



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 19 March, 2019

1. The House met at 11.20 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, 13 March, 2019.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Message**
Mr Speaker read the following messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

(i)



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

28th February, 2019

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

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

PRESIDENTIAL DECISION TO DECLINE ASSENT TO THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF NIGERIA (ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2018

Pursuant to Section 58 (4) of Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), I hereby convey to the House of Representatives, my decision, on 28th February, 2019 to

decline Presidential Assent to the Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2018, recently passed by the National Assembly.

I am declining assent to the Bill because there are concerns that the Institute does not possess the capacity to undertake the numerous duties and responsibilities imposed on it under the Act.

In addition, the Bill criminalises the practice of "training and development" without registration with the Institute even though no description or definition of the term "training and development" is provided in the Bill. This would lead to an unacceptable ambiguity in the operation of the institute and disruption to the many varied sectors of the economy in which training and development occurs.

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

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

(ii)



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

28th February, 2019

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

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

**PRESIDENTIAL DECISION TO DECLINE ASSENT TO THE
NIGERIAN AERONAUTICAL SEARCH AND RESCUE BILL, 2018**

Pursuant to Section 58 (4) of Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), I hereby convey to the House of Representatives, my decision, on 28th February, 2019 to decline Presidential Assent to the Nigerian Aeronautical Search and Rescue Bill, 2018, recently passed by the National Assembly.

I am declining assent to the Bill because there are many inconsistencies with the Bill and the Bill is not in tandem with the relevant International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) regulations. Some of the issues identified are itemized below:

- (a) *Section 1 of the Bill provides that the principal objective is to incorporate the Chicago Convention (CC) into Nigerian law. The convention is already incorporated by virtue of Section 30 (1) of the Civil Aviation Act, 2006.*

- (b) Section 2 of the Bill establishing the NISAR negates the provision of Section 30 (3) (o) of the Civil Aviation Act and Part 14.3 of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Regulations as the proposed content of Section 2 are already contained in the Civil Aviation Act and Civil Aviation Regulations.
- (c) The Bill is a duplication of the work of NEMA, Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority, Nigerian Airspace Management Agency and other responsible organisations for search and rescue services in Nigeria especially aeronautical search and rescue.

We believe a better alternative to the proposed Bill would be to leave the operations of the proposed purpose of the Bill within the Civil Aviation Act and the details addressed by the Civil Aviation Regulations.

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

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

(iii)

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

5th March, 2019

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

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

**PROMISSORY NOTE PROGRAMME AND A BOND ISSUANCE
TO SETTLE INHERITED LOCAL DEBTS AND CONTRACTUAL
OBLIGATIONS AND REFUNDS TO STATE GOVERNMENTS FOR
PROJECTS EXECUTED ON BEHALF OF THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT: APPROVALS FOR DELTA AND TARABA STATES**

I wish to inform the House of Representatives that we have received approval of the National Assembly via letter ref: NASS/CNA/106/Vol. 11/004 dated 29th January, 2019 for refunds to Delta and Taraba State Governments through the Issuance of Promissory Notes, for projects executed on behalf of the Federal Government.

The House of Representatives may wish to note that following a review of the approval from the National Assembly the following were observed:

- (i) While the Federal Executive Council approved a total sum of ₦78,601,631,430.16 as reimbursement to Delta and Taraba State Governments, the National Assembly approved ₦90,236,461,031.36, which is higher than the amount approved by the Federal Executive Council.
- (ii) The National Assembly did not approve any reimbursement to Bauchi and Kogi State Governments, whereas the Federal Executive Council had approved reimbursements for them.

The House of Representatives may note the provisions of the Public Procurement Act, 2007, which empowers the Bureau of Public Procurement to approve vendors and contracts sums. The amounts presented to the National Assembly for approval were duly certified for reimbursement by the Bureau of Public Procurement, before they were approved by the Federal Executive Council.

Since the Bureau of Public Procurement is charged with the responsibility of approving contract sums, and there is a need for compliance with the Public Procurement Act, 2007, I wish to request that you forward to us details relating to the amounts approved by the National Assembly for Delta and Taraba States in excess of what was certified by the Bureau of Public Procurement for necessary certification and approval. Meanwhile, the Federal Government shall proceed with implementation by reimbursing the amounts approved by the Federal Executive Council. Furthermore, I wish to request that you review the reimbursements earlier submitted in favour of Bauchi and Kogi State Governments.

While looking forward to your timely consideration of the request, please accept, Right Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

4. Announcement

(a) Bereavement:

Mr Speaker read the following communications from:

- (i) Hon. Yuguda Hassan Kila (*Gwaram Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of Hon. Auwalu Sule Kila, a former Member (*Gwaram Federal Constituency*, 2003 — 2007) who died on Thursday, 21 February, 2019.
- (ii) Hon. Mohammed Umar Bago (*Chanchaga Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of his step mother, Hajiya Hadiza Mohammed-Agae, who passed away on Tuesday, 19 March, 2019 at the age of 93.
- (iii) Hon. Ochiglegor Idagbo (*Bekwarra/Obudu/Obaniliku Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of Hon. Paul Andeshi Adah, a former Member (*Bekwarra/Obudu/Obaniliku Federal Constituency*, 2007 — 2011), who passed away on Saturday, 2 February, 2019.

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

- (b) *Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Smooth and Orderly Transfer of Power from one Government to another for Related Matters (HB.102 and HB. 109).*

Mr Speaker announced the membership of the Conference Committee as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Olabode Ayorinde | — | Chairman |
| (2) | Hon. Nkem-Abonta Uzoma | — | Member |
| (3) | Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai | — | Member |
| (4) | Hon. Muhammed Sani Soba | — | Member |
| (5) | Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim | — | Member |
| (6) | Hon. Gbillah Mark Terseer | — | Member |

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

- (i) *Incessant Attacks and Killings by Armed Bandits in Kajuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State:*

Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde (*Chikun/Kajuru 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.

Incessant Attacks and Killings by Armed Bandits in Kajuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State:

The House:

Recalls that in the month of October, the paramount ruler of Adara people, the *Agom Adara* was abducted by armed bandits and days after, the dead body of the revered monarch was found by the roadside at Katari village along Kaduna - Abuja highway;

Also recalls that a motion was moved on the floor of the House to that effect, calling on the security agencies to leave no stone unturned until the perpetrators of the crime were apprehended and made to face the law, and though, it was reported in the media that the suspects were thereafter apprehended, nothing has been heard since then about their prosecution;

Worried that the recent activities of these armed bandits, have taken a strange dimension, and have become a major concern to the various communities in the area as between February and March, hundreds of lives properties worth millions of naira have been destroyed, while several families were displaced or rendered homeless;

Also worried that these attacks and killings have become a daily activity. On Sunday 10, and Tuesday, 26 February, 2019, 11 persons and 40 persons were killed in Ungwan Barde, and Kyamara villages respectively and 100 houses burnt, while between Sunday 10 and Wednesday 13 March in Ungwan Barde in Kiriimi, Dogo Noman, Ungwan Gora and Kyamara villages over 90 people were killed with several others injured and houses destroyed. This has been the trend until few days ago when the State Government imposed a dusk-to- dawn curfew on the area;

Concerned that despite the outcry of the people, no significant efforts have been made to bring the situation under control as series of killings are still going on in the area. And up to this

moment no arrest of these killers have been made by the security agents, rather over 50 unarmed youths and opinion leaders of Adara extraction are being remanded in prison custody without due process of the law for over a month;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased;
- (ii) urge the security agents to intensify efforts in stemming the tide of these attacks and killings and ensuring that peace and normalcy return to the area.
- (iii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to quickly move to these communities with relief materials in order to alleviate the sufferings of the displaced families;
- (iv) mandate the relevant Committees of the House to carry out a thorough investigation on these crises with a view to unravel the fundamental issues responsible for these unrest and proffer solutions for lasting peace in the area (*Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde — Chikun/Kajuru Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Recalled that in the month of October, the paramount ruler of Adara people, the Agom Adara was abducted by armed bandits and days after, the dead body of the revered monarch was found by the roadside at Katari village along Kaduna - Abuja highway;

Also recalled that a motion was moved on the floor of the House to that effect, calling on the security agencies to leave no stone unturned until the perpetrators of the crime were apprehended and made to face the law, and though, it was reported in the media that the suspects were thereafter apprehended, nothing has been heard since then about their prosecution;

Worried that the recent activities of these armed bandits, have taken a strange dimension, and have become a major concern to the various communities in the area as between February and March, hundreds of lives properties worth millions of naira have been destroyed, while several families were displaced or rendered homeless;

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Concerned that despite the outcry of the people, no significant efforts have been made to bring the situation under control as series of killings are still going on in the area. And up to this moment no arrest of these killers have been made by the security agents, rather over 50 unarmed youths and opinion leaders of Adara extraction are being remanded in prison custody without due process of the law for over a month;

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- (iv) mandate the relevant Committees of the House to carry out a thorough investigation on these crises with a view to unravel the fundamental issues responsible for these unrest and proffer solutions for lasting peace in the area (HR. 5/03/2019).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

- (ii) ***The Alleged Illegal Deployment, Use, Misuse and Abuse of Soldiers of the Nigerian Army During the 2019 and Other Elections Against the Express Provisions of the 1999 Constitution, the Armed Forces Act and Valid Subsisting Judgments of Various Courts of Competent Jurisdiction:***

Hon. Patrick Asaolu (Nsukka/Igboeze South 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 suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

The Alleged Illegal Deployment, Use, Misuse and Abuse of Soldiers of the Nigerian Army During the 2019 and Other Elections Against the Express Provisions of the 1999 Constitution, the Armed Forces Act and Valid Subsisting Judgments of Various Courts of Competent Jurisdiction:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Republic of Nigeria is a constitutional democracy, governed by Law under a presidential system of government;

Also notes that the 1999 Constitution as amended is the supreme law of the land and all actions of governments, government agencies and individuals, including the Army must be in full compliance with Section 271 (1) of the Constitution as the Nigerian Armed Forces is a creation of the Nigerian Constitution;

Aware that the Armed Forces Act also made express provisions for the structure, management and operations of the Armed forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

Also aware that Section 271 (2) (c) of the Constitution provides that the Armed Forces can only be deployed in civilian operations for the purpose of "SUPPRESSING INSURECTION AND ACTING IN AID OF CIVIL AUTHORITIES TO RESTORE ORDER WHEN CALLED UPON TO DO SO BY THE PRESIDENT, BUT SUBJECT TO SUCH CONDITIONS AS MAYBE PRESCRIBED BY AN ACT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY";

Cognizant of the pendency of 3 separate judgments of Courts of competent jurisdictions to wit:

- (i) Federal High Court, Sokoto, on 29 January, 2015, by Justice Mohammed Rilwan Aikawa, in a case instituted by the then Deputy Speaker of the Sokoto State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Bello Goronye, wherein the Court outlawed "deployment of the Military during elections without recourse to the National Assembly;
- (ii) the Court of Appeal, in a judgment delivered by a full panel of the Court headed by Justice Abdul Aboki sitting in Abuja on 15th February, 2015, in upholding the judgment of the Ekiti State Gubernatorial Election Tribunal affirming the election of Ayodele Fayose made a definite pronouncement that **"the Military has no role to play in the electoral process and that whoever deploys the military for the conduct of elections has breached the Law"**; and
- (iii) the Federal High Court Lagos, wherein Justice Ibrahim Buba, in a case instituted, incidentally by the present Leader of the House, Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila, on 23 March, 2015 declared as **"unlawful the deployment of Soldiers for any election in the country without recourse to the National Assembly"**.

Convinced that the National Assembly had at no time been consulted for or approved any instrument whatsoever with respect to the deployment of the Soldiers of the Nigerian Army for the 2019 general elections or for any elections for that matter;

Disturbed that despite these express provisions of the laws of the land and the unambiguous judgments of the different Courts, the Chief of Army Staff, was reported by *ThisDay* Newspaper of 21 January, 2019 as not only stating that the **"army cannot disobey any Order given by the President"** on the shoot-to-kill-ballot-box-snatchers controversy, but had also in the same statement directed Commanders and Soldiers on how to operate during elections, without any recourse to relevant laws of the land or the National Assembly;

Also disturbed that despite strident opposition to the above position of the Chief of Army Staff on the deployment and possible role of the Army during elections, the Nigerian Army allegedly deployed its officers and men in large numbers during the 2019 general elections in flagrant disobedience to the courts and the law, without any communication to the National Assembly from Mr President on the need to deploy Soldiers or even to inform members that these Soldiers were deployed on the Orders of Mr President;

Alarmed that even though some of these soldiers reportedly acted professionally and neutrally during the election, other deployed soldiers were alleged to have descended into the arena of conflict, taken partisan sides and interfered with and in some cases aborted the electoral process, as was reported in Rivers State, where the umpire, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has officially in a statement signed by Mr Festus Okoye, Commissioner in charge of Information and Voter Education, indicted Soldiers of the Nigerian Army; accusing Soldiers of invading the collation centers, interfering with the collation of results and illegally arresting some INEC officials, thereby disrupting the collation and completion of the elections, all in alleged attempts to thwart the will of the people as expressed through the ballot box;

Also alarmed at the ongoing claims and counter claims that some of these men in army uniforms were either **soldiers** of the Nigerian Army or fake soldiers in Army uniforms, but who were never arrested by the Nigeria Police or the soldiers on duty throughout these elections, and the subsequent very disturbing arguments between the Army on one hand, the INEC, the Nigerian Police and the Rivers State Government on the other hand;

Concerned that such a nationally-accepted, unifying and critical agency like the Nigerian Army is unnecessarily being dragged into partisan politics on purely civilian contests that can damage its professionalism, its national acceptability, ethical standards, discipline and rating both nationally and internationally;

Also concerned that the Chief of Army Staff was also reported to have set up a panel to investigate the role of soldiers of the Nigerian Army in the Rivers State Gubernatorial and House of Assembly elections of 9 March, 2019, when the army should never have deployed any of its soldiers in the first place and in a move that is akin to a man sitting in judgment over his own case;

Further concerned that Nigeria's hard-earned democracy for which much blood had already been needlessly shed is being further threatened by these alleged illegal use, misuse and abuse of Soldiers of the Nigerian Army during elections in utter disregard to our Laws and our courts;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe one minute silence in honour of innocent Nigerians who lost their lives in the course of the 2019 general elections and sympathize with all those who suffered injuries or loss properties;
- (ii) set up a high powered *Ad-hoc* Committee to carry out a holistic and comprehensive investigation of the deployment, soldiers in the 2019 elections, and make adequate recommendations within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*)

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Federal Republic of Nigeria is a constitutional democracy, governed by Law under a presidential system of government;

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Alarmed that even though some of these soldiers reportedly acted professionally and neutrally during the election, other deployed soldiers were alleged to have descended into the arena of conflict, taken partisan sides and interfered with and in some cases aborted the electoral process, as was reported in Rivers State, where the umpire, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has officially in a statement signed by Mr Festus Okoye, Commissioner in charge of Information and Voter Education, indicted Soldiers of the Nigerian Army; accusing Soldiers of invading the collation centers, interfering with the collation of results and illegally arresting some INEC officials, thereby disrupting the collation and completion of the elections, all in alleged attempts to thwart the will of the people as expressed through the ballot box;

Also alarmed at the ongoing claims and counter claims that some of these men in army uniforms were either **soldiers** of the Nigerian Army or fake soldiers in Army uniforms, but who were never arrested by the Nigeria Police or the soldiers on duty throughout these elections, and the subsequent very disturbing arguments between the Army on one hand, the INEC, the Nigerian Police and the Rivers State Government on the other hand;

Concerned that such a nationally-accepted, unifying and critical agency like the Nigerian Army is unnecessarily being dragged into partisan politics on purely civilian contests that can damage its professionalism, its national acceptability, ethical standards, discipline and rating both nationally and internationally;

Also concerned that the Chief of Army Staff was also reported to have set up a panel to investigate the role of soldiers of the Nigerian Army in the Rivers State Gubernatorial and House of Assembly elections of 9 March, 2019, when the army should never have deployed any of its soldiers in the first place and in a move that is akin to a man sitting in judgment over his own case;

Further concerned that Nigeria's hard-earned democracy for which much blood had already been needlessly shed is being further threatened by these alleged illegal use, misuse and abuse of Soldiers of the Nigerian Army during elections in utter disregard to our Laws and our courts;

Resolved to:

- (i) observe one minute silence in honour of innocent Nigerians who lost their lives in the course of the 2019 general elections and sympathize with all those who suffered injuries or loss properties;
- (ii) set up a high powered *Ad-hoc* Committee to carry out a holistic and comprehensive investigation of the deployment, soldiers in the 2019 elections, and make adequate recommendations within four (4) weeks (HR. 6/03/2019).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it take more than 2 matters of urgent public importance" (Hon. Olabode Ayorinde — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

- (iii) ***Call for Payment of the 2017/2018 Academic Year Amnesty Beneficiaries Stipends and Allowances:***

Hon. Akinjo Kolade Victor (Eseodo/Ilaje 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 for Payment of the 2017/2018 Academic Year Amnesty Beneficiaries' Stipends and Allowances:

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian Government under the administration of late President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua on the 25th of June, 2009, introduced a Presidential Amnesty Programme as a platform to pardon former Niger Delta agitators who surrendered their arms and ammunition to the Federal Government for the sake of promoting peace and security in the Niger Delta region of the country;

Also notes that after the disarmament and demobilisation programmes, the Federal Government instituted rehabilitation and reintegration programmes which include the training and education of the concerned ex-agitators;

Aware that through the Amnesty Programme introduced, many ex-agitators were being enlisted for scholarship programme to study different courses in various Nigerian universities with approved payment of monthly stipend of Seventy Thousand Naira (₦70,000) only for upkeep and Twenty Thousand Naira (₦20,000) only for books allowance on semester basis;

Also aware that the Presidential Amnesty Programme has, since inception, been sustained by successive governments not only to reduce unrest in the oil-rich region but also to create conducive environment for improved and sustained economic activities, including oil and gas exploration for the overall economic interest of the country;

Recalls that the Presidential Amnesty Committee in compliance with an earlier motion and resolutions of this House, deployed qualified and successful candidates to Nigerian Universities for the 2017/2018 academic session;

Cognizant that some of the beneficiaries deployed for the 2017/2018 academic session have been paid while others are unjustifiably denied payment of their monthly stipends and allowances running into twelve (12) months;

Observes that the affected beneficiaries of the Amnesty scholarship recently mobilized themselves for massive protests in Abuja and Niger Delta region because of the untold hardship, excruciating hunger, lack of academic concentration and general mental torture caused by the non-payment of their monthly stipends and allowances;

Worried that the inexplicable non-payment of stipends and allowances to the beneficiaries who are mostly the breadwinners of their families, is discriminatory, oppressive and unjust and therefore portends imminent grave danger if the situation is not immediately redressed;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Presidential Amnesty Committee to, without further delay, facilitate the payment of the affected beneficiaries' stipends and allowances; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Governmental Affairs, and Legislative Compliance to monitor compliance and report back within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Kolade Victor Akinjo — Ilaje/Eseodo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Nigerian Government under the administration of late President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua on the 25th of June, 2009, introduced a Presidential Amnesty Programme as a platform to pardon former Niger Delta agitators who surrendered their arms and ammunition to the Federal Government for the sake of promoting peace and security in the Niger Delta region of the country;

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Also aware that the Presidential Amnesty Programme has, since inception, been sustained by successive governments not only to reduce unrest in the oil-rich region but also to create conducive environment for improved and sustained economic activities, including oil and gas exploration for the overall economic interest of the country;

Recalled that the Presidential Amnesty Committee in compliance with an earlier motion and resolutions of this House, deployed qualified and successful candidates to Nigerian Universities for the 2017/2018 academic session;

