



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 15 November, 2016

1. The House met at 11.12 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, 10 November, 2016.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcements**

- (a) **Visitors in the Gallery:**

Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:

- (i) Staff and Students of *Valid Crown International College*, Bwari, Abuja; and
 - (ii) Staff and Pupils of *Witty Kids' School*, Mararaba, Karu, Nasarawa State.

- (b) **Bereavement:**

By leave of the House, Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari (*Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*), informed the House of the demise of Alhaji Ibrahim Dasuki, the 18th Sultan of Sokoto (1988 - 1996), which occurred on Monday, 14 November, 2016, at the age of 93.

The House observed a minute silence in honour of the departed monarch.

4. **Petition**

A petition from Odey & Odey (Solicitors), on behalf of Lt. Col. C. J. Precious on his trial by Special Court Martial of the Nigerian Navy in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, was presented and laid by Hon. Samuel Okon (*Etinan/Nsit Ibom/Nsit Ubium Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**

The Need for Government to Take Immediate Action on Irrigation Farming in the Country:

Hon. Abdulrahman Shuaibu Abubakar (*Mubi North/Mubi South/Maiha Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and

(b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

The Need for the Government to Take Immediate Action on Irrigation Farming in the Country:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria has one of the best agro-ecologies to grow a variety of crops, and that it is endowed with good soil with an estimated 71.2 million hectares of cultivable land but less than 50% of which is put to proper use due, mainly, to constraints as a result of erratic rainfall distribution;

Also notes the need to take extra measures to boost agricultural production by embracing irrigation farming as an important rural development investment that could directly and indirectly impact on both poverty reduction and food security;

Aware that all the States of Nigeria are inhabited by farming populations who grow such products as tomatoes, onions, cabbage, carrot from the States of the North, while foods like rice, yam, cassava, etc. are produced in both Northern and Southern States;

Also aware that Northern Nigeria has a greater expanse of land than any other region in the country and that there is also a longer period of dry season in the North;

Further aware that for Nigeria to leverage the God given abundance of land resources, governments at all levels need to encourage irrigation farming all over the country and that this could be achieved through a proactive development of irrigation farming to free farmers from over-dependence on rain to grow crops all year round and achieve higher crop yield and value, thereby increasing the productivity, revenue and income of farmers, since there are dams and reservoir already spread over several states of Northern Nigeria;

Convinced that Government can actualize this through a sensitization campaign in all the States of the country, especially in the North, to identify and enlighten serious farmers, and assess their level of preparedness with respect to land and sources of water;

Worried that if farmers in Nigeria are not encouraged with irrigation, and if care and adequate attention are not given, Nigeria may find it more difficult to produce enough food to feed her teeming population especially in the light of ever dwindling crude oil revenue;

Resolve to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to, as a matter of urgency, make available through various River Basin Development Authorities water from the Dams and Reservoirs and where there is no Dam or Reservoir Borehole shall be provided in other to serve the farms; and
- (ii) call upon Federal, State and Local Governments to intensify effort by providing improved seed, pesticides, fertilizer and implements to actualise irrigation farming as a way of increasing food production in the North and Nigeria in General (*Hon. Abdulrahman Shuaibu Abubakar — Miah/Mubi North/Mubi South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

6. **Motion for Re-committal of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) and Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) Budgets to the Committee of Supply, Pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 10 (1) and (2) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Recalls that on Thursday, 10 November, 2016, the House, in the Committee of Supply considered and adopted the Report of the Committee on Telecommunications on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Communications Commission the Total Sum of (₦70,672,492,000.00) Seventy Billion, Six Hundred and Seventy-Two Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-Two Thousand Naira only of which the sum of (₦22,211,186,000.00) Twenty-Two Billion, Two Hundred and Eleven Million, One Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand Naira only, is for Recurrent Expenditure, the sum of (₦15,651,475,000.00) Fifteen Billion, Six Hundred and Fifty-One Million, Four Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Naira only, is for Capital Expenditure, the sum of (₦6,557,708,000.00) Six Billion, Five Hundred and Fifty-Seven Million, Seven Hundred and Eight Thousand Naira only, is for Special Projects while the sum of (₦8,584,000,000.00) Eight Billion, Five Hundred and Eighty-Four Million Naira only, and (₦17,668,123,000.00) Seventeen Billion, Six Hundred and Sixty-Eight Million, One Hundred and Twenty-Three Thousand Naira only, will be transferred to the Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) and the Federal Government of Nigeria, respectively and from the Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) the Sum of (₦16,325,268,000.00) Sixteen Billion, Three Hundred and Twenty-Five Million, Two Hundred and Sixty-Eight Thousand Naira only, for the Year Ending on 31 December, 2016;

Notes that following the consideration and adoption of the Report of the Budget of the NCC and USPF, certain inaccuracies were discovered in the figures considered and approved for the Commission;

Cognizant of the need to approve the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 10 November, 2016, without the inaccurate figures in the NCC and USPF Budget and the need to correct those numerous inaccuracies in the budget;

Resolves to:

Re-commit the budget of NCC and USPF to the Committee of Supply for further consideration, pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 10 (1) and (2) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives and exclude the adopted Report of the Committee of Supply on the NCC and USPF Budget from the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 10 November, 2016 (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

The Bill on the NCC and USPF Budget, 2016 re-committed to the Committee of Supply.

7. **Presentation of Reports**

(i) **Committee on Industry:**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Industry on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Sugar Development Council, the Total Sum of ₦4,740,700,000.00 (Four Billion, Seven Hundred and Forty Million and Seven Hundred Thousand Naira) only, out of which the sum of ₦296,640,000.00 (Two Hundred and Ninety-Six Million, Six Hundred and Forty Thousand Naira) only, is for Personnel Cost, ₦402,080,000.00 (Four Hundred and Two Million, Eighty Thousand Naira) only, is for Overhead Cost, ₦698,720,000.00 (Six Hundred and Ninety-Eight Million, Seven Hundred

and Twenty Thousand Naira) only, is for Total Recurrent and ₦4,041,980,000.00 (Four Billion, Forty-One Million, Nine Hundred and Eighty Thousand Naira) only, is for Total Capital for the Year Ending on 31 December, 2016, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 734)" (*Hon. Abubakar Husaini Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) **Committee on Industry:**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Industry on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Industrial Training Fund, the Total Sum of ₦39,005,613,488.00 (Thirty-Nine Billion, Five Million, Six Hundred and Thirteen Thousand, Four Hundred and Eighty-Eight Naira) only, out of which the sum of ₦32,866,030,209.00 (Thirty-Two Billion, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Six Million, Thirty Thousand, Two Hundred and Nine Naira) only, is for Total Recurrent Expenditure, and ₦6,139,345,488.00 (Six Billion, One Hundred and Thirty-Nine Million, Three Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Eighty-Eight Naira) only, is for Capital Expenditure for the Year Ending on 31 December, 2016, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 762)" (*Hon. Abubakar Husaini Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) **Committee on Industry:**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Industry on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Automotive Design and Development Council, the Total Sum of ₦9,310,774,023.69 (Nine Billion, Three Hundred and Ten Million, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Four Thousand, Twenty Three Naira and Sixty-Nine Kobo) only, out of which the sum of ₦1,455,370,000.00 (One Billion, Four Hundred and Fifty-Five Million, Three Hundred and Seventy Thousand Naira) only, is for Recurrent Expenditure, ₦355,404,023.69 (Three Hundred and Fifty-Five Million, Four Hundred and Four Thousand, Twenty-Three Naira, Sixty-Nine Kobo) only, is for Capital Expenditure and ₦2,500,000,000.00 (Two Billion, Five Hundred Million Naira) only, is Automobile Development Fund for the Year Ending on 31 December, 2016, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 757)" (*Hon. Abubakar Husaini Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) **Committee on Industry:**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Industry on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Standards Organization of Nigeria the Total Sum of ₦10,591,876,532.00 (Ten Billion, Five Hundred and Ninety-One Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Six Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty-Two Naira) out of which the sum of ₦5,425,759,118.00 (Five Billion, Four Hundred and Twenty-Five Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Nine Thousand, One Hundred and Eighteen Naira) only, is for Recurrent Expenditure, ₦4,879,250,678.00 (Four Billion, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Nine Million, Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy-Eight Naira) only, is for Capital Expenditure and ₦286,866,736.00 (Two Hundred and Eighty-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Six Naira) only, is for Net

