



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 18 October, 2018

1. The House met at 11.32 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, 17 October, 2018.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
3. **Announcement**
 - (a) **Visitors in the Gallery:**
Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following visitors:
 - (i) Staff and Students of *Glowing Ages Academy*, Kaura District, Abuja; and
 - (ii) Staff and Students of *MEEMA School (Nursery and Primary)*, Minna, Niger State.
 - (b) **Defection:**
Mr Speaker announced the defection of the following Members:
 - (i) Hon. Joseph Iranola Akinlaja (*Ondo East/Ondo West Federal Constituency*), from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to Zenith Labour Party (ZLP);
 - (ii) Hon. Tony Nwulu (*Oshodi Isolo II Federal Constituency*), from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to United Progressive Party (UPP).
 - (iii) Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa (*Buruku Federal Constituency*), from the All Progressives Congress (APC) to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP); and
 - (iv) Hon. Olatoye Temitope Sugar (*Akinyele/Lagelu Federal Constituency*), from the All Progressives Congress (APC) to Action Democratic Party (ADP).
4. **Petitions**
 - (i) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Olabode Ayorinde (*Owo/Ose Federal Constituency*):

- (a) Samuel Olarenwaju Fajolu, on the termination of his appointment by the Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Company;
- (b) E. J. Olanrewaju, on his dismissal from service by the Nigerian Army;
- (ii) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Uko Nkole (*Arochukwu/Ohafia Federal Constituency*):
 - (a) Asiegbu Oko Eke, on the collapse of Usumani Amamba bridge in Abiriba, Abia State;
 - (b) Onwuka Egwu & Co, (Legal Practitioners and Consultants), on behalf of Udochu Ugo, on alleged marginalization and denial of promotion by the Nigeria Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research (NIOMR);
- (iii) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Yusuf Ayo Tajudeen (*Ijumu/Kabba-Bunu Federal Constituency*):
 - (a) Raphael Adakole & Co., on behalf of Akeme Tersoo and 15 others, on the non-payment of their salary arrears and unremitted pension deductions by the management of Famaks British Schools;
 - (b) Oladeji Akinbobola, on his alleged arrest and malicious prosecution by the Nigeria Police, Okota Police Station, Isolo, Lagos State;
 - (c) Jacob B. Udobang & Associates (Legal Practitioners & Consultants), on behalf of Azimarine & General Services Limited, on the alleged breach of contractual agreement by the Marine Academy of Nigeria (MAN), Oron;
 - (d) Baale Oluwafemi, on behalf of Supernumerary Police Welfare Stakeholders Forum of the Police Training School, Ikeja, Lagos, on the alleged breach of the Police Act with respect to the handling of that unit of the Nigeria Police Force;
 - (e) Consortium of Lawyers for Human Rights and Justice, on alleged persecution of Benedict Peters and the disobedience to court rulings by Officers of the National Crime Agency, the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) of the United Kingdom and the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC);
 - (f) Nigerian Christian Youth Leaders Council, on the alleged persecution of Benedict Peters by officials of the National Crime Agency (NCA) and Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) of the United Kingdom;
 - (g) Fellowship of Christian Councils and Churches in West Africa (FECCIWA), on the alleged religious victimization and persecution of Benedict Peters by officers of the National Crime Agency (NCA) and Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) of the United Kingdom, and the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC);
 - (h) Jibril Musa, on the denial of his entitlements by the National Human Rights Commission;
 - (i) Law Series (Solicitors & Advocates), on behalf of Maiduguri Close, Area 3 Residents Association and 1 other, on alleged trespass to their land and property by Hon. Nkole Uko Ndukwe;
 - (j) Hon. Rabiu Garba Kaugama, on behalf of Garba Abubakar, on his withdrawal from training at the Police College, Kaduna, by the Police authorities without any explanation;

- (k) The Association of Indegenous Land Owners Ogbe-Ani community, Kwale, Ndokwa West Local Government Area of Delta State, on the alleged forcible entry into their land of over 81,767 hectares by Sterling Energy Exploration Company and 3 others, in violation of Extant Laws, including the Pipeline Licence Act, 1990, and the Environmental Impact Assessment Act;
- (l) Opeyemi Samuel, on the stoppage of his salary by the Nigeria Police;
- (m) Shamsideen Alade Adebimpe, on behalf of Residents of Idimu and other towns in Lagos State, on the need for Federal Government intervention to avoid communal clash envisaged by issues relating to security and fraudulent activities in the State;
- (n) Law Series (Solicitors & Advocates), on behalf of Obike Industries Nigeria Limited, on the alleged abuse of office by Muktar Galadima, Director, Development Control, Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) Abuja, on the allocation of Plot 1353 Cadastral Zone A02, Wuse I, Abuja; and
- (iv) A petition from IFEM M. O. & Co., on behalf of Muoemenam Christian Chukwuemeka, on the alleged detention and prosecution by officers of the Nigeria Police, and some Immigration Officers of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, while on business transit from Sao Paulo, Brazil to Lagos, Nigeria, was presented and laid by Hon. Obinna Chidoka (*Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)
Suspension of Benue State University Graduates from further Participation in National Youth Service Corps scheme:

Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa (*Buruku 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.

Suspension of Benue State University Graduates from Further Participation in the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Scheme:

The House:

Notes that the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) has refused or neglected to mobilize graduates of Benue State University for participation in the forth-coming Batch "C" Service year;

Also notes that the Benue State University which has been in existence since 1992 has before now, been actively participating in the NYSC Scheme without let or hindrance and its graduates have been doing well in their different fields of endeavor;

Concerned that the NYSC authority refused to provide any reason for their action even upon persistent inquiries until Wednesday, 17 October, 2018 when they released a letter attempting to justify their action;

Observes that the reason the NYSC authority gave for stopping Benue State University graduates from participating in the mandatory service year was that some graduates had either falsified or provided wrong data about their age in their desperation -to participate in the scheme;

Worried that the conduct of the NYSC authority has brought untold hardship on many innocent graduates who have not done anything wrong;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the NYSC authority to rescind its apparently illegal decision to suspend the Benue State University from further participation in the exercise because of the alleged misconduct of a few and immediately mobilize the prospective corp members to participate in the impending Batch "C" scheme coming up next month; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Youth Development, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance within one week (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Debate

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) has refused or neglected to mobilize graduates of Benue State University for participation in the forth-coming Batch "C" Service year;

Also noted that the Benue State University which has been in existence since 1992 has before now, been actively participating in the NYSC Scheme without let or hindrance and its graduates have been doing well in their different fields of endeavor;

Concerned that the NYSC authority refused to provide any reason for their action even upon persistent inquiries until Wednesday, 17 October, 2018 when they released a letter attempting to justify their action;

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- (ii) mandate the Committees on Youth Development, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance within one week (**HR. 54/10/2018**).

6. Presentation of Reports**(i) Committee on Governmental Affairs:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Governmental Affairs on Need to Investigate Licensed Lottery Operators for Defaulting in their Financial Obligations to the Federal Government (**HR. 23/2018**)" (*Hon. Hussaini Suleiman Kangiwa —Arewa/Dandi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Committee on Youth Development:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report on the Committee on Youth Development on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Youth Development Commission and the National Youths Welfare Scheme Fund to Manage and Co-ordinate Youths Welfare Services to Reduce Challenges in Governance and Security in the Country and for Related Matters (HB. 122 and HB. 558)" (*Hon. Segun Alexander Adekola — Ekiti Southwest/Ikere/Ise/Orun Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management on the Implementation of the New External Capital Raising of US\$2.786 Billion from the International Capital Market and the External Capital Raising of US\$82.54 Million to Refinance the Balance of US\$500 Million Matured Eurobond in the International Capital Market" (*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi — Odo-Otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) Ad-hoc Committee on the Abuse of Pioneer Status by Companies:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Abuse of Pioneer Status by Companies" (*Hon. Jonathan Gaza Gbefwi — Karu/Keffi/Kokona Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (Establishment) Act, 2006; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 964) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (Establishment) Act, 2006; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 964) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Ahmed Idris — Deputy House Leader*).

Question Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time, and Passed.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Broadcasting Commission Act, Cap. N11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to strengthen the Commission and make it more effective to Regulate Broadcasting in Nigeria; and to ensure that all Television and Cable Services run Education Programmes in line with Schools Syllabi and Curricula; and for Related Matters (HB.1484 and HB. 1514) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Broadcasting Commission Act, Cap. N11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to strengthen the Commission and make it more effective to Regulate Broadcasting in Nigeria; and to ensure that all Television and Cable Services run Education Programmes in line with Schools Syllabi and Curricula; and for Related Matters (HB.1484 and HB. 1514) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Olusegun Dokun Odebunmi — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere 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 Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values.

9. **A Bill for an act to Establish the Minimum Standards for Health Care Facilities; and for Related Matters (HB. 1480) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an act to Establish the Minimum Standards for Health Care Facilities; and for Related Matters (HB. 1480) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun — Esan North East/Esan South East 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 Healthcare Institutions.

10. **Call for control of Gully Erosion in Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency of Abia State**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the devastating effects of gully erosion that is ravaging many communities and threatening significant parts of Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency;

Also notes that the gully erosion is adversely affecting the social and economic activities in the area and also the environmental stability of fertile land needed for agriculture, housing and other human activities;

Concerned that the land degradation which has been a yearly occurrence within the area is now increasing at a fast rate as it is washing away access roads, drainage systems and other infrastructure which may lead to extinction;

Observes that the communities and areas most adversely affected by the environmental problem include:

(a) Mgbelu Umunnekwu;

(b) Agbor Umunnekwu;

(c) Amiyi Uhu and Amibo Communities;

(d) Otampa;

(e) Umuokogbue;

(f) Oruruala Extension near Empecon Filling Station, cutting off Abia State University, Uturu - Ahaba road;

(g) Oyuye near Amuta Otampa junction;

(h) Amiyi Obilohia;

(i) Ugwuaba;

(j) Amokwo;

(k) Umudim;

(l) Umuada;

(m) Ughuolugho;

(n) Amuda;

(o) Mbala;

(p) Umuaku;

(q) Obinulo

(r) Eziamaugwu;

(s) Achara, etc.;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Ecological Fund Office to mobilize to the areas, conduct surveys and ascertain the degree of damage caused by the gully erosion over time and take immediate remedial actions;
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency, mobilize and deploy relief materials to the persons affected by the natural disaster; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Environment and Habitat, and Appropriations to include funds in the 2019 Budget proposal for erosion control projects in Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency of Abia State (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Leave out* all the words in Prayer (i) and *insert* the following:
 "Urge the Federal Ministry of Environment and Ecological Fund Office, to mobilise to the areas mentioned, including Elemenwo, Woji Eneka, Rumuokwurusi, Rumuolumeni and Choba communities in Rivers State, conduct surveys and ascertain the degree of damage caused by the gully erosion over time and take immediate remedial actions" (Hon. Chinda Kingsley — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In Prayer (iii), line 3, immediately after the words "Abia State", *insert* the words "and Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency of Rivers State" (Hon. Chinda Kingsley — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the devastating effects of gully erosion that is ravaging many communities and threatening significant parts of Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency;

Also noted that the gully erosion is adversely affecting the social and economic activities in the area and also the environmental stability of fertile land needed for agriculture, housing and other human activities;

Concerned that the land degradation which has been a yearly occurrence within the area is now increasing at a fast rate as it is washing away access roads, drainage systems and other infrastructure which may lead to extinction;

Observed that the communities and areas most adversely affected by the environmental problem include:

- (a) Mgbelu Umunnekwu;
- (b) Agbor Umunnekwu;
- (c) Amiyi Uhu and Amibo Communities;
- (d) Otampa;
- (e) Umuokogbue;
- (f) Oruruala Extension near Empecon Filling Station, cutting off Abia State University, Uturu - Ahaba road;
- (g) Oyuye near Amuta Otampa junction;
- (h) Amiyi Obilohia;
- (i) Ugwuaba;
- (j) Amokwo;
- (k) Unudim;

- (l) Umuada;
- (m) Ughuolugho;
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- (r) Eziamaugwu;
- (s) Achara, etc.;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Environment and Ecological Fund Office, to mobilise to the areas mentioned, including Elenwo, Woji Eneka, Rumuokwursi, Rumuolumeni and Choba communities in Rivers State, conduct surveys and ascertain the degree of damage caused by the gully erosion over time and take immediate remedial actions;
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency, mobilize and deploy relief materials to the persons affected by the natural disaster; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Environment and Habitat, and Appropriations to include funds in the 2019 Budget proposal for erosion control projects in Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency of Abia State, and Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency of Rivers State (HR. 55/10/2018).

11. Need for Immediate Intervention to Prevent the Imminent Annihilation of Agge Community in Ekeremor Local Government Area of Bayelsa State by Ocean Surge and Erosion
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Agge Community in Ekeremor Local Government Area of Bayelsa State is an ancient Community situated at the tip of the Ramos River estuary opening into the Atlantic Ocean;

Also notes that the community has had some manageable level of tidal impact leading to slight erosion in the past, the situation has gravely worsened recently as the original community and two-thirds of the hinterland new settlements created by the inhabitants through dredging and reclamation have been lost to ocean surge and erosion;

Concerned that many of the inhabitants of the community have relocated to nearby Communities or fishing settlements, consequently compromising their livelihood and even the education of their children as some of such settlements have no schools;

Worried that the aged who cannot move and have resolved to stay behind are living in fear of not knowing if the next surge will claim their houses or lives;

Cognizant that the situation in the community is precarious and needs the immediate intervention of the government and all relevant agencies, before the Community is annihilated;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the Ecological Fund Office (EFO), the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and the Federal Ministries of Environment and Power, Works and Housing to immediately dispatch a team of Experts to Agge Community to study, evaluate and develop an immediate emergency remediation plan and to maintain a permanent presence in the Community until the environmental danger is curtailed or where possible, resettle the people in a new location; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance (Hon. Frederick Yeitiemone Agbedi — Ekeremor/Sagbama Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

(HR. 56/10/2018).

Motion referred to the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

12. Consideration of Reports

(i) *Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management:*

That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management on the Implementation of the New External Capital Raising of US\$2.286 Billion from the International Capital Market and the External Capital Raising of US\$82.54 Million to Refinance the Balance of US\$500 Million Matured Eurobond in the International Capital Market and approve the recommendations therein.

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(ii) *A Bill for an Act to Amend the Provisions of the Electoral Act, No. 6 of 2010; and for Related Matters (HB. 1544) (Committee of the Whole):*

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(iii) *Report of Conference Committee:*

That the House do reconsider the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Maritime University, Okerenkoko in Delta State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1032) and approve the recommendation therein" (Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to reconsider the Report —

Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIA MARITIME UNIVERSITY, OKERENKOKO IN DELTA STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1032)

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole reconsidered the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Maritime University, Okerenkoko in Delta State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1032) and rejected the report of the Committee.

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

13.

Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 23 October, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Ahmed Idris — Deputy House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.02 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker