



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 2 July, 2019

1. The House met at 11.26 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 Thursday, 13 June, 2019.
The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
3. **Message from the Senate**
Mr Speaker read a message from the Clerk, Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:



SENATE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA OFFICE OF THE CLERK

P.M.B. 142 GARKI,
ABUJA - NIGERIA

18th June, 2019

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*The Clerk,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly,
Abuja.*

PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE 9TH SENATE

The Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, at its inaugural sitting on 11th June, 2019, elected the following Presiding Officers:

- (i) Senator Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan (Yobe North) — President of the Senate
- (ii) Senator Ovie Augustine Omo-Agege (Delta Central) — Deputy President of the Senate.

2. *Kindly bring this development to the attention of the House of Representatives.*
3. *The relevant Votes and Proceedings would be forwarded on 2nd July, 2019 when approved by the Senate.*

(Signed)

Nelson Ayewoh
Clerk,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

4. Announcement

(a) Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following:

- (i) Staff and Students of *The Fariah Academy*, Kaura District, FCT, Abuja; and
- (ii) Staff and Students of *Shepherds-Field Academy*, Garki, Abuja.

(b) Bereavement:

Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Yusuf Buba Yakub (*Gombi/Hong Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of a former Member, Hon. Haske Francis Hamaniya (*Gombi/Hong Federal Constituency*, 2011 - 2015), who died on Tuesday, 25 June, 2019.

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

(c) Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of the Standing Orders of the House:

Mr Speaker announced the membership of the Committee as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Julius Ihonvbere | — | Chairman |
| (2) | Hon. Babajimi Benson | — | Member |
| (3) | Hon. Kolawole Taiwo | — | Member |
| (4) | Hon. Sada Soli | — | Member |
| (5) | Hon. Beni Lar | — | Member |
| (6) | Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo | — | Member |

5. Petition

A petition from Ayuba Dantaro, on his dismissal from service by the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA), was presented and laid by Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbafwi (*Karu/Keffi/Kokona/Ejigbo Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions (when constituted).

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

(i) Need to Immediately Resettle the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Rebuild Public Facilities in Gashish, Ropp and other Communities in Plateau State:

Hon. Simon Davon Nwackwon (*Barkin Ladi/Riyom 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 Immediately Resettle the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Rebuild the Public Facilities in Gashish, Ropp and Other Communities in Plateau State:

The House:

Notes with concern the mass murder of 18 June, 2018 in more than 20 communities in Gashish, Gana Ropp Forom and Bachit district of Barkin Ladi and Riyom Local Government Areas of Plateau State, where over 280 persons were reportedly killed by suspected herdsmen, while thousands of women and children were displaced, and public and private property completely destroyed;

Also notes that the role played by the Nigerian Armed Forces in the mode of their operation and response to the attacks was leaving much to be desired thereby causing massive apathy and loss of confidence on the part of the inhabitants of the areas and the larger society;

Worried that crimes of this nature have continued to recur across the affected areas, thereby forcing the agrarian communities to abandon their farms and settlements; threatening food security, productivity and unemployment;

Aware of the efforts by the Federal Government in solving the security challenges in our dear nation;

Concerned that the massacre has left the communities in a state of despair, as schools, health centres and other public infrastructure were destroyed, thus making the number of the out-of-school children to rise to about 2000 pupils, and the number of children and women in the eleven IDP camps situated at Raworo, COCIN Ban Heipang, Gassa, Bokkos Geoscience, Sangasa, community hall Riyom, etc. escalated to 13,000;

Recalls that notwithstanding the Federal Government's pledge of the sum of Ten Billion Naira as intervention fund solely to cater for the immediate needs of the IDPs, no record of any releases of any amount has yet been established;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness (when constituted) to liaise with relevant Government Agencies to resettle and rebuild the destroyed communities;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to immediately release the Ten Billion Naira meant for resettlement and intervention to the committee in the State charged with the responsibility to commence the project;
- (iii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Education through the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) to assist the State Government in the rebuilding of all the 17 primary and secondary schools without further delay; and
- (iv) further urge the National Primary Health Care Development Agency to also assist the State Government to commence rebuilding of all destroyed health facilities (*Hon. Simon D. Mwadkwon — Barkin Ladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 3/07/2019).

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

(ii) **Need to Forestall Incidents of Air Crashes and Near Mishaps in the Aviation Industry:**
Hon. Chris Emeka Azubogu (Nnewi South/Nnewi North/Ekwusigo 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 Forestall Incidents of Air Crashes and Near Mishaps in the Aviation Industry:

The House:

Notes that an Air-Peace Aircraft, Boeing 737-500 series with Flight No. P47291 with about 94 passengers on board which took-off from the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja, to the Port-Harcourt International Airport, Omagwa, Rivers State on Saturday, 22 June, 2019 had a near mishap while landing at Port Harcourt;

Informed that the air-craft on landing, skidded off the runway, thus causing panic in the passengers and other airport officials, even though nobody sustained any injury;

Also informed that the overshooting of the runway by the aircraft was as a result of flood on the runway caused by heavy downpour that day;

Also notes that on that same date, another Air-Peace aircraft flying from Akanu Ibiam International Airport, Enugu to the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Abuja, attempted landing twice, without success, due to poor weather condition;

Recalls that several plane crashes had occurred in previous years, such as:

- (i) In October 2005, a Bellview Airline Flight with No. 210 crashed very close to Lagos, owing to bad weather, leaving about 117 people dead,
- (ii) In December, 2005, a Sossoliso aircraft crashed while landing at Port-Harcourt Airport, killing about 108 people, mostly students of Loyola Jesuit College in Abuja, although 2 people were rescued and the cause of the crash was attributed to bad weather, and dysfunctional runway lighting,
- (iii) In October, 2006, a Boeing 737-200 aircraft operated by ADC Airlines scheduled for Sokoto airport but with an intermediate stop-over at Abuja airport, crashed in a corn farm few minutes after take-off from Abuja Airport, killing about 97 people,
- (iv) On 15 March, 2008, a Beechcraft 19000 marked 5N-JAH, belonging to Wing Aviation on a routine flight from Lagos, crashed in Calabar, Cross River State, killing all four crew members,
- (v) On 8 March, 2011, a HS-125 chartered aircraft crashed in Bauchi, though there was no casualty,

- (vi) On 29 July, 2011, a Kwara State-bound helicopter crashed in Osun State, killing the Managing Director of Josepdam Group of Companies, Mrs Josephine Oluwadamilola Kuteyi and others on board,
- (vii) On 3 June, 2012, a Lagos-bound Dana aircraft crashed few minutes from landing at Iju-Agege suburb of Lagos, killing all on board;

Cognizant of the obligation of the Federal Government to make flying safe for the citizenry, given that air travel is the fastest means of transportation the world over;

Believes that air crashes and mishaps can rarely occur if all Stakeholders and other authorities in the aviation industry adopt relevant apparatus to tackle the irregularities in the industry;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ministry of Transportation, to direct the Nigeria Airspace Management Agency (NAMA), Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), Accident Investigation Bureau (AIB) and Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET) to enforce all safety standards as prescribed in the aviation industry guidelines, so as to forestall air crashes;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) to ensure that all Aircrafts flying the Nigerian airspace are adequately maintained, and certified airworthy before commencing operation, in order to prevent further crashes;
- (iii) call on the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET) and the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) to prevail on aircraft owners to keep strict adherence to the rules of weather condition while flying; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance (when constituted) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Chris Emeka Azubogu — Nnewi South/Nnewi North/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

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- (iv) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance (when constituted) to ensure compliance (**HR. 4/07/2019**).

Ordered: Motion referred to the Committee on Aviation (when constituted).

7. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) National Tobacco Control Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 11).
- (2) National Orientation Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 12).
- (3) National Ear Care Centre, Kaduna (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 13).
- (4) Nigerian Law Reform Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 14).
- (5) Emergency Powers Act (Repeal and Re Enactment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 15).

8. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 3 July, 2019 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Munguno — Monuguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.10 p.m.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila
Speaker