



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 23 April, 2019

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, 17 April, 2019.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Presentation of Bills**

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

(1) National Institute for Legislative Studies Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB.1619).

(2) Nigerian Council for Psychologists (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB.1620).

4. **Presentation of Reports**

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

Petition by Rijawa Resources Nigeria Limited:

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Rijawa Resources Nigeria Limited on the alleged revocation of their plot of land at Kurudu by the Hon. Minister of Federal Capital Territory.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(ii) **Ad-hoc Committee on the Need for Financial Assistance or Bailout for Automobile Industry in Nigeria (HR. 141/2016):**

That the House do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Need for Financial Assistance or Bailout for Automobile Industry in Nigeria (HR. 141/2016).

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

5. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Mediators and Conciliators of Nigeria to determine what Standards of Knowledge and Skills to be attained by Persons seeking to become Registered Members of the Mediation and Conciliation Profession; and for Related Matters (HB.1605) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Mediators and Conciliators of Nigeria to determine what Standards of Knowledge and Skills to be attained by Persons seeking to become Registered Members of the Mediation and Conciliation Profession; and for Related Matters (HB.1605) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ahmed Idris — Deputy 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.

6. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Polytechnic, Aba, Abia State; and for Related Matters (HB.1613) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Polytechnic, Aba, Abia State; and for Related Matters (HB.1613) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ahmed Idris — Deputy 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.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal University, Oye Ekiti, Act, 2011; and for Related Matters (HB. 1388 and HB. 1389) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal University, Oye Ekiti, Act, 2011; and for Related Matters (HB. 1388 and HB. 1389) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Emmanuel Kehinde Agboola — Ikole/Oye Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services.

8. **Need for Intervention in the Crises in Wukari Local Government Area of Taraba State**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that in recent time, Wukari Local Government Area of Taraba State has become unstable due to communal clashes between the Tivs and the Jukuns;

Aware that the clashes started simply from a disagreement between two persons from the two ethnic groups;

Also aware that several settlements in the following wards have been affected:

- (i) Kente Ward,
- (ii) Tsokundi Ward,
- (iii) Bantaje Ward,
- (iv) Jibu Ward,
- (v) Hospital Ward,
- (vi) Avyi Ward,
- (vii) Rafin Kada Ward,
- (viii) Puje Ward, and
- (ix) Chonku Ward,

Further aware that in addition to the destruction of houses and infrastructure, including schools, health facilities and even places of worship, several people have been killed in the internecine feud between the two tribal groups;

Informed that at the last count, not less than 10,000 people have fled their homes and their food stuff completely destroyed thus rendering them as Internally Displaced Persons;

Also informed that in some places the security agencies were overwhelmed, as such they could not contain the killings and destruction of property;

Cognizant of the fact that the affected persons are the poor, who live in thatched roof homes and are now at the mercy of nature as the rainfall has set in;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the security agencies, in particular, the Army to increase its presence in the affected communities until peace is restored;
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), and the Presidential Committee on North East Initiative to, as a matter of urgency, provide relief materials, including food, healthcare services and roofing materials to the victims; and
- (iii) further urge the Benue and Taraba State Governments to intensify peace efforts in the affected areas (*Hon. Danjuma Usman Shiddi — Ihi/Wukari Federal Constituency and 1 Other*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Insert* a new Prayer (iv) as follows:
“Urge the security agencies to apprehend the perpetrators of the crimes and bring them to justice” (*Hon. Simon Yakubu Arabo — Kauru Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert a new Prayer (v) as follows:*
“Urge the Nigeria Police to investigate the underlying causes of the crises and proffer lasting solutions” (*Hon. Muhammed Sani Abdu — Alkaleri/Kirfi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that in recent time, Wukari Local Government Area of Taraba State has become unstable due to communal clashes between the Tivs and the Jukuns;

Aware that the clashes started simply from a disagreement between two persons from the two ethnic groups;

Also aware that several settlements in the following wards have been affected:

- (i) Kente Ward,
- (ii) Tsokundi Ward,
- (iii) Bantaje Ward,
- (iv) Jibu Ward,
- (v) Hospital Ward,
- (vi) Avyi Ward,
- (vii) Rafin Kada Ward,
- (viii) Puje Ward, and
- (ix) Chonku Ward;

Further aware that in addition to the destruction of houses and infrastructure, including schools, health facilities and even places of worship, several people have been killed in the internecine feud between the two tribal groups;

Informed that at the last count, not less than 10,000 people have fled their homes and their food stuff completely destroyed thus rendering them as Internally Displaced Persons;

Also informed that in some places the security agencies were overwhelmed, as such they could not contain the killings and destruction of property;

Cognizant of the fact that the affected persons are the poor, who live in thatched roof homes and are now at the mercy of nature as the rainfall has set in;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the security agencies, in particular, the Army to increase its presence in the affected communities until peace is restored;

- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), and the Presidential Committee on North East Initiative to, as a matter of urgency, provide relief materials, including food, healthcare services and roofing materials to the victims;
- (iii) further urge the Benue and Taraba State Governments to intensify peace efforts in the affected areas;
- (iv) again urge the security agencies to apprehend the perpetrators of the crimes and bring them to justice; and
- (v) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, and National Security and Intelligence to investigate the underlying causes of the crises and proffer lasting solutions (HR. 20/04/2019).

9. *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do set down items 5 - 18 on the Order Paper to another legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 6 (3)" (Hon. Olabode Ayorinde — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency) — *Agreed to*.

10. **Adjournment**

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 24 April, 2019 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Ahmed Idris — Deputy House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.07 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker