



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 18 July, 2018

1. The House met at 12.02 p.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 17 July, 2018.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Message**
Mr Speaker read a message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

11 July, 2018

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

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

REQUEST FOR VIREMENT & SUPPLEMENTARY 2018 BUDGET

As you are aware, the 2019 General Election is scheduled to be conducted early in 2019. To ensure that adequate arrangements are made for free and fair elections, it has become necessary to appropriate funds to enable the relevant agencies to commence preparations. INEC and the Security agencies have accordingly recently submitted their requests. These have been subjected to the usual budget evaluation. The aggregate cost of the elections is estimated at ₦242,445,322,600.00.

However, in the light of prevailing fiscal constraints, I am proposing that the sum of ₦164,104,792,065.00 be provided for through virement or supplementation of the 2018 budget I propose that the balance of ₦78,340,530,535.00 mostly related to personnel allowances, fueling and other costs not required until the election proper, be provided in their 2019 budget

The proposal for the 2019 General Elections are summarized below:

AGENCY	2018 SUPPLEMENTARY (₦)	2019 BUDGET (₦)	TOTAL AMOUNT (₦)
INEC	143,512,529,455.00	45,695,015,438.00	189,207,544,893.00
ONSA	3,855,500,000.00	426,000,000.00	4,281,500,000.00
DSS	2,903,638,000.00	9,309,644,455.00	12,213,282,455.00
NSCDC	1,845,597,000.00	1,727,937,500.00	3,573,534,500.00
NPF	11,457,417,432.00	19,083,900,000.00	30,541,317,432.00
NIS	530,110,178.00	2,098,033,142.00	2,628,143,320.00
TOTAL	164,104,792,065.00	78,340,530,535.00	242,445,322,600.00

You will also recall that when I signed the 2018 Appropriation Act, I indicated the need to request the reinstatement of certain cuts made to certain critical projects provided in the original Executive Bill. I am therefore submitting for your consideration the reinstatement of the most critical of such cuts totaling ₦64,749,216,150, which are summarized in page 1.

The total amount required to be provided for in the 2018 budget for the 2019 General Elections and to restore the identified critical projects to the amount earlier proposed is therefore ₦228,854,008,215. Implementing a budget of ₦9.12 trillion for 2018 will be extremely challenging and therefore, I do not consider it expedient to propose a further increase to the size of the 2018 Expenditure Framework to fund these very important and critical expenditure items.

Accordingly, I invite the Honourable House of Representatives to consider, in the national interest, reallocating some of the funds appropriated for the new projects which were inserted into the 2018 Budget proposal totaling ₦578,319,951,904 to cover the sum of ₦228,854,008,215 required as noted above. A schedule setting out a comprehensive list of these inserted projects is attached to this letter for ease of your consideration.

Further to the above, kindly find attached the Supplementary Budget and Virement proposal for your consideration.

While hoping that this request will receive the expeditious consideration of the Honourable House, please accept, Right Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

4. **Announcement**(a) **Visitors in the Gallery:**

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following:

- (i) Staff and Students of *Chalcedony Prime School*, FHA, Kubwa, Abuja;
- (ii) Members of *National Association of Public Administration Students (NAPAS)*, *Nasarawa State University Chapter*, Keffi, Nasarawa State;
- (iii) Staff and Students of *Federal Government Academy*, Suleja, Niger State; and
- (iv) Members of *National Association of Political Science Students (NAPSS)*, *Federal University*, Lokoja Chapter, Kogi State.

(b) **Bereavement:**

Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Mark Terseer Gbillah (*Gwer East/Gwer West Federal Constituency*), announcing the death of a former Member, Hon. Joseph Kaatyo Ugoh (*Gwer East/Gwer West Federal Constituency*, 1979 - 1983), on Monday, 2 July, 2018, after a brief illness.

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

5. **Petitions**(i) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Binta Bello (*Kaltungo/Shongom Federal Constituency*):

- (a) Lander S. Lander & Co., on behalf of 10 Police Officers, on their alleged dismissal from the service of the Nigeria Police Force;
- (b) C. Ubate & Company, on behalf of Ezekiel Manu, on the alleged wrongful dismissal from the service of the Nigeria Police Force;
- (c) Dallachi Thomas, on his dismissal from the service of the Nigeria Police Force;
- (d) Ezike Oba & Associates, on behalf of Mrs Ruth Mark Alemu on the non-payment of entitlements due to late Corporal Mark Alemu of the Nigeria Police Force;

(ii) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Olayonu Olarinoye Tope (*Ifelodun/Offa/Oyin Federal Constituency*):

- (a) Hakeem Suleman, on the termination of his appointment from the service of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC);
- (b) Gbadamosi Falaye, on his alleged dismissal from the service of the Nigeria Police Force;

(iii) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Agbonayinma Johnson Ehiozuwa (*Egor/Ikpoba/Okha Federal Constituency*):

- (a) B-Shehu & S-Samaila, on behalf of Muhammad Haruna, on his alleged wrongful dismissal from the Nigerian Immigration Service;
- (b) Ibrahim Mohammed Rabi, seeking for the conversion of his dismissal from the service of the Nigerian Air Force to voluntary retirement;

- (c) Essien Aguaisua & Co., on behalf of 39 former staff of Arik Air Limited, on the non-payment of their salary arrears;
- (d) Ambassador Harrison Okoh, on the alleged illegal entry and theft of his properties by Mr Gong Zhang and 3 others;
- (e) Hauwa Umar, on the alleged withholding of her benefits by the United Bank for Africa (UBA), and
- (f) Iyiola Oyedepo & Company, on behalf of Young Farmers in Ejiba, Yagba West, Kogi State, on the alleged breach of contract by Dangote Rice Limited.

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)

Need to Arrest the Killers of Four Serving Policemen at the Sabongida Ora-Uzebba Junction Check Point in Owan West Local Government Area of Edo State:

Hon. Pally Iriase (*Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

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

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Need to Arrest the Killers of Four Serving Policemen at the Sabongida Ora-Uzebba Junction Check Point in Owan West Local Government Area of Edo State:

The House

Notes that four Policemen serving at the Sabongida Ora, Owan West Local Government Area of Edo State were gruesomely murdered by yet to be identified assailants on Saturday, 14 July, 2018;

Also notes that the dead Policemen were packed into the operational Hilux Pick Up Patrol Van and set ablaze;

Aware that residents of Sabongida-Ora, Uzebba and environs in Owan West Local Government Area now live in fear;

Worried that if urgent steps are not take to arrest the assailants and perpetrators of this dastardly act, there might be a breakdown of law and order in the area;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Inspector General of Police to act fast by empaneling a crack team of detectives to arrest the culprits;
- (ii) also urge the Inspector-General of Police and the Chief of Defence Staff, to set up a Joint Patrol Team along the Iruekpen-Sabo-Uzebba-Ifon (Ondo State) Road; and
- (iii) observe a minute silence in honour of the four Policemen who died on active duty (*Hon. Pally Iriase — Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that four Policemen serving at the Sabongida Ora, Owan West Local Government Area of Edo State were gruesomely murdered by yet to be identified assailants on Saturday, 14 July, 2018;

Also noted that the dead Policemen were packed into the operational Hilux Pick Up Patrol Van and set ablaze;

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- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police to act fast by empaneling a crack team of detectives to arrest the culprits;
- (ii) also urge the Inspector-General of Police and the Chief of Defence Staff, to set up a Joint Patrol Team along the Iruckpen-Sabo-Uzebba-Ifon (Ondo State) Road; and
- (iii) observe a minute silence in honour of the four Policemen who died on active duty (HR. 33/07/2018).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

7. **Presentation of Bills**

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Public Holiday Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1529)
- (2) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999, (Alteration) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1530).
- (3) Nigeria Informal Sector Affairs Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1531).

8. **Presentation of Reports**

- (i) **Committee on Civil Society and Development Partners:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Civil Society and Development Partners on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Red Cross Society Act, Cap. N130, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to clarify the object of the Society and increase some penalties; and for Related Matters (HB. 1135)" (Hon. Williams Olusegun Samuel — Abeokuta South Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Petitions by Eshett Sarah Lambert:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Eshett Sarah Lambert against the Federal Road Safety Commission on the wrongful termination of her appointment" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Petitions by Messrs Golden Seraf Nigeria Limited:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Messrs Golden Seraf Nigeria Limited against the Federal Ministry of Communications Technology for failure to vacate their Warehouse and refusal to pay over Four years accumulated Rent" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Petitions by Jonathan Nwachuhwu Ekeke:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Jonathan Nwachuhwu Ekeke against the Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture on wrongful dismissal and appeal for reinstatement" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(v) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Petitions by Hauwa Umar Abore:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Hauwa Umar Abore against the Nigeria Police Force on refusal of the Nigeria Police Force, Asokoro Division to comply with a Senior Magistrate Court Order in the Suit No. AB/SMC/OR 231/2012" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(vi) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Petitions by D&K Golden City Investment Limited:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by D&K Golden City Investment Limited against the Director General/Chief Executive Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON) on refusal of the Management of SON to comply with the Orders of the Federal High Court of

27 February, 2011 and 8 December, 2014 in Suit No. FHC.AWK/CS/37/2011 and No. 1269/2014 and also for the Non-Release of the Factory Products and Machineries belonging to the Company seized by the Management of SON" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(vii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petitions by C. O. Bosa and Co.:

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by C. O. Bosa and Co. on behalf of Olorunhundo G. Segun against the Nigeria Customs Service Board on the unlawful termination of his appointment from service" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(viii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petitions by Blessing Nwankwo:

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Blessing Nwankwo against the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on the unlawful termination of his appointment from the service of INEC" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ix) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petitions by Mr Wodung Adamu Abubakar:

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Wodung Adamu Abubakar against the Federal College of Education, Osiele, Abeokuta, Ogun State on the illegal Stoppage and termination of his appointment from service" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(x) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petitions by Salehu Sabo O.:

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Salehu Sabo O. against Nigeria Customs Service on his wrongful dismissal from service in 2005" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(xi) *Committee on Public Petitions:***Petitions by Nelly Chineye Reuben:**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Nelly Chineye Reuben against the Hon. Minister of the Federal Capital Territory on the failure to Implement the "National Youth Service Corps Award granted her in 2011 and the Accompanying Automatic Employment" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta — *Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

9. A Bill for an Act to Incorporate Annex 12 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, 1944 into Nigerian Law, to Establish the Nigerian Search and Rescue Service; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 319) — *Third Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Incorporate Annex 12 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, 1944 into Nigerian Law, to Establish the Nigerian Search and Rescue Service; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 319) be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — *House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and Passed.

10. A Bill for an Act to Provide a Legal Framework for the Mainstreaming of Climate Change Responses and Actions into Government Policy Formulation, Implementation and Establishment of the National Council on Climate Change; and for Related Matters (HB.1020) — *Third Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Provide a Legal Framework for the Mainstreaming of Climate Change Responses and Actions into Government Policy Formulation, Implementation and Establishment of the National Council on Climate Change; and for Related Matters (HB.1020) be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — *House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and Passed.

11. A Bill for An Act to Establish the Federal College of Education (Technical), Doma to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instruction and Training in Technology and Applied Science, to Provide for Appointment of the Provost and other Officers of the College and to Carry out its due Administration and Management; and for Related Matters (HB.1338) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for An Act to Establish the Federal College of Education (Technical), Doma to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instruction and Training in Technology and Applied Science, to Provide for Appointment of the Provost and other Officers of the College and to Carry out its due Administration and Management; and for Related Matters (HB 1338) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Onawo Mohammed Ogoshi — *Awe/Doma Keana 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 Tertiary Education and Services.

12. **A Bill for An Act to Establish the Federal Polytechnic, Kwale, Delta State to Provide Full-Time Courses in Technology, Applied Science, Management and other Fields of Studies and to Make Provisions for General Administration of the Polytechnic; and for Related Matters (HB.1492) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for An Act to Establish the Federal Polytechnic, Kwale, Delta State to Provide Full-Time Courses in Technology, Applied Science, Management and other Fields of Studies and to Make Provisions for General Administration of the Polytechnic; and for Related Matters (HB.1492) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani 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 Tertiary Education and Services.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act, Cap. R7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to ensure the Commission's Adequacy in Performing the Statutory Functions of Efficiently Monitoring Revenue Accruals and Disbursement; and for Related Matters (HB.1460) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act, Cap. R7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to ensure the Commission's Adequacy in Performing the Statutory Functions of Efficiently Monitoring Revenue Accruals and Disbursement; and for Related Matters (HB.1460) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West 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 Finance.

14. **A Bill for An Act to Provide for Establishment of the Federal College of Agriculture, Ijebu Jesa, Osun State; and for Related Matters (HB.1428) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for An Act to Provide for Establishment of the Federal College of Agriculture, Ijebu Jesa, Osun State; and for Related Matters (HB.1428) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Oluwale Oke — Obokun/Oriade 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 Tertiary Education and Services.

15. Need to Investigate the Award and Payment of Pipeline Surveillance Contractors by the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) in Bayelsa State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Bayelsa State plays host to the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) as it has its personnel, pipelines and other oil installations spread across various communities in the State;

Also notes that as a result of pipeline vandalism in the Niger Delta region and upon the subsequent implementation of the Presidential Amnesty Program, it was agreed that pipeline surveillance contracts be awarded to the host communities to foster development of the communities and empower the people;

Concerned that rather than award the pipeline surveillance contracts to the host communities, the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) in Bayelsa State has awarded the contracts to some favoured allies and that has resulted in several conflicts in the respective communities as the youths feel marginalized and have, on several occasions, expressed their grievances through violent protests sometimes clashing with security operatives attached to the contractors resulting in loss of lives and property;

Also concerned that unless this abnormality is corrected and the respective host communities are carried along, the issue of Pipeline Surveillance Contracts by the Nigeria Agip Oil Company (NAOC) will continue to brew violence in the State;

Resolves to:

Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to:

- (i) investigate the award of pipeline surveillance contracts by the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) in Bayelsa State to ascertain the beneficiaries of the contract awards and/or employment and their impact on the oil producing communities and the country as a whole; and
- (ii) determine the effect of the contracts on the net national revenue derivable from the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation/Nigerian Agip Oil Company joint venture operations and report back within three (3) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Frederick Y. Agbedi - Ekeremor/Sagbama Federal Constituency and 4 others*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (iii) as follows:

"That Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) should suspend all such existing contracts in Bayelsa State pending the outcome of this investigation" (*Hon. Diri Douye - Yenagoa/Kolokuma/Opokuma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House

Noted that Bayelsa State plays host to the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) as it has its personnel, pipelines and other oil installations spread across various communities in the State;

Also noted that as a result of pipeline vandalism in the Niger Delta region and upon the subsequent implementation of the Presidential Amnesty Program, it was agreed that pipeline surveillance contracts be awarded to the host communities to foster development of the communities and empower the people;

Concerned that rather than award the pipeline surveillance contracts to the host communities, the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) in Bayelsa State has awarded the contracts to some favoured allies and that has resulted in several conflicts in the respective communities as the youths feel marginalized and have, on several occasions, expressed their grievances through violent protests sometimes clashing with security operatives attached to the contractors resulting in loss of lives and property;

Also concerned that unless this abnormality is corrected and the respective host communities are carried along, the issue of Pipeline Surveillance Contracts by the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) will continue to brew violence in the State;

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- (ii) determine the effect of the contracts on the net national revenue derivable from the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation/Nigerian Agip Oil Company joint venture operations and report back within three (3) weeks for further legislative action; and
- (iii) That Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) should suspend all such existing contracts in Bayelsa State pending the outcome of this investigation (**HR. 34/07/2018**).

16. Need to Investigate the Sale of Mint Naira Notes and Sources of Black-Marketing of the Naira
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Naira is greatly losing its value in the international market, and facing a serious war within the country as it is being handled with no respect by citizens;

Concerned that the Naira now appears in inglorious forms and with odours that can be dangerous to human health;

Also notes that the Naira notes in circulation are badly torn, terribly squeezed, soiled, cello taped, dirty and mutilated, especially the 100 Naira note which carries the face of the late sage, Obafemi Awolowo;

Further notes that except for 1000 and 500 Naira notes, other notes are rarely paid to people in banks but are available in black markets.

Worried that bacteria naturally breed and live in dirty environments and objects, hence dirty naira notes could pose serious health risks as they have been found to contain pathogenic parasites and bacteria, and are therefore sources of infection as well as potential carriers of communicable diseases;

Also worried that diseases such as nosocomial infections, Human Influenza Virus, Hepatitis A virus and others have been traced to some of these dirty notes;

Aware that as these notes stay longer in circulation, they gather dirt from one hand to the other, for example, money that has been held by a mechanic whose hands were stained with oil and grease is passed on to a farmer while selling his produce, then gets to the butcher at the abattoir and still goes back to a trader, and may even find its way to the custody of those who superstitiously pour blood of animals on money and the journey continues until it gathers enough microorganisms that can wreak havoc on human health;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Central Bank of Nigeria to commence the immediate withdrawal from all banks, such mutilated notes from circulation and replace them with new notes, especially the 100 Naira note;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Banking and Currency to investigate the black-marketing of Mint Naira notes on the streets while it is perpetually unavailable in banks; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committees on Legislative Compliance, and Banking and Currency to ensure strict compliance (*Hon. Adekoya Adesegun Abdel Majid – Ijebu North Ijebu East Ogun Waterside Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Naira is greatly losing its value in the international market, and facing a serious war within the country as it is being handled with no respect by citizens;

Concerned that the Naira now appears in inglorious forms and with odours that can be dangerous to human health;

Also noted that the Naira notes in circulation are badly torn, terribly squeezed, soiled, cello taped, dirty and mutilated, especially the 100 Naira note which carries the face of the late sage, Obafemi Awolowo;

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- (iii) also mandate the Committees on Legislative Compliance, and Banking and Currency to ensure strict compliance (**HR. 35/07/2018**).

17. Suspension of Order Seven, Rule 2 (2)

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do suspend Order Seven, Rule 2 (2) to enable Mr Speaker preside in the Committee of the Whole" (*Hon. Olabode Ayorinde — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

18. Consideration of Reports

(i) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petition by Iwere Mashark and Others:

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Iwere Mashark and Others against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) on the alleged disengagement of the NNPC Casual Staff, Warri Zone and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

"Urge the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to reinstate the 33 Temporary Staff from Warri Zone to sum up the One Hundred and Twenty-Two (122) Staff which they admitted to re-engage vide their letter dated 14 June, 2016" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Iwere Mashark and Others against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) on the alleged disengagement of the NNPC Casual Staff, Warri Zone and approved the Recommendation of the Report.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

(ii) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Petition by D. D. Pantu and Associates:

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by D. D Pantu and Associates against the Managing Director, African Steel Mill Limited on his abandonment as a victim of an Industrial Accident by his Employer and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta — Ukwá East/Ukwá West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

"Adopt the consent Agreement made by Mr. Jonah Vongfa and African Steel Mill (Nig) Limited which they are signatory to (since they settled amicably) which is to the effect that the sum of ₦6,5000,000.00 (Six Million, Five Hundred Thousand Naira, be paid by the African Steel Mill (Nig.) Limited to Mr Jonah Vongfa and Mr Jonah Vongfa to abandon all claims against the African Steel Mill (Nigeria) Limited" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwá East/Ukwá West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by D. D Pantu and Associates against the Managing Director, African Steel Mill Limited on his abandonment as a victim of an Industrial Accident by his Employer and approved the Recommendation of the Report.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

(iii) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Petition by Aggrieved Foreign Trained Medical Doctors:

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Aggrieved Foreign Trained Medical Doctors against the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) on the consistent act of injustice meted out on them and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwá East/Ukwá West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

"Urge the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria to organize another examination so that the affected students will re-sit the examination" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Aggrieved Foreign Trained Medical Doctors against the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) on the consistent act of injustice meted out on them and approved the Recommendation of the Report.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

(iv) Committee on Public Petitions:**Petition by Goddy Osa I.:**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Goddy Osa I. against the Nigeria Police Academy on the Injustice meted out on him by the Management of the Academy and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

"Reinstate Goddy Osa Igbaekemen with his Master's Degree and not Ph.d Degree which its validity is being contested" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"Pay Goddy Osa Igbaekemen all his outstanding salaries and allowances till date" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Goddy Osa I. against the Nigeria Police Academy on the Injustice meted out on him by the Management of the Academy and approved Recommendations (i) and (ii) of the Report.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

(v) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Petition by Babagana Ibrahim and Others:

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Babagana Ibrahim and Others against the Federal Ministry of Finance on the Non-compliance with the Government Directives and the Court Order and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta – U kwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

"Urge the Federal Ministry of Finance and the National Insurance Commission to issue recall letters to the 33 disengaged petitioners, in line with the Court Order" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta – U kwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Babagana Ibrahim and Others against the Federal Ministry of Finance on the Non-compliance with the Government Directives and the Court Order and approved the Recommendation of the Report.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

(vi) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Petition by Akinbode Oluwafemi (Nigeria Tobacco Control Alliance):

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Akinbode Oluwafemi (Nigeria Tobacco Control Alliance) against the British American Tobacco Nigeria Limited (BATN) and other Tobacco Companies that illegally benefitted from the Export Expansion Grant (EEG) Scheme in the form of Tax Waivers Grant and other benefits between 2004 and 2014 and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta – U kwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

"That the petition be discountenanced for lack of merit" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Akinbode Oluwafemi (Nigeria Tobacco Control Alliance) against the British American Tobacco Nigeria Limited (BATN) and other Tobacco Companies that illegally benefitted from the Export Expansion Grant (EEG) Scheme in the form of Tax Waivers Grant and other benefits between 2004 and 2014 and approved the Recommendation of the Report.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

19. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 19 July, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.35 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker