



EDO STATE

**EDO STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA  
FIFTH ASSEMBLY  
FIRST SESSION  
SECOND QUARTER**

**NO. 31**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
Monday, 10th October, 2011**

1. The House met at 11.36 a.m. Mr. Speaker took his seat and prayers were said.
2. **Roll Call of Honourable Members:** The Roll Call of Honourable Members was taken as follows:

<b>S/NO.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CONSTITUENCY</b>
1.	Hon. (Alhaji) ADJOTO, Kabiru	<i>Akoko-Edo 1</i>
2.	Hon. AGHEDO, Sunday	<i>Ovia South-West</i>
3.	Hon. (Barr.) ALIU, Peter	<i>Etsako East</i>
4.	Hon. EBEA, Festus	<i>Esan South-East</i>
5.	Hon. EDOROR, Victor S.	<i>Esan Central</i>
6.	Hon. EHIGIAMUSOR, Kingsley	<i>Igueben</i>
7.	Hon. IGBE, Uyigue	<i>Oredo West</i>
8.	Hon. ILUOBE, Patrick E.	<i>Esan North-East I</i>
9.	Hon. ISE-IDEHEN, Jude	<i>Ikpoba-Okha</i>
10.	Hon. OGEDENGBE, Foly Joseph	<i>Owan East</i>
11.	Hon. OGIERHIAKHI, Friday	<i>Orhionmwon II</i>
12.	Hon. OGHUMA, Johnson Egwakhide	<i>Etsako Central</i>
13.	Hon. OHIO-EZOMO, Michael	<i>Owan West</i>
14.	Hon. (Barr.) OHONBAMU, Paul	<i>Egor</i>
15.	Hon. OKODUWA, Emmanuel	<i>Esan North-East II</i>
16.	Hon. OLORUNTOBA, Simon Bamidele	<i>Akoko-Edo II</i>
17.	Hon. OSAYANDE, Noghayin Bright	<i>Ovia North-East II</i>
18.	Hon. OSAYIMWEN, Patrick	<i>Oredo East</i>
19.	Hon. OSAZEMWINDE, Sunday	<i>Ovia North-East I</i>
20.	Hon. SHAIBU, Philip	<i>Etsako West II</i>

**ABSENT WITH APOLOGY**

1.	Hon. AISOWIEREN, Patrick	<i>Orhionmwon I</i>
2.	Hon. (Mrs.) ATIVIE, U. Elizabeth	<i>Uhunmwode</i>
3.	Hon. MOMOH, Abdulrazak Awu	<i>Etsako West I</i>

**ABSENT**

1.	Hon. EHIGHALUA, Monday E.	<i>Esan West</i>
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## **SUMMARY**

i.	Hon. Members Present	=	20
ii.	Hon. Members on Official Assignment	=	Nil
iii.	Hon. Members Absent With Apology	=	3
iv.	Hon. Members Absent	=	<u>1</u>
	<b>Total</b>	=	<b><u>24</u></b>

### **3. Approval of Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 5th October, 2011.**

Mr. Speaker announced that he had read through, and was satisfied with the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 5th October, 2011, which was thereafter approved by unanimous consent, subject to the following amendment.

To *delete* the name “**Hon. Ebea, Festus**” from “**Absent Column**” and *insert* same under “**Absent with Apology Column**” *instead* thereof.

### **4. Messages from the Governor:**

Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of a letter from His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Edo State, Comrade Adams Aliyu Oshiomhole and directed the Clerk to read thus:

**EDO STATE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Government House, P. M. B. 1080, Benin City.

E-mail: [governor@edostate.gov.ng](mailto:governor@edostate.gov.ng).

[www.edostate.gov.ng](http://www.edostate.gov.ng)

Our Ref. No. OG. 5/58

3rd October, 2011

Rt. Hon. Uyigue Igbe,  
Honourable Speaker,  
Edo State House of Assembly,  
Chief Anthony Enahoro Complex,  
Oba Ovoranmwun Square,  
Benin City.

My dear Hon. Speaker,

**REINSTATEMENT OF BARRISTER ANSLEM OJEZUA  
INTO THE EDO STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

May I convey my compliments to Mr. Speaker and respectfully apprise the Honourable House of my decision to reinstate Barrister Anslem Ojezua as a member of the Edo State Executive Council. After a review of the circumstances that led to the suspension of his commissionership, I resolved to reinstate Barrister Ojezua and reassign a portfolio to him.

This letter therefore serves as a formal notification and I urge the Honourable House to graciously take cognizance of this development.

I wish to avail myself of this opportunity to thank Mr. Speaker and the House for your cooperation and to renew the assurances of my highest esteem.

**Sgd.**  
**Adams aliyu Oshiomhole, mni.**  
Governor

Mr. Speaker thereafter stated that since Barr. Anslem Ojezua had been screened before by the Honourable House, his recall from suspension and subsequent letter to the House by the Executive Governor was for members to be guided.

**5. Petition:**

Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of a petition and directed the Clerk to give its synopsis thus: “**Disengagement of Bendel Insurance Plc Staff Without Payment of Benefits By Mrs. M. E. Egiebor**” dated 25th July, 2011 and signed by one Mr. A. E. Salufu and Twenty Others.

Mr. Speaker thereafter referred the petition to the Committee on Finance & Economic Development and directed it to report back to the House within two weeks.

**6. Appearance of the Honourable Commissioner for Arts, Culture and Tourism:**  
On Order being read, and on the leave of the House, the Honourable Commissioner for Arts, Culture and Tourism, Aanena Jemitola and Officials of the Ministry were ushered into the Hallowed Chambers to brief the Honourable House on the activities of the Ministry.

She thereafter briefed the House.

Question and Answer Session ensued.

Debate arising:

***Motion made and Question Proposed;*** That the Brief be stood down till a later date.

**Hon. Philip Shaibu (*Etsako West II*)**

Question put and ***agreed to Resolved in the affirmative***

Mr. Speaker thereafter directed the Honourable Commissioner to write a letter of apology which must be in thirty copies to the House not later than Wednesday, 12th October, 2011.

**7. Appearance of the Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice:**

On Order being read, Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of a letter from the Commissioner and directed the Clerk to read thus:

**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**  
Chambers of the Solicitor-General and Permanent Secretary  
Ezoti Street, Benin City  
Edo State of Nigeria

Our Ref. No. CGA 449/Vol. 3/620

7th October, 2011

The Clerk of the House,  
Edo State House of Assembly,  
(Office of the Clerk),  
Chief Anthony Enahoro's Complex,  
King Square,  
Benin City.

**RE: BRIEFING ON THE ACTIVITIES OF  
MINISTRIES/DEPARTMENTS/PARASTATALS**

I am directed to refer to your letter Ref. No. H. A. 485/Vol. XII/273 of 29th September, 2011 on the above subject matter with particular reference to the time table for Ministries/Departmental Briefing of the House in which the Ministry of Justice was scheduled for Monday 10th October, 2011 at 10.00 a.m. and to inform you that the Hon. Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice traveled outside the State for other official engagement since Thursday 6th October, 2011. He is expected back on the evening of Monday 10th October, 2011.

Arising from the foregoing, it will be appreciated if the Ministry is rescheduled for Tuesday, 11th October, 2011 or any other available date to enable the Hon. Attorney-General brief the House.

Please accept the assurances of our highest regard.

Sgd.

**O. S. Uwuigbe (Mrs)**

Solicitor-General and Permanent Secretary,  
for: Hon. Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice.

Mr. Speaker thereafter directed that, the appearance of the Hon. Commissioner be deferred till Wednesday, 12th October, 2011 at 10.00 a.m.

**8. Appearance of the Honourable Commissioner for Works:**

On Order being read, and on the leave of the House, the Honourable Commissioner for Works, Arch. Francis Evbuomwan and Officials of the Ministry were ushered into the Hallowed Chambers to brief the Honourable House on the activities of the Ministry.

***Motion made and Question Proposed;*** That the briefing of the Honourable Commissioner be stood down for failure to submit his brief at the expiration of the stipulated date (Friday, 7th October, 2011).

**Hon. Philip Shaibu** (*Etsako West II*)

Question put and ***agreed to  
Resolved in the affirmative***

Mr. Speaker thereafter directed the Honourable Commissioner to re-appear before the House on Wednesday, 12th October, 2011 at 10.00 a.m. while he is to write and submit Thirty copies of an apology letter to the House not later than the date of his appearance.

Consequently, Mr. Speaker announced that, save for the Ministries of Special Duties, Oil and Gas; Arts, Culture and Tourism; Information and Orientation; Energy and Water Resources; Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs; Education; Budget and Planning and Women Affairs and Social Development; the rest Ministries are to submit letters of apology in thirty copies not later than Wednesday, 12th October, 2011 at 10.00 a.m. to the House for failure to comply with the directive of the House on the issue.

**9. Adjournment:**

***Motion made and Question Proposed;*** That this Honourable House do now adjourn sitting till Tuesday, 11th October, 2011 at 10.00 a.m. prompt.

**Hon. Ohonbamu, Paul (Egor)**

Question put and ***agreed to***  
***Resolved in the affirmative***

***Sitting Accordingly Adjourned At Two Minutes Before One O'clock In The Afternoon.***

**RT. HON. UYIGUE IGBE**  
**(SPEAKER)**