



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 20 November, 2008

1. The House met at 10.55 a.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 19 November, 2008.
By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Announcements:**
 - (i) **Visitors:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence in the Gallery of, Editors and Official Reporters from Imo State House of Assembly.
 - (ii) **Committee Membership:**
Mr Speaker announced the inclusion of Hon. Kayode Idowu as a Member of the following House Committees:
 - (a) Federal Capital Territory
 - (b) Police Affairs; and
 - (c) Education.
 - (iii) **Conferment of Chieftaincy Titles:**
Mr Speaker announced the Conferment of Chieftaincy Titles on Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha and Hon. Halima Hassan Tukur as "Onu Na Ekwuru Oha 1 of Uturu" and "Ezi Enyi 1 of Uturu" respectively by His Royal Majesty, Eze Jonas Ebekuomchi Okoroji, Ena 1 of Uturu, on 22 November, 2008 at Eze's Palace, Eziana Achara, Uturu, Isuikwuato Local Government Area of Abia State at 12.00 Noon.
4. **Petitions:**
The following petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:
 - (i) Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila (*Surulere I Federal Constituency*), from Osun State Civil Societies Coalition against Corruption and Rights Violation, praying the House to investigate the alleged abuse and denigration of humanity and extra judicial killing by the Osun State Police Command, with a view to ensuring justice;
 - (ii) Hon. Patrick Obahiagbon (*Oredo Federal Constituency*), from Ahiokhai and Ahiokhai Chamber on behalf of Inspector Joseph Eguavoen, praying the House to investigate his alleged wrongful dismissal from the Nigeria Police Force, with a view to re-instating him;
 - (iii) Hon. Ishaka Mohammed Bawa (*Ibi/Wukari Federal Constituency*), from Mr B. Ahmed and Associate on behalf of Mr Falalu Manu Umar, praying the House to investigate his alleged wrongful termination of appointment by the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board with a view to re-instating him and granting other reliefs sought;

- (iv) Hon. Mayor Eze (*Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency*), from Mr A. C. Osadebe, praying the House to investigate the 250 days extra judicial process, torture and persecution carried out against him by Professor Nkemjika Onuoha, the Director-General of PRODA, Enugu, with a view to ensuring justice;
- (v) Hon. Nelson Alapa (*Ohimini/Otukpo Federal Constituency*), from the members of Ojira Youth Club, Otukpo, Benue State, praying the House to investigate the extra judicial killing of Mr John Abah by the Nigeria Police Force in order for justice to prevail;
- (vi) Hon. Ibrahim Ballah (*Kumbotso Federal Constituency*), from Mr Bala Ishaku, praying the House to investigate his alleged wrongful dismissal from the Nigeria Police Force, with a view to re-instating him and granting other reliefs sought.

5. Presentation of Bill:

National Space Research and Development Agency Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time.*

6. Presentation of Reports:

(i) Committee on Judiciary:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Judiciary on a Bill for an Act to provide for Fines in Enactments to be expressed in Terms of Penalty Units; to Provide for the amounts to be converted in to penalty units and provide for Connected Matters, 2008 (HB. 45)" (*Hon. Mulikat Akande*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Committee on Women Affairs:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the 2007/2008 Sessional Report of the Committee on Women Affairs" (*Hon. Binta Garba Masi*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Mrs Washir Msheila:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mrs Washir Msheila against the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Dr Obadia Mailafia:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Dr Obadia Mailafia against the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(v) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Retrenched Workers Association of Savannah Sugar Company:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Retrenched Workers Association of Savannah Sugar Company, Numan against the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE)" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(vi) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Mrs Titilayo Flora Ajileye:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mrs Titilayo Flora Ajileye against the National Universities Commission (NUC)" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(vii) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Mr Aminu Yahaya:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Police Constable Aminu Yahaya against the Nigeria Police" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(viii) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Mr Kabiru Yakubu:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Kabiru Yakubu against the Nigerian Bottling Company" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(ix) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Mr B. I. Gberave:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr B. I. Gberave against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC)" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(x) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Mr Anthony Morka:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Anthony Morka against the Nigerian Ports Authority" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(xi) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Technical Trainee Graduates:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Technical Trainee Graduates against the Nigerian Ports Authority" (*Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

7. **NIGCOMSAT-1:**

Motion by leave of the House withdrawn, pursuant to Order IX, Rule 10 (3).

8. **Appointment of a Nigerian as a Member of the World Economic Panel by the United Nations Organization:**

Motion made and Question proposed,

The House:

Notes the appointment of the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, Professor Chukwuma Soludo as one of the Ten-member-world-class economists and financial experts to reform the faltering world economy;

Aware that the appointment was made by the United Nations as an immediate rescue response to halt the financial melt-down that has lately gripped the world financial system;

Appreciates the appointment as a recognition of the competence of Professor Soludo and an acknowledgment that Nigeria has a large pool of capable world-class professionals/technocrats;

Takes cognizance of the window of challenges the recognition would open up for other Nigerian professionals by the international community in the fullness of time;

Resolves to:

- (i) Congratulate Professor Soludo and President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua for the honour the appointment by the United Nations of the Central Bank Governor has brought to the country;
- (ii) Urge Professor Soludo to deploy his skills and professional depth, in unison with other appointees by the United Nations, to find workable and enduring solutions to the challenges of the current world financial crisis;
- (iii) Commend the United Nations for the Honour done to Nigeria by the appointment of the Governor of Nigeria's Central Bank to serve on the Committee to reform the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank (*Hon. Halims Agoda and 76 others*).

Debate:

Motion, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the River Basins Development Authorities (Establishment, etc.) Act; to Provide for the Establishment of the Lower Anambra and Upper Niger Basin Development Authorities and List same into the First Schedules of the Act and for Other Related Matters, 2008 — *Second Reading: Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the River Basins Development Authorities (Establishment, etc.) Act; to Provide for the Establishment of the Lower Anambra and Upper Niger Basin Development Authorities and List same into the First Schedules of the Act and for Other Related Matters, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Patrick Asadu*).**

Debate:

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

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Committee on Water Resources.

10. **Adjournment:**

That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday, 25 November, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.07 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker