



# LAGOS STATE OF NIGERIA

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## LAGOS STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2012

No. 94

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S/No.	Names	Constituencies
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The House met at 10.40 a.m. Mr. Speaker read prayers.

**Present.**

1.	Hon. Ikuforiji A.S.	Ikeja I
2.	“ Kolawole T.M.	Ajeromi/Ifelodun I
3.	“ Dr. Adeyeye A.J.	Kosofe II
4.	“ Dr. Balogun A.M.	Surulere II
5.	“ Mrs. Akande L.F.	Ikeja II
6.	“ Abiru R.L.	Somolu II
7.	“ Ogundimu O.	Agege II
8.	“ Balogun O.A.A.	Ajeromi/Ifelodun II
9.	“ Yusuf B.	Alimosho I
10.	“ Adeniji-Adele S.	Amuwo/Odofin I
11.	“ Mrs. Akinlola-Hassan R.	Amuwo/Odofin II
12.	“ Jimoh O.	Apapa II
13.	“ Layode I.O.	Badagry I
14.	“ Avosch H.S.	Badagry II
15.	“ Tobun A.	Epe I
16.	“ Olulade S.	Epe II
17.	“ Alimi K.A.	Eti-Osa I
18.	“ Yishawu O.G.	Eti-Osa II
19.	“ Mojeed A. Fatai	Ibeju/Lekki I
20.	“ Kazeem Raheem Adewale	Ibeju/Lekki II
21.	“ Fafunmi O.S.	Ifako/Ijaiye I
22.	“ Agunbiade S.O.B.	Ikorodu I
23.	“ Mrs. Akinsola A.	Ikorodu II
24.	“ Osinowo S.A.	Kosofe I
25.	“ Masha H.A.	Lagos Island I
26.	“ Alawiye-King W.	Lagos Island II
27.	“ Oloto B.	Lagos Mainland I
28.	“ Oshun M.O.	Lagos Mainland II
29.	“ Ayinla B.Y.	Mushin II
30.	“ Ogunyemi L.	Ojo II
31.	“ Ayeni L.B.	Oshodi/Isolo I
32.	“ Mrs. Olatunji-Edet O.	Oshodi/Isolo II
33.	“ Olowo R.E.	Somolu I
34.	“ Lawal K.O.	Surulere I

**(ii) Late Attendance.**

35.	Hon. Obasa M. A.	Agege I
36.	“ Omisore A.I.	Ifako/Ijaiye II
37.	“ Mrs. Tejuoso A.	Mushin I

**(iii) Absent – Officially.**

38. Hon. Egberongbe M.A.

Apapa I

39. “ Mrs. Rufai-Adeyemi M.

Ojo I

**(iv) Absent – Excused.**

Nil

**(v) Absent.**

40. Hon. Ms. Oduntan O.

Alimosho II

**2. Approval of Votes and Proceedings.**

Mr. Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2012 as amended.

*By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.*

**3. Announcement.**

The Acting Clerk of the House announced the receipt of a letter from the Office of the Chief of Staff, Governor's Office with *Ref. No. LGS 506/S.10/II/331* dated 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2012, titled **“Re: 18<sup>th</sup> National Sports Festival: Invitation to Programme/Event”** inviting Members to the 18<sup>th</sup> National Sports Festival tagged **‘Eko 2012’** to be hosted by Lagos State, as outlined below:

*i. Event: Hoisting of State Flag by the State Governor,  
Date: Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012,  
Venue: Teslim Balogun Stadium, Surulere.  
Time: 10.00 a.m.*

*ii. Event: Cocktail for the 18<sup>th</sup> National Sports Festival,  
Date: Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012,  
Venue: Lagos House, Marina.  
Time: 6.30 p.m.*

**4. Petition.**

The Acting Clerk read out the contents of a petition by **Messrs. Layiwola Fagboro & Co.** dated 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 titled **“Complaint against Unlawful, Violent and Illegal conduct likely to occasion Total Breakdown of Law and Order in Ibesse Town and its environs”**. The petition sought the intervention of the House on the matter.

*Petition committed to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Public Petitions.*

**5. Report.**

**Hon. Avoseh H.S.** (*Badagry II*) informed the House about a Workshop he attended with **Hon. Dr. Balogun A.M.** (*Surulere II*) and **Mr. Bisi Olawoyin** (*Principal Legislative Officer*) themed **“Improving the quality of Health Services”** held between 15<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 at the Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America.

He added that the training afforded him and other participants the opportunity to acquire greater skills on how to legislate on public health and general health services.

**6. HAB NO. 22.****No-Smoking (in designated Areas) Bill, 2012 – First Reading.**

*Motion made and question proposed:* “That ‘a Bill for a law to Prohibit Smoking in Designated Places and Vehicles and for connected purposes’, be read a first time”.

*Leader*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill read.*

**7. Suspension of House Rules.**

*Motion made and question proposed:* "That the House Rules be suspended to enable it take the presentation of Y2013 Budget Estimates by *His Excellency, Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola SAN*, the Governor of Lagos State".

*Leader*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*House Rules suspended.*

**8. Recognition of dignitaries.**

Mr. Speaker acknowledged the invited guests as follows:

- i. Her Excellency, **Hon. (Mrs.) Adejoke Orelope Adefulire** - Deputy Governor, Lagos State;
- ii. His Excellency, **Alhaji Lateef Jakande** - Former Governor of Lagos State;
- iii. **Mrs. Mayowa Ikuforiji** - Wife of the Rt. Hon. Speaker/President, Lagos State Legislators' Wives Association (LASLEWA);
- iv. Members of LASLEWA -
- v. **Chief Henry Oladele Ajomale** - Chairman, Action Congress of Nigeria, Lagos State;
- vi. Chieftains of Action Congress of Nigeria;
- vii. **Hon. Lanre Odubote** - Member, House of Representatives, National Assembly Abuja;
- viii. **Mrs. Adebule I.O.** - Secretary to the State Government;
- ix. Members of the Lagos State Executive Council;
- x. **Prince Adesegun Ogunlewe** - Head of Service, Lagos State;
- xi. Body of Permanent Secretaries;
- xii. Chairmen of Local Governments/Local Council Development Areas in the State;
- xiii. *His Royal Majesty, Oba Rilwan Akiolu* - Oba of Lagos;
- xiv. *His Royal Majesty, De Wheno Aholu Menu Toyi I* - Akran of Badagry;
- xv. *His Royal Majesty, Olu of Ikeja*
- xvi. Royal Fathers, White Cap Chiefs and Religious Leaders;
- xvii. Prominent Lagosians;
- xviii. Former Honourable Members, Lagos State House of Assembly;
- xix. Captains of Industry.

**9. Arrival of His Excellency, Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola SAN.**

At exactly 11.15 a.m., *His Excellency, Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola SAN*, the Governor of Lagos State arrived in the Chamber.

**10. Presentation of Year 2013 Budget.**

*His Excellency, Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola SAN*, the Governor of Lagos State presented the Year 2013 Budget Estimates.

**11. Handover of Year 2013 Budget.**

*His Excellency, Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola SAN*, formally handed over a copy of the Year 2013 Budget Estimates to Mr. Speaker.

**12. Speaker's Remark.**

On behalf of Members, staff and management of the Lagos State House of Assembly, the primus inter pares in excellent legislative leadership in Nigeria and beyond, I welcome His Excellency, the Governor of the State to our hallowed Chamber for the presentation of the 2013 Budget/Estimates.

This is a significant occasion, it is 45 years since our dear State, the Centre of Excellence was created and in so many ways, Governor **Babatunde Raji Fashola (SAN)** has helped to keep aflame the vision of the founding fathers and leaders. Once again, I welcome our Governor; you have proved in the last five years that you are dependable, intelligent, ingenuous, hardworking, conscientious, analytical, dauntless, passionate, insightful, determined and reliable.

In so many ways, today's occasion is also significant because the lives and destinies of almost 20 million Lagosians are hinged on this 2013 Appropriation Bill which the Governor just presented.

It is not surprising that the expectations of the people are high; they want to know what is in the budget for them, so that they can make their plans and projections for the coming year.

With this in mind, your House, the Lagos State House of Assembly will in its tradition, act responsibly by giving prompt and comprehensive attention to the 2013 Appropriation Bill; we will scrutinize it with an eagle eye.

Ladies and gentlemen, you will all agree with me that in our country today, the Lagos State House of Assembly comprising 40 brilliant, compassionate and hardworking legislators and 595 support staff is acknowledged as the most performance and result-driven. Your House, Lagos State House of Assembly, is the most proactive, the most dependable, the most proficient, we are the most reliable, the most courageous, the most outstanding, the most competent, the most dedicated and the most efficient state legislature; we are incomparable.

Distinguished guests, this House acknowledges the fact that governance is a tough task; therefore, on behalf of my colleagues, I commend the resilient nature of Governor **Babatunde Fashola, SAN**, who, against all odds have assiduously worked to put Lagos State on the world map by making our State the standard as far as good governance and provision of democratic dividends is concerned.

His performance thus far reminds me of the words of that great philosopher, Aristotle who said, "It is better for a city to be governed by a good man than by good laws". His performance also reminds me of the words of Frank Herbert who noted, "Good governance never depends upon laws, but upon the personal qualities of those who govern". Well done Mr. Governor, you have been able to keep your head high in spite of the challenges associated with governing a Mega-City State with over-stretched infrastructure and a people who eagerly yearn for the dividends of democracy in spite of the difficulties associated with the collection of taxes.