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Worried that the inexplicable non-payment of stipends and allowances to the beneficiaries who are mostly the breadwinners of their families, is discriminatory, oppressive and unjust and therefore portends imminent grave danger if the situation is not immediately redressed;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Presidential Amnesty Committee to, without further delay, facilitate the payment of the affected beneficiaries' stipends and allowances; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Governmental Affairs, and Legislative Compliance to monitor compliance and report back within four (4) weeks (H.R. 7/03/2019).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

6. Presentation of Reports

(i) **Committees on Finance, Appropriations, and Aids, Loans and Debt Management:**

That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Finance, Appropriations, and Aids, Loans and Debt Management on the 2019-2021 Medium Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(ii) **Committee on Basic Education and Services:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Examinations Council of Nigeria, 2004 (NECO) (Establishment) Act, Cap. N37, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish a Steering Committee to be vested with the Responsibility of Centralizing Management of the Senior School Certificate Examinations (SSCE) and the National Business and Technical Examinations (NABTE) under a single ICT Platform to Reduce the Cost of taking the Examinations; and for Related Matters (HB. 851)" (Hon. Zakari Mohammed — Baruten/Kaima Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) **Committee on Basic Education and Services:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Business and Technical Examinations Board Act, Cap. N12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish a Steering Committee to be vested with the Responsibility of Centralizing Management of the National Business and Technical Examination (NABTE) and the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) under a Single ICT Platform, to reduce the Cost of taking the Examinations; and for Related Matters (HB. 850)" (Hon. Zakari Mohammed — Baruten/Kaima Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) **Committee on Basic Education and Services:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Act, Cap. J1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish a Steering Committee to be vested with the Responsibility of Centralizing Management of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations (UTME), the National Business and Technical Examinations (NABTE) and the Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE) under a Single ICT Platform to Reduce the Cost of taking the Examinations; and for Related Matters (HB.849)" (Hon. Zakari Mohammed — Baruten/Kaima Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(v) **Committee on Basic Education and Services:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to make Agricultural Science a Core and Compulsory Subject in Secondary Schools in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 881)" (Hon. Zakari Mohammed — Baruten/Kaima Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

7. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Law Reform Commission Act, Cap. N118, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigerian Law Reform Commission Bill to Facilitate the Effective Implementation of the Commission's Law Reform Proposals and Enhance its Performance; and for Related Matters (HB. 1577) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Law Reform Commission Act, Cap. N118, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigerian Law Reform Commission Bill to Facilitate the Effective Implementation of the Commission's Law Reform Proposals and Enhance its Performance; and for Related Matters (HB. 1577) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 1452) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 1452) 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.

9. **Consideration of Reports**

- (i) **Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Polytechnics Act, Cap. F17, Laws for the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Retirement Age of Staff of Federal Polytechnics, Harmonize the Tenure of Office of the Rector and Other Principal Officers of Federal Polytechnics in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1488) (Committee of the Whole):**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Polytechnics Act, Cap. F17, Laws for the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Retirement Age of Staff of Federal Polytechnics, Harmonize the Tenure of Office of the Rector and Other Principal Officers of Federal Polytechnics in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1488) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Olabode Ayorinde — Owo/Ose 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)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL POLYTECHNICS ACT, CAP. F17, LAWS FOR THE FEDERATION OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIAN, 2004, TO REVIEW THE RETIREMENT AGE OF STAFF OF FEDERAL POLYTECHNICS, HARNOMIZE THE TENURE OF THE OFFICE OF THE RECTOR AND OTHER PRINCIPAL OFFICERS FEDERAL POLYTECHNICS IN NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1488)

Clause 1: Amendment of Section 3.

Section 3 (2) (f) is amended as follows —

- (2) (f) One person representing the Federal Ministry of Education (*Hon. Olabode Ayorinde — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 1 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 16.

Section 16 (1) (2) is amended as follows —

- (1) Where it appears to the Governing Council that a member of the Council other than an ex-officio member or the Rector should be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council shall make a recommendation through the Minister and if

the Federal Executive Council approves of it, the Minister shall declare the office of such member or Rector vacant.

- (2) The Minister may recommend the removal of any member of the Governing Council or Rector to the Federal Executive Council, if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Public or of the Polytechnic that such a person should continue as a member of the Council.

Committee Recommendation:

Retain the provisions of the Principal Act (*Hon. Olabode Ayorinde — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Polytechnics Act, Cap. F17, Laws for the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Retirement Age of Staff of Federal Polytechnics, Harmonize the Tenure of Office of the Rector and Other Principal Officers of Federal Polytechnics in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1488) and approved Clauses 1 and 2 of the Bill.

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

- (ii) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Chartered Biochemists and Molecular Biologists charged with Responsibilities to, among other things, determine the Standard of Knowledge and Skills to be attained by Persons Seeking to become Registered Biochemists and Molecular Biologists, Register such Persons, Regulate and Control their Practice and Review those Standards from time to time as circumstances may permit; and for Related Matters (HB. 1142) (Committee of the Whole):***

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Chartered Biochemists and Molecular Biologists charged with Responsibilities to, among other things, determine the Standard of Knowledge and Skills to be attained by Persons Seeking to become Registered Biochemists and Molecular Biologists, Register such Persons, Regulate and Control their Practice and Review those Standards from time to time as circumstances may permit; and for Related Matters, 2018 (HB. 1142) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Olabode Ayorinde — Owo/Ose 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)

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED
BIOCHEMISTS AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGISTS OF NIGERIA
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1142)**

- Clause 13:** (2) For the purposes of performing the duty in Subsection (1) of this Section, the Education Committee may appoint; either from among its members or otherwise, persons to visit approved institutions to undertake inspection of

their laboratories and facilities for the purpose of appraisal of the program or examinations.

- (3) (a) The Institute shall collaborate with the National Universities Commission (NUC) or National Board of Technical Education (NBTE) in the accreditation of courses in tertiary institutions.
- (b) Graduates of institutions whose Biochemistry and Molecular Biology program are not accredited by the National Universities Commission (NUC) or National Board of Technical Education (NBTE) shall not be admitted to the Institute of Chartered Biochemists and Molecular Biologists.
- (8) The Chairman of the Committee shall be an academic in any tertiary institution in Nigeria and shall be elected like other members at the Annual meeting of the Institute (*Hon. Olabode Ayorinde — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 13 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

- Clause 14:** (2) The Practice Committee shall consist of five members (including the Chairman) elected during the Institute's Annual General Meeting and all members shall be practicing Certified Biochemist or Molecular Biologist (*Hon. Olabode Ayorinde — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 14 (2) stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Chartered Biochemists and Molecular Biologists charged with Responsibilities to, among other things, determine the Standard of Knowledge and Skills to be attained by Persons Seeking to become Registered Biochemists and Molecular Biologists, Register such Persons, Regulate and Control their Practice and Review those Standards from time to time as circumstances may permit; and for Related Matters, 2018 (H.B. 1142) and approved Clauses 13 and 14 of the Bill.

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

- (iii) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria to Provide for the Control of its Membership and to Promote the Practice of Public Management in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 78) (Committee of the Whole):***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria to Provide for the Control of its Membership and to Promote the Practice of Public Management in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 78) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Olabode Ayorinde — Owo/Ose 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)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC MANAGEMENT OF NIGERIA TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL OF ITS MEMBERSHIP AND TO PROMOTE THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC MANAGEMENT IN NIGERIA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH (HB. 78)

Clause 2. The objectives of the Institute shall be to:

- (a) to encourage and develop the art and science of public management in the public and private sectors of the economy;
- (b) to develop and maintain high standard of professional competence;
- (c) to affiliate and cooperate closely with other professional bodies, governmental department, universities and other educational institutions and maintain a close link with overseas professional institution, certified public managers, associations of public manger;
- (d) to collect and disseminate information on public management subjects especially in the public sector;
- (e) to provide facilities for interested persons to meet and discuss public management practices and problems
- (f) to provide training for the development of senior executives on public management
- (g) to undertake and provide for public journals and research papers and books in furtherance of the said objectives in Nigeria
- (h) to all such thing that are necessary to promote the advancement public management in both the public and private sector of economy (*Hon. Olabode Ayorinde — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 2 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria to Provide for the Control of its Membership and to Promote the Practice of Public Management in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 78) and approved Clause 2 of the Bill.

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

(iv) **Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:**

That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education (Special), Birnin Kudu, Jigawa State to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; to Establish College of Education (Technical), Onna, Akwa Ibom State to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instructions and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Science, Humanities

and Management; and to Provide for the Establishment of Federal College of Education, Lissam, Taraba State for the Purposes of Providing Qualitative Education in Science, Arts, Social Science and other Technical Knowledge; and for Related Matters (HB. 1441, HB. 1304 and HB. 1042).

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

- (v) **Report on the Petition by Iwere Mashark and Others against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) on the disengaged NNPC Staff, Warri Zone (Committee of the Whole):**

Motion made and Question proposed: "That the House do consider the Report on the Petition by Iwere Mashark and Others against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) on the disengaged NNPC Staff, Warri Zone and approve the recommendation 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:

"Urge the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation to restore the disengaged casual temporary staff of NNPC Warri Zone with effect from 14 June, 2005 instead of 14 June, 2006 as stated in the report along with other resolutions in the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 18 July, 2018" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceeding

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on the Petition by Iwere Mashark and Others against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) on the disengaged NNPC Staff, Warri Zone and approved the only Recommendation therein.

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

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

Petition by D. D. Okoroma and Sons:

Motion made and Question proposed: "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by D. D. Okoroma and Sons against Total E & P Nigeria Limited over non-compliance with compensating Odiemenyi Community in Ahoada East Local Government Area of Rivers State for Oil spill which occurred on 15 June, 2006 from its pipeline, and approve the recommendation 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:

"Urge the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA), Total E & P Nigeria Ltd and D. D. Okoroma and Sons to meet and agree on the compensation to be paid to the petitioner's Community and report back within one month" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa 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. D. Okoroma and Sons against Total E & P Nigeria Limited over non-compliance with compensating Odiemenyi Community in Ahoada East Local Government Area of Rivers State for Oil spill which occurred on 15 June, 2006 from its pipeline, and approved the Recommendation of the Report.

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

(vii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petition by Comrade Kehinde Squad and Co.:

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Comrade Kehinde Squad and Co. against the West African Portland Cement Plc, Lafarge, Ewekoro on the lack of commitment to safety work practices as in Global Practices by an Employer which resulted in the death of three Company Workers and also Non-Commitment to Manpower Development, and approve the recommendations 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 Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

"Urge the Managing Director of West African Portland Cement Plc to determine the extent of damage done to the deceased families and the Host Community and pay them equivalent compensation accordingly" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"Also urge the Company to engage the Youth of the Community in the work of the Company" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa 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 Comrade Kehinde Squad and Co. against the West African Portland Cement Plc, Lafarge, Ewekoro on the lack of commitment to safety work practices as in Global Practices by an Employer which resulted in the death of three Company Workers and also Non-Commitment to Manpower Development, 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.

(viii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petition by Tricenuel Barristers 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 Barristers and Solicitors on behalf of Mr Nwora O. Afamefuna against the Nigeria Customs Service on the fraudulent disposal of his Consignment, a Toyota 4 Runner with Chassis No. 204545 and Bill of Lading No. 5306748982, 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 Comptroller General of the Nigeria Customs Service to do the needful by refunding all the money and expenses incurred by Mr Nwora O. Afamefuna in the purchase of the Toyota 4 Runner Jeep or in the alternative, provide the model of the same vehicle for Mr Afamefuna within the shortest possible time" (*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 Tricenuel Barristers and Solicitors on behalf of Mr Nwora O. Afamefuna against the Nigeria Customs Service on the fraudulent disposal of his Consignment, a Toyota 4 Runner with Chassis No. 204545 and Bill of Lading No. 5306748982, and approved the Recommendation of the Report.

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

10. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till 1.50 p.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.45 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker