



EDO STATE

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

NO. 51

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Wednesday, 30th November, 2011

1. The House met at 11.40 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:

PRESENT

<u>S/NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONSTITUENCY</u>
1.	Hon. (Alhaji) ADJOTO, Kabiru	Akoko-Edo 1
2.	Hon. AGHEDO, Sunday	Ovia South-West
3.	Hon. (Barr.) ALIU, Peter	Etsako East
4.	Hon. EDOROR, Victor S.	Esan Central
5.	Hon. EHIGHALUA, Monday E.	Esan West
6.	Hon. EHIGIAMUSOR, Kingsley	Igueben
7.	Hon. IGBE, Uyigue	Oredo West
8.	Hon. ILUOBE, Patrick E.	Esan North-East I
9.	Hon. MOMOH, Abdulrazak Awu	Etsako West I
10.	Hon. OGIERHIAKHI, Friday	Orhionmwon II
11.	Hon. OKODUWA, Emmanuel	Esan North-East II
12.	Hon. (Barr.) OHONBAMU, Paul	Egor
13.	Hon. OSAYANDE, Noghayin Bright	Ovia North-East II
14.	Hon. OSAYIMWEN, Patrick	Oredo East
15.	Hon. OSAZEMWINDE, Sunday	Ovia North-East I
16.	Hon. SHAIBU, Philip	Etsako West II

ON OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENT

1. Hon. OHIO-EZOMO, Michael Owan West
2. Hon. OLORUNTOBA, Simon Bamidele Akoko-Edo II

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

1. Hon. AISOWIEREN, Patrick Orhionmwon I
2. Hon. (Mrs.) ATIVIE, U. Elizabeth Uhunmwode
3. Hon. EBEA, Festus Esan South-East
4. Hon. ISE-IDEHEN, Jude Ikpoba-Okha
5. Hon. OGHUMA, Johnson Egwakhide Etsako Central

ABSENT

1. Hon. OGEDENGBE, Foly Joseph Owan East

SUMMARY

i.	Hon. Members Present	=	16
ii.	Hon. Members on Official Assignment	=	2
iii.	Hon. Members Absent With Apology	=	5
iv.	Hon. Members Absent	=	1
	Total	=	<u>24</u>

3. Approval of Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 29th November, 2011.

Mr. Speaker announced that he had read through, and was satisfied with the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 29th November, 2011, which was thereafter approved by unanimous consent.

4. Message From the Governor:

Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of a letter from the Secretary to the State Government and directed the Clerk to read thus:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT

Government House, P. M. B. 1081, Benin City, Edo State

Email: ssg@edostate.gov.ng.

Our Ref. No. SGA. 10/1/T4/51

29th November, 2011

The Honourable Speaker,
Edo State House of Assembly,
Anthony Enahoro Complex,
Benin City.

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE TO PRESENT 2012 BUDGET ESTIMATE BY THE GOVERNOR COMRADE ADAMS ALIYU OSHIOMHOLE

I wish to bring to the kind attention of the Honourable Speaker that the Governor of Edo State, Comrade Adams Oshiomhole has requested that you graciously grant him audience in the plenary sitting of the House on Friday 2nd December, 2011 at 10.00 a.m. to present the 2012 Budget Estimate to the House of Assembly.

It will be appreciated if the request of the Governor is given the desired consideration and approval.

While thanking you and the Honourable Members for collaborating with the Executive Arm of Government to ensure that Edo State is repositioned for better service delivery to our people, kindly accept my assurances for your exalted office.

Sgd.

Dr. S. O. Imuekemhe KSM (JP)
Secretary to the State Government

Mr. Speaker thereafter urged the Honourable Members to be punctual and be seated at 10,00 a.m. for the presentation of the Year 2012 Budget Estimate to the People of Edo State.

5. **Petition:**

Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of a petition from the New Benin Trader's Welfare Union and directed the Clerk to give its synopsis thus: titled, "**Anti-Democratic Act of War Against Indiscipline**" dated 30th November 2011 and signed by one Mr. Lucky Orukpe, the Union Chairman.

Mr. Speaker also notified the Honourable Members that the petition was accompanied with 30 copies of D.V.D. plates. He then directed the Clerk to distribute same to the Honourable Members.

Mr. Speaker thereafter referred the petition to the House Standing Committee on Commerce and Industry with a directive to report back within two weeks.

6. **A Motion Calling on the State Government To Reactivate Communal Farms and Farm Settlement Schemes In Edo State**

Whereas, in the past, Communal Farm sites were established in all the Senatorial districts of the then Bendel State, and with the creation of Edo State, there still exists five Communal Farms located at Obayantor, Usugbenu, Anegbette, Ikiran-Ile and Sabongida Ora.

Whereas, Government also established Farm Settlement Schemes in the early 1960's and 1970's at Sobe, Iguoriakhi, Ekpoma and Uchronigbe.

Whereas, these programmes have lofty and realisable goals.

Whereas, these agricultural programmes have been abandoned by the past Governments.

Whereas, among the priorities of the present State Government are;

- (i) The employment of our teeming unemployed youths,
- (ii) The provision of food for all the growing population,
- (iii) The transformation of our traditional subsistence agricultural into modern economic venture and the production of cash crops for agro-allied industries.

Whereas, the reactivation of these agricultural services, that is Communal Farms and Farm Settlement Schemes and the establishment of new ones, where necessary, could help reduce unemployment in the state and at the same time produce enough food for the citizenry and cash crops for agro-allied industries.

Let it be resolved therefore that the State Ministry of Agriculture do,

(i) Put in place necessary machinery for reactivation of the five existing communal farms in addition to the opening of new ones where desirable and the three Farm Settlement Schemes.

(ii) Strengthen the Directorates of Communal Farm Project in the Ministry with a view to monitoring the communal farms.

Hon. Michael Ohio-Ezomo (*Owan West*)

On Order being read, consideration of the motion was deferred till Monday, 5th December, 2011.

7. Adjournment:

Before moving the Motion for adjournment, **Hon. Shaibu, Philip** (*Etsako West II*) urged the Honourable Members to join him in celebrating his birthday coming up on 1st December, 2011 by 5.00 p.m. at his resident in the Legislators quarters.

Motion made and Question Proposed; That this Honourable House do now adjourn sitting till Friday, 2nd December, 2011 at 10.00 a.m. prompt.

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

Before putting the Question, Mr. Speaker reminded the Honourable Members of the presentation of the 2012 Budget Estimates to the people of Edo State by the State Governor, Comrade Adams Aliyu Oshiomhole and urged Members to be seated at 10.00 a.m. prompt. He also called on Honourable Members to join the Majority Leader of the House on his Birthday celebration.

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

Sitting Accordingly Adjourned At Five Minutes Before Noon.

RT. HON. UYIGUE, IGBE
(SPEAKER)