However, Mr. Governor, this is not the time for you to rest on your oars; the challenges are still enormous; and the hope of Lagosians must be kept alive. Our situation in Lagos State reminds me of the words of the Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates, **Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum**. He said and I quote, "In the race for excellence, there is no finish line." And as **Warren Bennis** once said, "Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality", then may I urge your Excellency to use your unique position to address the challenges which still beset our state.

These challenges which require critical, extraordinary and urgent action include the deplorable state of roads in spite of the huge investment and painstaking effort this government has made in that area. In our socio-cultural context, it is the belief of the citizenry that democracy should translate to good roads. I offer this advice in good faith because as **Peter Drucker** once said in the long run, effective leadership will neither be judged by speechmaking nor being liked but by RESULTS. Other challenges confronting us today also include falling standards of education, youth unemployment and poor social orientation/ dwindling value system.

At this juncture, let me seize this opportunity to reiterate that we are blessed in Lagos State. All the 40 legislators of this House are members of our great Party, the only viable opposition party in our country, the Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN). We have a Governor who was also elected on the platform of the ACN and we enjoy the support of our accommodative party which has made the enormous task of governance easier. The concern of our party, has always been the interest of the people; and because of this, our job is less herculean, as we work in tandem with the desire of our party to meet the expectations of the people.

Mr. Governor, the Lagos State House of Assembly shares your dreams because your success is our success, this House will continue to forge the necessary Executive-Legislative harmony in order to achieve that shared goal of maximum returns to our people.

Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen, this House always does a thorough job before passing any bill into law. In performing our duties, we strive to uphold the standards of excellence and ethical legislative practice by organizing public hearings in order to seek the input of the people. We are willing and prepared to embark on impact assessment of our laws in order to carry out necessary amendments because the interest of the people is paramount to us.

In this regard, I urge Lagosians to desist from acts that will portray them as lawless; development is only possible where the people are law-abiding and we should remember at all times that no grievance or dispute has ever been resolved through violence.

Mr. Governor, this Assembly will always give the necessary support and assistance to the Executive for the accelerated progress of Lagos. I commend your courage for translating the vision of previous leaders to reality. This is the time to combine emotional intelligence and empathy for the people with intellectual skills in order to address the challenges before us. We must see every challenge as an opportunity to serve our people.

On behalf of my colleagues, I say we will play our part and do what is necessary within the ambit of the law in order to ensure that the 2013 Appropriation Bill is passed into law.

Your Excellency, distinguished ladies and gentlemen, once again, I welcome you to the Lagos State House of Assembly and thank you for listening.

God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria  
God bless Lagos State  
Eko o ni baje o

**13. Departure of the Governor.**

*His Excellency, Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola SAN*, the Governor of the State and his entourage departed the Chamber at 12.30 p.m.

**14. Resuscitation of the House Rules.**

*Motion made and question proposed:* "That the House Rules be resuscitated, having concluded the presentation of the Year 2013 Budget Estimates by *His Excellency, Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola SAN*, the Governor of Lagos State."

*Leader*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*House Rules resuscitated.*

**15. Further Announcement.**

The Leader informed that the House would take the Second Reading of the Y2013 Appropriation Bill on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2012. He therefore enjoined the Chairman, Committee on Economic Planning and Budget to ensure the circulation of the Governor's Budget speech amongst Members in order to enjoy robust debate on same.

**16. Adjournment.**

*Resolved:* "That, this House do now adjourn till Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 at 12.00 noon".

*Leader*

Adjourned, accordingly at 12.45 p.m.

**G.O. ABIRU**

*Ag. Clerk of the House*

**HON. IKUFORJI A.S.**

*Speaker*

**Corrigenda.**

In the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2012 effect the following amendments:

- i. On page 498, under "**Absent**" delete "**Hons. Mrs. Akande L.F. (Ikeja II) and Tobun A. (Epe I)**" and place under "**Absent-Excused**";
- ii. On page 499, under "**Matter(s) of Urgent Public Importance**" complete paragraph 1 with "**other roads in the State**" and in the second paragraph delete the word "**Oluodu**" and replace with "**Oluodo**" effect same in the second paragraph under "**Resolved to**";
- iii. Still on same page under "**Report**" paragraph 2, delete "**the paragraph entirely**" and replace as thus "**However, he stated that two major issues would require the attention of the House: (i) Legislation on Corporate Social Responsibility for Multi-national Companies in the State as it exists in South Africa; and (ii) holding accountable culpable doctors found negligent in their duties. He concluded by thanking the House Leadership on behalf of other participants for the opportunity afforded them to attend the conference**"; and
- iv. On page 500, item 7(iii), delete "**Deferment for Debate**" and replace with "**Deferment of Debate**", on the same item, delete the word "**the**" between the words "**that and debate**" and replace with "**further**" instead thereof.