



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 6 November, 2018

1. The House met at 11.29 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Second Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 24 October, 2018.
The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
3. **Message**
Mr Speaker read the following message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

29th October, 2018

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

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

SUBMISSION OF 2019-2021 MEDIUM-TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK AND FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER

I am pleased to submit the 2019-2021 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper (MTEF/FSP) to the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to provisions of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007, the preparation towards submission of the 2019 Budget to the National Assembly is progressing well. The MTEF and FSP were prepared against the backdrop of a generally uncertain global economic environment; as well as fiscal challenges in the domestic economy to ensure that planned spending is set at prudent and sustainable levels and is consistent with Government's overall developmental objectives and inclusive growth.

I hereby forward the 2019-2021 MTEF and FSP to the House of Representatives, and trust that it would be expeditiously considered in order to bring the 2019 FGN Budget preparation process to timely closure.

Please accept Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

*Referred to the Committees on **Finance, Appropriations, and Aids, Loans and Debt Management.***

4. Announcement

(a) Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following:

- (i) Staff and Students of **World of Faith Group of Schools**, Area 1, Garki, Abuja ; and
- (ii) Staff and Students of **St Paul's Nursery and Primary School**, Nyanya, Abuja.

(b) Defection:

Mr Speaker announced the defection of the following Members:

- (i) Hon. Abiodun Awolaye (*Ibadan North Federal Constituency*), from the All Progressives Congress (APC) to the Accord Party (AP);
- (ii) Hon. Samuel Segun Williams (*Abeokuta South Federal Constituency*), from the All Progressives Congress (APC) to the Labour Party (LP);
- (iii) Hon. Lawali Hassan Anka (*Anka/Talata Marafà Federal Constituency*), from the All Progressives Congress (APC) to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP); and
- (iv) Hon. Adedapo Lam Adesina (*Ibadan North East/Ibadan South East Federal Constituency*), from the All Progressives Congress (APC) to the African Democratic Congress (ADC).

(c) Bereavement:

Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun (*Esan northeast/Esan Southeast Federal Constituency*), notifying the House of the death of Chief Anthony Akhakhon Anenih, a foremost politician and statesman, who died on 28 October, 2018. He eulogized Chief Anenih as a retired Commissioner of Police, a successful businessman and politician who served the country in various capacities, including as Aide to the Governor-General of Nigeria, 1960 - 1963; Chairman, National Party of Nigeria (NPN) in the Old Bendel State, 1981 - 1983; National Chairman, Social Democratic Party (SDP), 1983; Chief Anenih was also one time a Minister of Works, and member of the National Constitutional Conference. He stated that late Chief was a philanthropist and a bridge builder and was awarded the Commander of the Order of the Federal Republic (CFR) for his tireless contribution to nation building. He prayed for the repose of his soul.

Some Members of the House paid tribute to the late statesman.

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

5. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)

(i) *Need to Repatriate Nigerian Victims of Slavery Stranded in Niger Republic:*

Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame (*Illela/Gwadabawa 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 Repatriate Nigerian Victims of Slavery Stranded in Niger Republic:

The House:

Notes that the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Parliament recently sent a delegation on a fact finding mission to some African countries to ascertain the status of stranded West African citizens who escaped persecution and slavery from Libya and are currently languishing at the International Organization for Migration's Camp in Agadez, Niger Republic;

Also notes that there are several youths and women of different nationalities of West Africa in Niger Republic and other countries within the sub-region;

Aware that Nigeria is one of the countries with a considerable number of escapees dumped in the International Organization for Migration's Camp in Niger Republic;

Concerned that many of the Nigerian escapees have devised private means to leave for Nigeria, while 22 others are still hanging in the camp with no certainty of how and when they will be repatriated home;

Worried that the condition of the Nigerian escapees is not encouraging as many have suffered varied degrees of injuries from gun shot wounds and various human rights abuses in Libya and are still in helpless situations that require Federal Government's intervention to repatriate them home as many other sister West African victims have been taken care of by their governments;

Disturbed at the possibility of an epidemic outbreak in the camp and the risk of being exposed to greater danger in the event of withdrawal of services by the International Organization for Migration;

Regrets that the image of Nigeria, which currently chairs the ECOWAS, is at stake if urgent action is not taken to repatriate the Nigerian citizens stranded in the camp;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Interior to:

- (i) liaise with the Federal Ministries under their jurisdiction to ensure an urgent repatriation of the 22 Nigerians from Niger Republic; and

- (ii) also liaise with Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN) and any other relevant government agency to engage them for the purpose of re-integration into the society (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Parliament recently sent a delegation on a fact finding mission to some African countries to ascertain the status of stranded West African citizens who escaped persecution and slavery from Libya and are currently languishing at the International Organization for Migration's Camp in Agadez, Niger Republic;

Also noted that there are several youths and women of different nationalities of West Africa in Niger Republic and other countries within the sub-region;

Aware that Nigeria is one of the countries with a considerable number of escapees dumped in the International Organization for Migration's Camp in Niger Republic;

Concerned that many of the Nigerian escapees have devised private means to leave for Nigeria, while 22 others are still hanging in the camp with no certainty of how and when they will be repatriated home;

Worried that the condition of the Nigerian escapees is not encouraging as many have suffered varied degrees of injuries from gun shot wounds and various human rights abuses in Libya and are still in helpless situations that require Federal Government's intervention to repatriate them home as many other sister West African victims have been taken care of by their governments;

Disturbed at the possibility of an epidemic outbreak in the camp and the risk of being exposed to greater danger in the event of withdrawal of services by the International Organization for Migration;

Regretted that the image of Nigeria, which currently chairs the ECOWAS, is at stake if urgent action is not taken to repatriate the Nigerian citizens stranded in the camp;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Interior to:

- (i) liaise with the Federal Ministries under their jurisdiction to ensure an urgent repatriation of the 22 Nigerians from Niger Republic; and
 - (ii) also liaise with Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN) and any other relevant government agency to engage them for the purpose of re-integration into the society (**HR. 66/11/2018**).
- (ii) ***Need to End the Recurring Boat Mishaps and Loss of Lives at the Buruku Crossing Point on River Katsina-Ala in Benue State:***
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.

Need to end the Recurring Boat Mishaps and Loss of Lives at the Buruku Crossing Point on River Katsina-Ala in Benue State:

The House:

Notes the recent unfortunate and painful loss of lives by drowning of over 20 passengers in a Boat Mishap at the Buruku crossing point on River Katsina-Ala in Benue State;

Deeply saddened that this unfortunate incident occurred in the night on Wednesday, 24 October, 2018 when members of the Benue Motorcycle Association, Ugonduzua Branch in Logo Local Government were taking the corpse of a member for burial across the river in Buruku Local Government;

Again saddened that 17 corpses and 18 motorcycles were recovered by the rescue team of Tombo Maritime Union (Operators of the local Boats and Barges at the Crossing Point) in about 5 days of patrol and diving;

Also notes that the incident happened on Ugba Market in Logo Local Government and Uga Market in Buruku Local Government Area, all across the river where farm produce is sold to traders from far, and many other unidentified persons are believed to have also drowned;

Disturbed that such boat mishaps have become a regular occurrence at the Buruku crossing point, resulting in frequent loss of lives and property;

Aware that Buruku is traditionally a commercial town and a hub of economic and commercial activities, and a port along the Katsina-Ala River Bank;

Also aware that the Federal Government recognised the economic importance and viability of Buruku and classified the Yandev-Buruku-Zaki Biam Road a Trunk 'A' Federal Road during the First Republic;

Recalls that on Wednesday, 18 January, 2012, the House of Representatives passed a Resolution on the Urgent Need for the Construction of the Buruku Bridge (**HR. 13/2012**) and urged the Federal Ministry of Works to construct the Buruku Bridge, while mandating the Committee on Appropriations to ensure that the construction of the Buruku Bridge was captured and funded in the 2012 Budget;

Also recalls that in 2014, following the unfortunate Buruku Boat Mishap of 26 December 2013, which claimed over 17 lives, the House again passed a Resolution (**HR.01/2014**) urging the Federal Government to construct the Buruku Bridge to avert the continuous occurrence of such mishaps;

Further notes that the Federal Ministry of Works completed Engineering Designs of the Buruku Bridge in 2009 at the total cost of Nineteen Billion, Six Hundred and Twenty-Eight Million, Three Hundred and Fifty-Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Nine Thousand Naira, Thirty-Three Kobo (₦9,628,354,609.33) only;

Worried that the delay in the award of contract for the construction of the Buruku Bridge is remotely responsible for the continuous loss of lives and properties in such deadly incidents;

Also worried that due to economic realities in the country and inflationary rates at present, the reviewed cost of the Buruku Bridge has gone up to about 40 Billion Naira, based on information from the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing on the project;

Desirous of the urgent need to end the recurring boat mishaps and continuous loss of lives at the Buruku Crossing Point on River Katsina-Ala in Benue State;

Resolves to:

- (i) commiserate with the Government and People of Benue State, the families that lost their loved ones and observe a minute silence for the victims;
- (ii) constitute a delegation of the House of Representatives to visit the Buruku Crossing Point along River Katsina-Ala for an on the spot assessment;
- (iii) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to review and include the current cost of the Buruku Bridge in the 2019 Budget Proposal;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Appropriations to capture not less than 30% of the total cost of the Buruku Bridge Project in the 2019 Budget to ensure availability of funds for award of contract for the project (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency and 1 Other*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 67/11/2018).

Motion referred to the Committee on Appropriations, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (4) to enable it take more than 2 matters of urgent public importance" (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

- (iii) ***Need for Federal Government's Intervention on the Ongoing Abduction of Persons and Cattle Rustling by Heavily Armed Kidnappers Resulting to Loss of Human Lives in various Communities within Safana/Batsari/Dan Musa Federal Constituency of Katsina State:***
Hon. Ahmed Dayyabu Safana (Batsari/Safana/Danmusa 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 for Federal Government's Intervention on the Ongoing Abduction of Persons and Cattle Rustling by Heavily Armed Kidnappers Resulting to Loss of Human Lives in Various Communities Within Safana/Batsari/Dan Musa Federal Constituency of Katsina State:

The House:

Notes with dismay that the ongoing attacks on various communities within Safana/Batsari/Dan Musa Federal Constituency of Katsina State by heavily armed kidnappers and Cattle Rustlers resulting in loss of human lives have become a daily occurrence;

Also notes that the magnitude of the attack on the residents of the area has reached an alarming stage as the perpetrators of the criminal acts have continued to perpetuate similar acts in various communities within the constituency, including the killings of women and children;

Worried that countless number of persons have been killed while more than 1,800 (One Thousand Eight Hundred) victims including men, women and children are now taking refuge at Batsari Local Government headquarters, having been internally displaced from their homes due to the onslaught by the kidnappers and Cattle Rustlers;

Also worried that any further delay by the Federal Government to curtail the ongoing atrocities will result to a colossal loss of lives and paralyse the economic and commercial activities in the area;

Concerned that despite persistent outcry from the various communities, there has not been any significant crackdown by the relevant security agencies to assist the state in fighting the ongoing cruelty and criminal activities being perpetrated by these kidnappers and Cattle Rustlers;

Cognizant that the fundamental duty of any government is the protection and preservation of lives and property of its citizens by being responsive in curbing these kind of menace and atrocities;

Aware that it is the constitutional duty and responsibility of this hallowed chamber to take action wherever such level of inhuman and brutal attacks are being inflicted on any community or group of people;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to direct the security operatives to immediately crackdown on the nefarious activities of these rampaging criminal elements taking place in Safana/Batsari/Dan Musa Federal Constituency of Katsina State; and
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently provide relief materials and supply the immediate needs of the internally displaced persons in accordance with section 6 (j) of NEMA Act (*Hon. Ahmed Safana Dayyabu — Batsari/Safana/Dan Musa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted with dismay that the ongoing attacks on various communities within Safana/Batsari/Dan Musa Federal Constituency of Katsina State by heavily armed kidnappers and Cattle Rustlers resulting in loss of human lives have become a daily occurrence;

Also noted that the magnitude of the attack on the residents of the area has reached an alarming stage as the perpetrators of the criminal acts have continued to perpetuate similar acts in various communities within the constituency, including the killings of women and children;

Worried that countless number of persons have been killed while more than 1,800 (One Thousand Eight Hundred) victims including men, women and children are now taking refuge at Batsari Local Government headquarters, having been internally displaced from their homes due to the onslaught by the kidnappers and Cattle Rustlers;

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Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to direct the security operatives to immediately crackdown on the nefarious activities of these rampaging criminal elements taking place in Safana/Batsari/Dan Musa Federal Constituency of Katsina State; and
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently provide relief materials and supply the immediate needs of the internally displaced persons in accordance with section 6 (j) of NEMA Act (H.R. 68/11/2018).
- (iv) ***Call on the Federal Government to Tackle the Perennial and Incessant Killings, Kidnappings and Armed Robbery in Shinkafi and Zurmi Federal Constituency:***
Hon. Abubakar Husaini Moriki (Shinkafi/Zurmi 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.

Call on the Federal Government to Tackle the Perennial and Incessant Killings, Kidnapping and Armed Robbery in Shinkafi and Zurmi Federal Constituency:

The House:

Informed that in the recent time, security situation in Shinkafi and Zurmi Local Government Areas have worsened;

Also informed that cases of killings, kidnappings and armed robbery are being recorded on daily basis;

Further informed that no fewer than thirty persons were kidnapped in the last one month, including two minors of ten and eleven years of age and, two female twins of marriage age recorded in Dauran; Moriki, Birnin Tsaba, Kabaka, Dorayyi, etc. of Zurmi Local Government Area; and Shinkafi, Jangeru, Badarawa, Galadi, Katsira, Baje in Shinkafi Local Government Area; and several other towns and villages, too many to mention in the two Local Government Areas;

Aware that, on Friday, 26 October, 2018, unknown armed bandits invaded the town of Gurbin Bore in Zurmi Local Government Area of Zamfara State, between the hours of 21,00 and 23,00 in the night and killed six persons, including a Police Personnel; burnt down about seventeen shops and/or houses; in addition to about thirteen motor vehicles of various types, five motorbikes and several other properties that were destroyed;

Also aware of the Presidential Intervention Special Forces which has helped to drastically reduce cases of banditry in the area, but regrets that due to lack of a sustained tempo in the intervention, the hoodlums have regrouped and are more nefarious than before;

Acknowledges that the Zamfara State Government had put substantial efforts in trying to complement the efforts of the Federal Government, through the provision of necessary logistics to the security personnel resident in the state in order to enhance their operations, and that about ₦15 billion was expended between 2011 to 2017 by the State Government to provide motor vehicles, motorbikes, equipment, financial support, etc. to the Security Agencies in the state, which efforts, regrettably, have not translated into instilling the much needed peace in the State;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence as a mark of respect and condolence to the families of the victims and, indeed the people and Government of Zamfara State;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government through the Ministry of Defence to provide more troops to the affected Local Government Areas of Zurmi and Shinkafi of Zamfara State, and in particular deploy Army to Gurbin Bore town; in view of the fact that, it is a border town with Niger Republic;
- (iii) summon the Hon. Minister of Defence, Inspector General of Police, Chief of Defence Staff and Director General of Department of State Security to brief the House on ways and measures that can be put in place in order to provide sustainable peace in Zamfara State; and
- (iv) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency, provide relief materials to the affected communities, in order to salvage them from the predicament they found themselves (*Hon. Abubakar Husaini Moriki – Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency*)

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Prayer (iii), and insert a new Prayer (iii) as follows:

"Mandate the Committees on Army, Air Force, Navy, Police Affairs, and National Security and Intelligence to investigate the matter and report back within two weeks" (Hon. Abdulsamad Dasuki – Kebbe/Tambuwal Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Informed that in the recent time, security situation in Shinkafi and Zurmi Local Government Areas have worsened;

Also informed that cases of killings, kidnappings and armed robbery are being recorded on daily basis;

Further informed that no fewer than thirty persons were kidnapped in the last one month, including two minors of ten and eleven years of age and, two female twins of marriage age recorded in Dauran; Moriki, Birnin Tsaba, Kabaka, Dorayyi, etc. of Zurmi Local Government Area; and Shinkafi, Jangeru, Badarawa, Galadi, Katsira, Baje in Shinkafi Local Government Area; and several other towns and villages, too many to mention in the two Local Government Areas;

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- (iii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency, provide relief materials to the affected communities, in order to salvage them from the predicament they found themselves; and

- (iv) mandate the Committees on Army, Air Force, Navy, Police Affairs, and National Security and Intelligence to investigate the matter and report back within two weeks (HR. 69/11/2018).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

6. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Federal Capital Territory Abuja Area Courts Bill, 2018 (HB. 1558).
- (2) Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Enforcement and Administration Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1559).
- (3) Federal Polytechnic, Dogon Daji (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1560).
- (4) Federal University of Land Resources Technology, Kuru (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1561).
- (5) Federal University of Land Resources Technology, Oforolla (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1562).
- (6) Nigeria Postal Service Bill, 2018 (HB. 1563).

7. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Nigeria Arabic Language Village as an Inter-University Centre for Arabic Language Studies; and for Related Matters (HB. 1489) — Second Reading

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

8. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Nigeria French Language Village as an Inter-University Centre for French Language Studies; and for Related Matters (HB. 1490) — Second Reading

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

9. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Ebenebe, Anambra State to make Comprehensive Provisions for its due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1491) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Ebenebe, Anambra State to make Comprehensive Provisions for its due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1491) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Anayo Nnebe — Awka North/Awka South 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.

10. Rescission of Resolution (HR. 48/10/2018) that Led to the Constitution of an Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Circumstances Leading to the Invasion of Kofar Ruwa and Singha Markets by the Nigeria Customs Service in Kano, Pursuant to Order Nine, Rule (1) (6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that on Tuesday, 11 October, 2018, on a point of order, a Motion on the illegal seizure of rice and the brazen abuse of law by the Nigeria Customs service at Kofar Ruwa and Singha markets in Kano, Kano State was considered;

Also notes that the Motion was referred to an *Ad-hoc* Committee which was constituted to investigate the illegal invasion;

Aware that recent developments revealed that the matter between the affected traders and the Nigeria Customs service has been amicably resolved in favour of the traders;

Acknowledges the need to reconsider the resolution agreed to and reverse itself;

Resolves to:

Rescind its Resolution (**HR. 48/10/2018**) of Tuesday, 11 October, 2018 (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

11. Rescission of Clauses 38 (m) and 45 (1) and (2) of the Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Bill, 2018 pursuant to Order Nine, Rule (1) (6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Bill, 2018 was passed by both the House and the Senate with differences;

Aware that the two Houses had constituted Conference Committee which harmonized the differences in the Bill;

Also aware that the report of the Conference Committee was adopted in the two Houses and consequently forwarded to Clerk to the National Assembly for further legislative action;

Also notes that, in order to ensure that the Bill was passed in consonance with the provisions of Section 58 (3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), the Clerk to the National Assembly forwarded it to the Directorate of Legal Services of the National Assembly;

Informed that the Directorate of Legal Services of the National Assembly raised observations on Clauses 38 (m) and 45 (1) and (2) of the Bill as passed and therefore requires the clauses to be reworked before passing same;

Resolves to:

Commit Clauses 38 (m) and, 45 (1) and (2) of the Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Bill, 2018 to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration and passage (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

12. **Rescission of Approval of the Virement/Supplementary Budget for Independent National Electoral Commission and Security Agencies for the Conduct of the 2019 General Elections**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Recalls the approval of the Virement/Supplementary budget for INEC and Security Agencies for the conduct of the 2019 General Elections in the sum of Two Hundred and Forty-Two Billion, Two Hundred and Forty-Five Million, Fifty Thousand, One hundred Naira (₦242,245,050,100) only, which is to be funded from the Service Wide Votes on 16 October, 2018;

Aware that given some imminent issues of national importance, the virement/supplementary request cannot be implemented as earlier approved;

Resolves to:

Rescind the approval as contained in the Votes and Proceedings of 17 October, 2018 and recommit same to the Committee of supply for consideration (*Hon. Chris Azubogu — Nnewi North/Nnewi South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

13. **Consideration of Reports**

(i) **Committee on Appropriations:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider and approve the Virement/Supplementary Budget for Independent National Electoral Commission and Security Agencies for the Conduct of the 2019 General Elections" (*Hon. Chris Azubogu — Nnewi North/Nnewi South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

- (i) approve the sum of Two Hundred and Forty-Two Billion, Two Hundred and Forty-Five Million, Fifty Thousand, One hundred Naira (₦242,245,050,100) only as contained in the table below:

Agency	2018 Appropriation	2018 Virement	Revised total 2018 Appropriation Act
INEC	45,500,000,000	189,007,272,393	234,507,272,393
ONSA	37,467,339,426	9,481,500,000	46,948,839,426
DSS	40,578,570,113	10,213,282,455	50,791,852,568
NSCDC	79,260,507,756	3,573,534,500	82,834,042,256
NPF	324,220,893,212	27,341,317,433	351,562,210,645
NIS	61,986,859,648	2,628,143,320	64,615,002,968
Total	589,014,170,155	242,245,050,100	831,259,220,255

(*Hon. Chris Azubogu — Nnewi North/Nnewi South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

- (ii) approve the source of fund from Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAs), and the Service Wide Votes as contained in the table below:

S/No.	MDA	SOURCES OF FUND		
		2018 Appropriation	Virement	2018 Revised Appropriation
1.	Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	203,010,092,743	11,057,594,240	191,952,498,503
2.	Ministry of Budget and National Planning	1,785,525,979,677	8,845,154,871	1,776,680,824,806
3.	Ministry of Communication Technology	19,765,740,637	828,501,025	18,937,239,612
4.	Ministry of Defence (MOD)	576,399,335,199	2,636,334,357	573,763,000,841
5.	Federal Ministry of Education	651,226,697,523	10,238,444,433	640,988,253,091
6.	Federal Ministry of Environment	35,378,408,624	2,006,248,705	33,372,159,919
7.	Federal Capital Territory Administration	32,298,122,872	1,508,780,026	30,789,342,846
8.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	83,312,206,168	1,737,637,743	81,574,568,425
9.	Federal Ministry of Health	356,450,966,085	8,059,195,896	348,391,770,190
10.	Independent Corrupt Practices and Related Offences Commission	7,030,856,777	157,080,000	6,873,776,777
11.	Federal Ministry of Information and Culture	57,135,247,001	1,884,753,364	55,250,493,637
12.	Ministry of Interior	576,708,246,704	1,676,128,108	575,032,118,596
13.	National Human Rights Commission	3,013,745,000	170,430,753	2,843,314,247
14.	Federal Ministry of Justice	28,751,625,728	557,939,433	28,193,686,295
15.	Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment	27,397,512,045	2,727,731,478	24,669,780,567

16.	Ministry of Mines and Steel Development	22,943,075,245	461,396,320	22,481,678,925
17.	Federal Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs	131,419,020,657	1,199,044,000	130,219,976,657
18.	Office of the National Security Adviser	122,680,943,684	1,120,504,000	121,560,439,684
19.	Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation	9,942,847,406	38,746,400	9,904,101,006
20.	Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation	111,786,939,502	6,734,088,743	105,052,850,759
21.	Ministry of Petroleum Resources	68,940,971,701	20,944,000	68,920,027,701
22.	Federal Ministry of Power Works and Housing	714,668,969,899	25,527,821,945	689,141,147,954
23.	Presidency	59,343,353,082	1,247,843,520	58,095,509,562
24.	Public Complaints Commission	7,480,000,000	48,171,200	7,431,828,800
25.	Federal Ministry of Science and Technology	101,161,102,924	7,466,143,244	93,694,959,680
26.	Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment	117,770,088,516	7,085,582,899	110,684,505,617
27.	Federal Ministry of Transportation	267,145,582,503	2,283,021,664	264,862,560,839
28.	Federal Ministry of Water Resources	155,149,395,652	12,954,799,500	142,194,596,153
29.	Federal Ministry of Women Affairs	7,409,748,628	319,699,353	7,090,049,275
30.	Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports Development	116,249,860,159	522,763,832	115,727,096,327
	Subtotal	6,457,496,682,340	121,122,525,050	6,336,374,157,290
	SERVICE WIDE VOTE (Special Intervention Programme)	500,000,000,000	121,122,525,050	378,877,474,950
	Total Virement/ Supplementary Approved		242,245,050,100	

(Hon. Chris Azubogu — Nnewi North/Nnewi South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on the Virement/Supplementary Budget for the Independent National Electoral Commission and Security Agencies for the Conduct of the 2019 General Elections, and approved the Recommendations of the Report.

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

(ii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petition by D & K Golden City Investment Limited:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider 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 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 Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

"Urge the Management of Standard Organization of Nigeria to return all the seized goods and factory equipment to D & k Golden City Investment Limited and also unseal the Company factory premises to enable it continue with the business activities of the Company" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"That the D & K Golden City Investment Limited goods were not substandard from all the certifications and documents presented. The issue was trademark of two Companies producing the same goods, brand and colour with the same design and mark, therefore the issue against D & K Golden City Investment Limited and SON was not of quality or substandardisation of goods but of trademark" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

"That SON should return all Machineries belonging to D & K Golden City Investment Limited seized by the Organisation" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):

"That SON should return all seized products and raw materials seized from the D & K Golden City Investment Limited Factory and Warehouses" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (v):

"That the Registrar of Trademark, Ministry of Trade and Investment is urged to delist the registration of Mr Benjamin Ugochukwu Nwaizu trading under the name and style D & K Golden City Investment Nigeria Limited with the Trademark as the owner of Dorco" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (vi):

"That D & K Golden City Investment Nigeria Limited should apply for Trademark and Design Registration of Trademark to fast track the registration upon application" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (vii):

"That the said Ugochukwu Nwaizu trading under the name and style D & K Golden City Investment Nigeria Limited should be given a reasonable time to dispose of the products already manufactured while desisting from further production with the name Dorco" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (viii):

"That the Vine Morris Links Limited should be allowed to carry on their business unhindered, being the first in time and properly registered with the Registrar, Trademark of the Ministry of Trade and Investment as Dorco TMN No. 5444 in Class 8 and design T109N" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy 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 & K Golden City Investment Limited against the Director General/Chief Executive, Standard 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 and approved Recommendations (i) - (viii) 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 DCC Ogbonnaya Akpuru:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by DCC Ogbonnaya Akpuru against the Federal Road Safety Commission on the denial of his Promotion after several years of service 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 Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

"Urge the Corps Marshal General of Federal Road Safety Commission to restore the rank of DCC Ogbonnaya Akpuru from Assistant Corps Commander (ACC) to Deputy Corps Command (DCC) and also to ensure that he feature in the next promotion interview" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwá East/Ukwá West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy 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 DCC Ogbonnaya Akpuru against the Federal Road Safety Commission on the denial of his Promotion after several years of service 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 Onyeme Ejime Paul:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Onyeme Ejime Paul against the Federal Judicial Service Commission for job reinstatement and approve the recommendations 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 Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

"Urge the Federal Judicial Service Commission to reinstate Onyeme Ejime Paul, promote him to the next grade, if he had missed any promotion within the period, and pay all his salary arrears from February 2013 to date" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwá East/Ukwá West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Onyeme Ejime Paul against the Federal Judicial Service Commission for job reinstatement and approved the Recommendation 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 Umeh Gabriel U.:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Umeh Gabriel U. against the Federal Medical Centre, Keffi, Nassarawa State on the wrongful, oppressive and unjustifiable stoppage of his salary while his employment is still subsisting" (*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 Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

"Uphold the recommendation of the Hon. Minister of State for Health by directing the Medical Director, Federal Medical Centre, Keffi to restore the salary of the Umeh Gabriel U. and pay all his arrears, entitlements and benefits" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"That the Permanent Secretary should transfer Umeh Gabriel U. to another Federal Medical Centre so as to avoid further victimization on him, by the Management of the Federal Medical Centre, Keffi" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Prayer (ii) (Hon. Ahmed Idris — Wase Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Umeh Gabriel U. against the Federal Medical Centre, Keffi, Nassarawa State on the wrongful, oppressive and unjustifiable stoppage of his salary while his employment is still subsisting, approved Recommendation (i) and rejected Recommendation (ii) 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 Tricenuel Barrister and Solicitors on behalf of Mr Nwora O. Afamefuna:
Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Tricenuel Barrister and Solicitors on behalf of Mr Nwora O. Afamefuna against the Nigeria Customs Service on the fraudulent disposal of his Consignment, Toyota 4 Runner with Chassis No. 204545 and a Bill of Lading No. 5306748982.

Order deferred by leave of the House.

14. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 7 November, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Ahmed Idris — Deputy House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.16 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker