programme — ordered to stand part
of the Schedule.*

**HEAD 44 — MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY**

*₦200,000,000.00 for Head 44 — Ministry of Science and
Technology — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

HEAD 58 — MINISTRY OF SOLID MINERALS

*₦488,908,105.00 for Head 58 — Solid Minerals —
ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

**HEAD 20 — MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND
TOURISM**

*₦650,000,000.00 for Head 20 — Ministry of Culture and
Tourism - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

**HEAD 20 — NATIONAL BOUNDARY
COMMISSION**

*₦50,000,000.00 for Head 20 — National Boundary
Commission — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

HEAD 20 — ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION

*₦250,000,000.00 for Head 20 — Road Safety
Commission — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

**HEAD 20 — CENTRE FOR WOMEN
DEVELOPMENT**

*₦80,000,000.00 for Head 20 — Centre for Women —
ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

**HEAD 20 — FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
ENVIRONMENT**

*₦2,500,000,000.00 for Head 20 — Federal Ministry of
Environment — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

**HEAD 61 — FEDERAL CHARACTER
COMMISSION**

*₦370,000,000.00 for Head 61 — Federal Character
Commission — ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

HEAD 20 FEAP

*₦600,000,000.00 for Head 20 — FEAP — ordered to
stand part of the Schedule.*

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Hon. Mohammed Wakil (Damboa/Gwoza/Chibok): Mr. Chairman, hon. Members, may I move that the Chairman do report progress.

The Chairman: Any Seconder?

Hon. Abubakar Bawa Bwari (Suleja/Gurara): Mr. Chairman, before any secondment, there is a special announcement. We have observed that in this House we now sit with visitors. There is a lot of infiltration in this House by hawkers, visitors and so on.

From now onward, you are to show your identity card when you are coming into the Chambers. We do appreciate the fact that we do not have offices but, if you want to receive your visitors from now onwards, make use of what we have at the lobby. You do not have to bring them in here. This place should be respected.

Thank you. *(Applause)*

The Chairman: Hon. Members, in the Committee of the Whole House, there is no need for secondment, please. So, I will resume the Chair to report progress.

And it being 4.17 p.m., the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and asked leave to sit again.

(Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair)

Committee report progress — To sit again, Tomorrow

The Speaker: Hon. Members, please, lend me your ears.

My hon. Members, the Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Appropriation Committee and approved the recommendations as follows:

Recurrent Expenditure — ₦113,318,660,462.50

Capital Expenditure — ₦82,270,499,922.00

The Total Supplementary Appropriation is ₦195,589,160.50

I would like the House Leader to move that the House do approve the Report of the Committee of Supply.

Hon. Mohammed Wakil: Mr. Speaker, hon. Members, may I move that this honourable House do approve the Report of the Committee of Supply.

Hon. Mao Ohuabunwa (Arochukwu/Ohafia): Mr. Speaker, in view of the good job done by the Committee on Appropriation, I do second the Motion moved by the Leader of the House (*Hon. Mohammed Wakil*) that we accept the Appropriation Bill.

I beg to second.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do approve the Report of the Committee of Supply.

The Speaker: My hon. Members, I want to congratulate us on the successful passing of our first Bill. We are going to take the *Third Reading* of this Bill tomorrow at 11.00 a.m. and it will only take us just about 15 minutes, after I have approved the Votes and Proceedings of today's sitting.

I thank you very much for your co-operation. This is going to be our first Bill and I want to assure you that in considering this Bill, we did what we are sent here to do by our people. *(Applause)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

South-East Caucus Meeting

Mr. Speaker: All Members of the South-East Caucus are to wait briefly after this sitting. This is important, and it is from their leader.

Meeting of the Committee on Solid Minerals Development

There will be a meeting of the House Committee on Solid Minerals Development immediately after the House adjourns.

Postponement of the Meeting of the Water Resources Committee

The meeting of the Committee on Water Resources earlier scheduled for 4.00 p.m. today, is now postponed till Monday next week at the same time.

The following Chairmen are requested to meet the Chairman, Committee on Privatisation and Commercialisation in his office for a brief meeting immediately after the day's Session. They are:

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Hon. West Idahosa
Hon. Hamisu Shira
Hon. Oke Udeh
Hon. Awwal Tukur
Hon. Aminu Ghali, and
Hon. Abdullahi Idris Umar.

Mr. Speaker: My hon. Members, tomorrow, we are going to sit by 11.00 a.m. and I would like to call on the House Leader to move a Motion to that effect.

Hon. Farouk Mohammed Lawan (Bagwai/Shanono): Information, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Farouk, what is your information?

Hon. Farouk Mohammed Lawan: Hon. Speaker, hon. Colleagues — *(Interruptions)* Hon. Members, it is unethical for you to interrupt when the Chairman of the Ethics and Privileges Committee is submitting his Report. *(Interruptions)*

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, order, please. Since the public address system is faulty, I advise that we adjourn till tomorrow. *(Interruptions)*

Hon. Farouk M. Lawan: Mr. Speaker, when we met last week, the Joint Committee, comprising Ethics and Privileges, Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters and National Security and Intelligence Committee, was requested to conduct further investigations regarding the allegations made against the Senate President, Evan Enwerem. Since we will not be able to present our final Report to this

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honourable House today, I would like to inform the honourable House of what we have so far done.

I wish to inform this honourable House that the Joint Committee has commenced work and pursuing vigorously, the investigations and we have contacted certain Agencies and we are still awaiting their reports. We want to assure this honourable House that by the time we present our Report to this House, we shall be able to satisfy you. But now, the Report is not ready because we have not concluded our investigations.

Thank you. *(Applause)*

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Mohammed Wakil: Mr. Speaker, may I move that this honourable House do adjourn till tomorrow, 3rd September, 1999 at 11.00 a.m.

Hon. Charles Adebayo Fajuru (Ekiti I): Mr. Speaker, Sir, hon. Members, I hereby second the Motion moved by the House Leader (*Hon. Mohammed Wakil*) that we adjourn till tomorrow, 3rd September, 1999 at 11.00 a.m.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do stand adjourned till tomorrow, 3rd September, 1999 at 11.00 a.m.

The House adjourned accordingly at 4.30 p.m.