

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

(Signed)
House Leader

Wednesday, 13th April, 2016

The House met at 11.58 am

Rt. Hon. Yakubu Dogara,
The Speaker House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone

PRAYERS

(The Speaker in the Chair)

**Notification of Death of Hon. Kenneth A.
Achibong**

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

The Speaker: Hon. Colleagues, I have examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 12th April, 2016.

This is to notify you of the death of our dear husband, father and brother, Hon. Kenneth Achibong, former Member of House of Representatives and Chairman of the House Committee on Air Force between 2011 and 2015. The incident occurred on 22nd March, 2016 at the Zenith Medical and Kidney Centre, Abuja after a brief illness.

OATHS

Oath of Allegiance

And

Oath of Membership

The Speaker: Any Member-elect that has not been sworn-in should please come forward for the administration of Oath.

Until his death, he was a community leader and astute politician who devoted his life and time to public service. We humbly solicit for your assistance and thanks in anticipation.

**Yours faithfully,
Mrs. Bridget Achibong
for Hon. Kenneth Achibong's family**

The following Members-Elect took and subscribed the Oaths or made and subscribed Affirmation required by law.

The Speaker: May the soul of the departed rest in peace.

As the House's tradition a minute silence was observed in honour of the departed.

- i. Apiafi O. Betty (Ahoada East/Abua/Odua)
- ii. Chinda Kingsley Ogundu (Obio/Akpor)
- iii. Nsiegbie Blessing Ibiba (Port Harcourt II)

PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC PETITIONS

The Speaker: Any Member who has a petition to present to the House may please rise to do so.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker: Hon. Members, we have two announcements before we move on.

**Notice of Meeting on Kogi House of Assembly
Take-Over**

There will be a Meeting of the Ad-hoc Committee on Kogi House of Assembly Takeover, after Sitting in Hearing Room 326.

**Non-Payment of Shifting Arrears and Hazard
Allowance to Mr. Simon Okewu**

Hon. Wayo Benjamin Iorember (Kwande/Ushongo): I have three petitions; the first one is from Mr. Simon Okewu against the Nigerian Air Force. He urged this House to prevail on the Nigerian Air Force to pay him the shifting arrears and hazard allowance.

**Unjustly Dismissal of by Mr. Richard Yough
from Council of Legal Education**

The second petition is by Richard Yough, alleging that he was unjustly dismissed from the service of

Council of Legal Education since June 25th 2014 without justifiable reasons or evidence of alleged involvement in gross misconduct in connection with the registration of a student in Abuja who was not posted to the campus.

He is urging House to prevail on the Council of Legal Education to revert his unjustly dismissal from service to pay him all his entitlements and reinstate him back to the service.

**Termination of Appointment of Merienge
Lovelyn Samari**

The third petition is from Merienge Lovelyn Samari against the former Nigerian Agriculture and Cooperative and Rural Development Bank (now Bank of Agriculture), stating that her appointment was terminated without giving her fair hearing.

She is praying that the House prevails on the Bank to reinstate her and pay her all her emoluments.

With your kind permission, may I proceed to lay the petitions before the House?

Petitions laid.

**Petition by Itsekiri National Youth Council
against Persistent Marginalization
and Selective Implementation of
Post-Amnesty Beneficiaries**

Hon. Reyenieju Daniel Oritsegbubeni (Warri South/Warri West): I have a petition written to this House by a youth organisation christened the Itsekiri National Youth Council and titled Persistent Marginalization and Selective Implementation of the Post-Amnesty Beneficiaries of the Itsekiri Extraction by the Brig. Gen. Paul Boro Led Administration.

I will not bore the House with the content because it is about seven or eight pages. I like to lay the petition if the Speaker gives the leave.

Petition laid.

**Gruesome Murder of Two Brothers by Nigerian
Soldiers**

Hon. Anayo Edwin (Ezza North/Ishielu): I have a petition from Nwafor's family in Ndikwu Orizo community in Ezza, North Local Government Area of

Ebonyi State. The petition is about the gruesome murder of two brothers by Nigerian soldiers at Bori Ogoni land in Kiana Local Government Area of Rivers State.

The family is appealing to this honourable House to investigate the matter and bring the culprit to book. So, I urge the House to have a minute silence in honour of Mr. Nwafor Linus and Nwafor Kelechi who were killed by soldiers at Bori on 23rd of February, 2016.

May I lay the petition?

Petition laid.

All Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Hon. Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila (Surulere I): I move that this House do resolve into Executive Session.

Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari (Yabo/Shagari): I second the Motion ably moved by the House Leader.

Question put and agreed to.

Plenary suspended: 12.19 p.m.

Plenary Session resumed: 2.22 p.m.

Report and Adoption of the Executive Session

The Speaker: The House in the Executive Session resolved in the interest of our people due to the prevailing economic situation in the country to re-examine the 2016 Budget. We resolved to continue to engage with the Executive with a view to ironing out any identifiable grey areas in the immediate. We want to do this in the overall national interest to ensure that we have a workable budget that can immediately be implemented. That was the resolution of the Executive Session.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do agree, in the national interest, to re-examine the 2016 Budget and continue to engage with the Executive arm of government to have a workable budget.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

The Speaker: Hon. Members the first Business of the day is the Presentation of nineteen (19) Bills. I now invite the Clerk to read their short titles.

Workman (Unpaid Wages Prohibition) Bill, 2016

Workman (Unpaid Wages Prohibition) Bill, 2016 (HB.479) – presented by Hon. Hakeem Femi Gbajabiamila (*Surulere I*) – *read the First Time*.

Immigration Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016

Immigration Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.480) – presented by Hon. Hakeem Femi Gbajabiamila (*Surulere I*) – *read the First Time*.

Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016

Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB.481) – presented by Hon. Leonard Okuweh Ogor (*Isoko North/Isoko South*) – *read the First Time*.

Petroleum Industry Governance Bill, 2016

Petroleum Industry Governance Bill, 2016 (HB.477) – presented by Hon. Pally Isumafe Obokhuame Iriase (*Owan East/West*) and 11 Others – *read the First Time*.

Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016

Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB.467) – presented by Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun (*Ogo-Oluwa Surulere*) – *read the First Time*.

Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016

Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.468) – presented by Hon. Olatoye Temitope Sugar (*Akinyele/Lagelu*) – *read the First Time*.

Constitution of the Federal republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016

Constitution of the Federal republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB.469) – presented by Hon. Olatoye Temitope Sugar (*Akinyele/Lagelu*) – *Read the First Time*.

Infrastructure Bank (Establishment) Bill, 2016

Infrastructure Bank (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB.470) – presented by Hon. Isiaka Ayokunle Ibrahim (*Ifo/Ewekoro*) – *read the First Time*.

Nigerian Agricultural Quarantine Service (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2016

Nigerian Agricultural Quarantine Service (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2016 (HB.471) – presented by Hon. Munir Babba Dan'Agundi (*Kumbotso*) – *read the First Time*.

National Agricultural Council Bill, 2016

National Agricultural Council Bill, 2016 (HB.472) – presented by Hon. Munir Babba Dan'Agundi (*Kumbotso*) – *read the First Time*.

National Agricultural Development Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2016

National Agricultural Development Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB.473) – presented by Hon. Munir Babba Dan'Agundi (*Kumbotso*) – *read the First Time*.

National Food Reserve Agency (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2016

National Food Reserve Agency (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2016 (HB.474) – presented by Hon. Munir Babba Dan'Agundi (*Kumbotso*) – *read the First Time*.

Public Procurement Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016

Public Procurement Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.475) – presented by Hon. Busayo Oluwole Oke (*Obokun/Oriade*) – *read the First Time*.

Nigerians with Disability Bill, 2016

Nigerians with Disability Bill, 2016 (HB.476) – presented by Hon. Ochiglegor Idagbo (*Obanliku/Obudu/Bukwarra*) – *read the First Time*.

National Lottery Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016

National Lottery Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.478) – presented by Hon. Emmanuel Yisa Orker-Jev (*Buruku*) – *read the First Time*.

**Presidential Programme on Rehabilitation Bill,
2016**

Presidential Programme on Rehabilitation (Establishment and Implementation) Bill, 2016 (HB.482) – presented by Hon. Busayo Oluwole Oke (Obokun/Oriade) – *read the First Time.*

**Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016**

Constitution of the federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB.483) – presented by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai (Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwani) – *read the First Time.*

Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016

Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.484) – presented by Hon. Ahmad Usman Baba Kaita (Kankis/Ingawa/Kusada) – *read the First Time.*

**Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
1999**

Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB.485) – presented by Hon. Binta Bello (Kaltungo/Shongom) – *read the First Time.*

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

The Speaker: Hon. Colleagues, the second Business of the day is the presentation of five Reports of the Committee on Public Petitions.

Hon. Members, you will recall that the petitions were referred to the Committee for legislative actions. The Reports are ready for presentation. Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta is now invited to present the five Reports.

**Report on Aggrieved Staff of Nigerian Export
Promotion Council**

Hon. Nkem-Abonta Uzoma: I move that the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Aggrieved Staff of Nigerian Export Promotion Council against the management of the Council.

Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde: I do second that the Report be received as presented by Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta.

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

**Report on Alleged Unlawful Disengagement
from Service**

Hon. Nkem-Abonta Uzoma: I move that the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Sani Abakura against the Niger Delta Power Holding Company (NDPHC) on alleged unlawful disengagement from service.

Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde: I do second that the Report be received as presented by Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta.

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid on the Table.

Report on Alleged Wrongful Retirement

Hon. Nkem-Abonta Uzoma: I move that the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by SCA Adiele C.C. against the Nigerian Customs Service on alleged wrongful retirement.

Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde: I do second that the Report be received as presented by Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta.

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid on the Table.

**Report on Alleged Non-placement of Petitioners
after Training**

Hon. Nkem-Abonta Uzoma: I move that the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Technical Trainee Graduates Association against the Nigerian Ports Authority on alleged non-placement of the petitioners after their training.

Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde: I do second that the Report be received as presented by Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta.

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid on the Table.

Report on Wrongful Termination of Appointment

Hon. Nkem-Abonta Uzoma: I move that the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Iduemre Ochuko against the University of Benin on alleged wrongful termination of appointment.

Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde: I do second that the Report be received as presented by Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta.

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid on the Table.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker: I guess because time is far gone, all other Motions and Bills that we could not take today as a result of our long meeting should be consolidated against tomorrow's businesses on the Floor so that we can take them. Clerk, please take note. On this note, I call on the House Leader to move that the House do adjourn.

Hon. Hakeem Femi Gbajabiamila: I hereby move that the House do adjourn till tomorrow, Thursday, 14th April at 11.00 a.m.

Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari: I second the Motion that we do adjourn till tomorrow Thursday, 14th April, 2016.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House stands adjourned till tomorrow Thursday, 14th April, 2016 at 11.00 a.m.

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.27 p.m.