Surplus for the Year Ending on 31 December, 2016, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 764)" (*Hon. Abubakar Husaini Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(v) ***Committee on Treaties, Protocols and Agreements:***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Treaties, Protocols and Agreements on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Domestication and Enforcement in Nigeria of the Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Kingdom of Spain and for Other Related Matters (HB. 444)" (*Hon. Yakub Abiodun Balogun — Lagos Island II Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(vi) ***Committee on Treaties, Protocols and Agreements:***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Treaties, Protocols and Agreements on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Domestication and Enforcement in Nigeria of the Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Republic of South Korea and for Other Related Matters (HB. 445)" (*Hon. Yakub Abiodun Balogun — Lagos Island II Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(vii) ***Committee on Treaties, Protocols and Agreements:***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Treaties, Protocols and Agreements on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Domestication and Enforcement in Nigeria of the Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Kingdom of Sweden and for Other Related Matters (HB. 443)" (*Hon. Yakub Abiodun Balogun — Lagos Island II Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. **A Bill for an Act to make Provisions for Offences Relating to Terrorism, Prohibit the Financing of Terrorism and Consolidate all Acts Relating to Terrorism, and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Terrorism Act of 2011 for the Purpose of Applying Stringent Prison Terms for Offences of Terrorism, and Remove the Ambiguities in the Act and for Other Related Matters (HBs 333 and 447) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to make Provisions for Offences Relating to Terrorism, Prohibit the Financing of Terrorism and Consolidate all Acts Relating to Terrorism, and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Terrorism Act of 2011 for the Purpose of Applying Stringent Prison Terms for Offences of Terrorism, and Remove the Ambiguities in the Act and for Other Related Matters (HBs 333 and 447) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mohammed T. Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on National Security and Intelligence.

9. A Bill for an Act to Amend Sections 34 (2), 44, and 162 (2) and (4) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to among others, expand the definition of torture, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 779) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed. “That a Bill for an Act to Amend Sections 34 (2), 44, and 162 (2) and (4) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to among others, expand the definition of torture, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 779) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Kingsley Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Special Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution.

10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Comfort Fund Act, Cap. A21, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Expand the Application of the Fund to Civil Unrests and for Other Related Matters (HB. 667) — *Second Reading*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

11. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Corporate Bodies (Members Emolument) Act, Cap. C30, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (HB. 669) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed. “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Corporate Bodies (Members Emolument) Act, Cap. C30, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (HB. 669) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Mohammed Umar Jega — Aliero/Gwandu/Jega Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Commerce.

12. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Export (Prohibition) Act, Cap. E22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to remove the Restrictions placed on Exportation of Agricultural Produce from Nigeria, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 671) — *Second Reading*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

13. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Television Authority Act, Cap. N24, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Provide for Independent and Impartial Television Broadcasting for General Reception within and outside Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 563) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed. “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Television Authority Act, Cap. N24, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Provide for Independent and Impartial Television Broadcasting for General Reception within and outside Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 563) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Kolade Victor Akinjo — Eseodo/Ilaje Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Mortgage Brokers and Lenders of Nigeria to Regulate the Activities and Ensure Professionalism in the System and for Other Related Matters (HB. 465) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Mortgage Brokers and Lenders of Nigeria to Regulate the Activities and Ensure Professionalism in the System and for Other Related Matters (HB. 465) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Timothy Golu — Paskshin/Kanke/Kanam Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Housing, and Commerce.

15. **Call for Control of Gully Erosion in Parts of Kaduna North Federal Constituency**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

16. **Call for Reconstruction of NsitUbium-Eket Highway to connect Oil Rich Communities of Mbiekene and Nnung Obong of Akwa Ibom State to the East West Road**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Mbiekene road is a major highway linking oil communities within NsitUbium/Eket/Oron Local Government Areas of Akwa Ibom State to the East-West Road;

Also notes that the road is a major economic link between the oil communities in Akwa Ibom State through Rivers State and beyond but concerned that since its construction many years ago, no rehabilitation or reconstruction work has been carried out on it despite its being a major route for the distribution of crude oil and other products;

Worried that the deplorable state of the road and collapse of the connecting bridge has crippled all economic activities, stalled movement of goods and services, thereby affording bandits, opportunities to rob travelers at will;

Disturbed that all the calls on the Federal Ministry of Works, Power and Housing and the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) by well meaning individuals and organizations to reconstruct the road, have not yielded any positive result, thus exacerbating the hardships of the people through avoidable accidents and gridlocks;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works, Power and Housing, and the Niger Delta Development Commission to provide money in the 2017 budget proposal for the reconstruction of the road; and

- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, and NDDC to ensure implementation (*Hon. Samuel Ikon — Etinan/Nsit Ibom/Nsit Ubium Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 189/2016).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

- 17. Need to Investigate the Expenditure Pattern of Monthly Budgetary Allocations to Pensions Transitional Arrangement Department (PTAD) and Its Annual Verification Exercises of Pensioners from July 2014 till Date**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

- 18. Adjournment**

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 16 November, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.02 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker