



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 1 June, 2017

1. The House met at 11.20 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 Wednesday, 31 May, 2017.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
3. **Announcement**
Visitors in the Gallery:
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the *Law Students Association of Nigeria (LAWSAN)*, University of Abuja.
4. **Petitions**
 - (i) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Ali Isa JC (*Balanga/Biliri Federal Constituency*):
 - (a) Lamilo Chamber on behalf of Association of ex-staff of Non-Consolidated Banks in Nigeria, on the non-payment of their benefits by the Central Bank of Nigeria and the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation;
 - (b) Obadiah Adekunle, on the alleged fraudulent act perpetrated by the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA);
 - (c) A. G. O. Agorodi & Co. Chamber on behalf of Mr Eyala Egberi and 4 others, on the non-payment of their salaries and emoluments by Trenur Nigeria Limited;
 - (d) Stephen Associates (Beko Chambers) on behalf of Oko Global Multi-Business Ltd, on the non-payment of contractual obligations by Civil Awareness and Economic Empowerment Initiatives;
 - (e) Ozurumba J. O. & Co. Chamber on behalf of Messrs Chibuzor Anyanwu and Okamgba Chibuzor, on their retrenchment from the service of the National Root Crops Research Institute, Umudike;

- (f) Charles Edgewhere (IEME Mtee Tech Nigeria Ltd) on the breach of the terms of employment and other related issues by Chevron Nigeria Limited;
- (ii) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Bamgbose Joseph (*Badagry Federal Constituency*):
 - (a) Starlin Ogbewe, on the refusal to pay his salaries and terminal benefits by the Globacom Nigeria Limited;
 - (b) Eva D. Egbebu & Co. Chamber, on behalf of Professor Eng. Chuka C. Ndubizu and 1 other on the delay by the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC) to conclude investigation on the non-declaration of Asset by Mr Darlington Onyechere Ezirim;
 - (c) Okugie Ndukwe Nelson against NIPOST, for refusal to comply with the House of Representatives recommendation for his recall to duty;
 - (d) U. C. Oparaugo & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Olu Kemi J. Komolafe, on the termination of his appointment by the Nigerian Communication Commission (NCC);
 - (e) Berekete family, on behalf of the Original inhabitants of Old Army Barracks, Suleja, Niger State, on the forceful demolition of their houses by Security Agencies;
- (iii) A petition from Law Forte on behalf of Capital Oil and Gas Industry Limited against the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and Department of State Services (DSS), on the detention of Dr Ifeanyi Ubah, was presented and laid by Hon. Samson Okwu (*Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*);
- (iv) A petition from Eugene O. Odey Esq., on the threat to his life by the State Security Service, was presented and laid by Hon. Kingsley Chinda (*Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*);
- (v) A petition from Gagarawa Local Government Progressive Farmers' Association, Jigawa State, on the confiscation of their farmlands, displacement from ancestral villages and torture by the Jigawa State Government and Jigawa State Police Command, was presented and laid by Hon. Mohammed Sani Zorro (*Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**
Need to Intervene in the Recurring Bloody Communal Crisis of over Forty Years between Umuebu and Amai Communities of Delta State:
 Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai (*Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to consider and approve it as one of urgent public importance.

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

Matter to stand over till next legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 4 (3).

6. **Presentation of Report**
Annual Report on Freedom of Information Act, 2011:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the 2016 Annual Report of the Hon. Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice on the level of Implementation of the Freedom of Information Act, 2011, pursuant to Section 30 (6) of the Act" (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

7. Consolidation of Bills:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Youth Service Corps Act, Cap. N84, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Free and Compulsory Acquisition of Vocational Skills by Corps Members and for Other Related Matters (HB. 972), and a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Youth Service Corps Act, Cap. N84, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to among Other Things, make Participation in the Service Corps Scheme Optional in Order to Minimize the Cost of Maintaining the Scheme and to Allow only those Graduates that are Genuinely Interested to Participate and for Other Related Matters (HB. 957) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

8. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Maritime University, Okerenkoko, Delta State and for Other Related Matters (HB. 1032) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Maritime University, Okerenkoko, Delta State and for Other Related Matters (HB. 1032) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku 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 Maritime Safety, Education and Administration.

9. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Maritime University, Okerenkoko, Delta State and to Make Comprehensive Provisions for its due Management and Administration and for Other Related Matters (HB. 637) — Second Reading

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

10. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory Area Councils Service Commission to Provide a Legal Framework for the Regulation of the Employment and Working Conditions of Area Councils Staff with a view to Professionalizing the FCT Area Councils Service and for Other Related Matters (HB. 975) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory Area Councils Service Commission to Provide a Legal Framework for the Regulation of the Employment and Working Conditions of Area Councils Staff with a view to Professionalizing the FCT Area Councils Service and for Other Related Matters (HB. 975) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West 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 Federal Capital Territory Area Councils and Ancillary Matters.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Sustainable Development Fund charged with Responsibility for Imposing, Operating and Managing the Fund for the Attainment of Sustainable Development Goals in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 910) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Sustainable Development Fund charged with Responsibility for Imposing, Operating and Managing the Fund for the Attainment of Sustainable Development Goals in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 910) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Abdullahi Umar Faruk — Bunza/Birnin Kebbi/Kalgo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Sustainable Development Goals, and Justice.

12. **A Bill for an Act to make Provision for Entrenchment in Nigerians, a Civic Responsibility Behavioral Pattern, Promotion of Constitutional Knowledge and Rights, as well as ensure Orderliness, Equity, Fairness and Justice in the Distribution of Service and for Other Related Matters (HB. 956) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to make Provision for Entrenchment in Nigerians, a Civic Responsibility Behavioral Pattern, Promotion of Constitutional Knowledge and Rights, as well as ensure Orderliness, Equity, Fairness and Justice in the Distribution of Service and for Other Related Matters (HB. 956) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Abubakar Amuda Kannike Garba — Ilorin East/Ilorin South 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.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Examination Malpractices Act, Cap. E15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 to Vest further Jurisdiction in other Courts to Try Offences Committed under the Act, and to Review the same and Equal Punishment and Penalty Regime Provided in the Act and also to confer the States and the FCT High Courts with Jurisdiction to Entertain Cases of Violation of the Act and for Other Related Matters (HB. 345 and HB. 373) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Examination Malpractices Act, Cap. E15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 to Vest further Jurisdiction in other Courts to Try Offences Committed under the Act, and to Review the same and Equal Punishment and Penalty Regime Provided in the Act and also to confer the States and the FCT High Courts with Jurisdiction to Entertain Cases of Violation of the Act and for Other Related Matters (HB. 345 and HB. 373) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ayuba Muhammed Bello — Jere 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 Basic Education and Services, and Tertiary Education and Services.

14. A Bill for an Act to Establish the South-East Development Commission charged with the Responsibility, among other Things, to Receive and Manage Fund from Allocation of the Federation Account for the Development, Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Roads, Houses and Other Infrastructure, as well as Tackle the Menace of Poverty, Ecological Problems and any Other Related Environmental or Developmental Challenges in the South-East States and for Other Related Matters (HB. 915) — *Second Reading*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

15. Rescission (Order Nine, Rule 1 (6))

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend Order Nine, Rule 1 (6) to enable it rescind its earlier decision on a Bill for an Act to Establish the South-East Development Commission charged with the Responsibility, among other Things, to Receive and Manage Fund from Allocation of the Federation Account for the Development, Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Roads, Houses and Other Infrastructure, as well as Tackle the Menace of Poverty, Ecological Problems and any Other Related Environmental or Developmental Challenges in the South-East States and for Other Related Matters (HB. 915)" (Hon. Leo Ogor — Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

16. A Bill for an Act to Establish the South-East Development Commission charged with the Responsibility, among other Things, to Receive and Manage Fund from Allocation of the Federation Account for the Development, Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Roads, Houses and Other Infrastructure, as well as Tackle the Menace of Poverty, Ecological Problems and any Other Related Environmental or Developmental Challenges in the South-East States and for Other Related Matters (HB. 915) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed; "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the South-East Development Commission charged with the Responsibility, among other Things, to Receive and Manage Fund from Allocation of the Federation Account for the Development, Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Roads, Houses and Other Infrastructure, as well as Tackle the Menace of Poverty, Ecological Problems and any Other Related Environmental or Developmental Challenges in the South-East States and for Other Related Matters (HB. 915) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Chukwuka Onyema Wilfred — Ogbaru Federal Constituency and 42 others).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Negatived.

17. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 6 June, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Munguno — Munguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.55 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker

