



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 24 November, 1999

1. The House met at 10.35 a.m. The Speaker took the Chair and read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, November 23, 1999.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.
3. **Announcement:**
Bereavement:
The death of the mother of Hon. I. Ibrahim was announced. (*One minute silence observed in honour of the deceased*)
4. **Petition:**
The House received a petition from Honourable Abayomi Maiyegun, Chairman, House Committee on Public petitions on behalf of Dr O. O. K. Dokunmu. Presenting the petition, Hon. Maiyegun informed the House that Dr O. O. K. Dokunmu, a Medical Practitioner had petitioned the House on grounds of unlawful dismissal from office. The petitioner joined the Public Service in 1973 and rose to the rank of Executive Director, National Primary Health Care Development Agency in the Federal Ministry of Health. The petitioner claimed that he was never indicted nor queried for financial misconduct or official incompetence until he was removed from office after 26 years of service. In his petition, he prayed the House to condemn his unlawful removal from office and to order his re-instatement thereof

Petition Ordered to lie Upon-The-Table and referred to the House Committee on Public Petitions.
5. **Rehabilitation and Dualisation of Roads:**
Motion made and Question proposed. That in view of the fact that a good number of Nigerian Roads have not only become unmotorable but have also become death-traps caused by long years of neglect, poor and irregular maintenance as well as mismanagement of the funds meant for their maintenance, resulting in frequent ghastly motor accidents, destruction of lives and properties, suffering and economic hardship of the rural dwellers as well as strangulation of their agro-commercial ventures, this House do urge the Federal Government to:
 - (i) (a) Rehabilitate and Dualise Ibadan – Ilorin Federal Road;
 - (b) Rehabilitate Lantang-Yelwa- Ibi-Wukari-Takumu – Donga – USSA – Bassaula-Bassa-Mararab-Bassa-Abong roads;
 - (c) Dualise Lagos Kaduna Federal Road;
 - (d) Rehabilitate Ayangba - Dekina – Odenyi – Shintaku Federal Road and construct a bridge across the River-Niger between Lokoja and Shintaku in Kogi State; and construct Amuo-Igbagun — Oga-Iyamerin — Ere-Egbe — Lafiagi — Pategi Roads in Kogi and Kwara;
 - (e) Rehabilitate Makurdi-Kwatan Sule-Wukari Federal Road;
 - (f) Build bridges across the River Benue at Ibi and across Katsina Ala River at Kwatan Sule linking Wukari and Makurdi;

- (g) Construct Obi-Awe-Tunga-Ibi road;
 - (h) Rehabilitate Ilesa - Osogbo - Ilobu - Ifon - Oko - Temidipe - Oniyan - Ogbomosho Federal Road;
 - (i) Rehabilitate Abakaliki - Afikpo Federal Road;
 - (j) Rehabilitate and dualise Owerri - Mbaise - Umuahia Federal Road;
 - (k) Dualise F. C.T. - Lafia - Makurdi - Jos Federal Road;
 - (l) Dualise Abuja - Ayangba - Jos - Lafia - Makurdi Road;
 - (m) Rehabilitate Marina Rocul Passing beside the flag staff Housing in Lagos;
 - (n) Rehabilitate Abakaliki road passing through 82 Division Headquarters in Enugu;
 - (o) Construct Obi-Keana-Babajimba-Dauda road;
 - (p) Rehabilitate Ewohiham - Onitsha - Agbo - Idumuje-Ugba - Issele - Uku - Onitsha - Olong - Ebu - Illah and Ubulu - Uku - Asaba - Ogwashi - Uku roads;
 - (q) Onitsha - Agbo - Asaba - Ubulu - Okiti Federal Road;
 - (r) Complete and dualise Benin/Onitsha Federal Road;
 - (s) Construct Uyo-Itak-Ididep-Okoko Ita-Idoro-Odoro Ikpe (Akwa Ibom)-Ohafia Arochukwu (Abia) Road;
 - (t) Ibadan-Olojuoro-Olode-Ijebu road Oyo State;
 - (u) Dualise Kano-Maiduguri Federal Highway;
 - (v) Dualise Zaria-Sokoto road;
 - (w) Rehabilitate Kano-Hadeju road;
 - (x) Abuja-Akwanga-Jos, Bauchi, Gombe-Yola;
 - (y) Construct Makari(Kaduna) Rogo-Karaye-Kabo-R/Gado-Kano; and
 - (z) Rehabilitate and dualise Aba-Ikot-Ekpene-Uyo-Oron, Ikot Ekpene-Abak-Ekparakwa-Ikot Abasi, Aba-Ukanafun-Ekparakwa, Ikot Abasi-Eket, Uyo-Eket-Entinan, Umuahia-Ikot Ekpene, Abakaliki-Ini-Ikono-Ikot Ekpene, Ikot Ekpene-Itam-Itu-Odukpani-Calabar roads.
- (ii) Construct all damaged bridges and erect new ones where necessary.
 - (iii) Bring back the Public Works Department.
 - (iv) Refer the matters to the Committee on Works and Housing for appropriate action (*Hon. Alex Nwofe and 65 others*).

Sitting Suspended 10.50 a.m.: To enable the House sit in a Joint Session with the Senate to receive the Appropriation Bill for the year 2000 from Mr President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

See Supplement to the Votes and Proceedings for Mr President's Address.

Sitting Resumed: 12.15 p.m.

Resumption of Suspended Debate.

Motion Ordered to be Represented.

House in Executive Session 12.15 p.m.

House Resumed in Plenary Session 1.35 p.m.

6. Consideration of the Appropriation Bill for the Year 2000:

Mr Speaker announced that the House would adjust its hours of sittings to allow Standing Committees sufficient time to consider the Appropriation Bill for the year 2000. He remarked that the House would continue to sit in accordance with the Rules of the House but would observe some flexibility in the conduct of its business.

7. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 25 November, 1999 at 10.00 a.m (*Hon. Mohammed Wakil*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.20 p.m.