



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 19 July, 2016

1. The House met at 11.21 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 Thursday, 14 July, 2016.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcements**

(i) **Visitors in the Gallery:**

Mr Speaker recognized the presence of Staff and Students of Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Model School, Kubwa, Abuja.

(ii) **Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Efurun and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 381):**

Mr Speaker announced that Hon. Aminu Suleiman will join the Committee as an additional member.

(iii) **Transition of Chief Ekong Mex Umoh:**

By leave of the House, Hon. Francis Charles Uduyok (*Ikot Abasi/Mkpat Enin/Eastern Obolo Federal Constituency*) announced the transition of Chief Ekong Mex Umoh, a former member who represented Ikot Abasi/Mkpat Enin/Eastern Obolo Federal Constituency (1991 - 1992), on Monday, 11 July, 2016. He prayed the House to observe a minute silence in his honour.

A minute silence observed in honour of the deceased.

4. **Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Disbursement and Utilization of Bailout Funds to State Governments (HR.43/2016):**

Mr Speaker named members of the *Ad-hoc* Committee as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (2) | Hon. Daniel Reyenieju | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (3) | Hon. Henry Nwawuba | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (4) | Hon. Benjamin Wayo | — | <i>Member</i> |

(5)	Hon. Mamood Abdullahi Gaiya	—	Member
(6)	Hon. Sunday Adepoju	—	Member
(7)	Hon. Mohammed Nur Sheriff	—	Member
(8)	Hon. Henry Archibong	—	Member
(9)	Hon. Anayo Nebe	—	Member
(10)	Hon. Garba Koko Salisu	—	Member
(11)	Hon. Olufemi Adebajo	—	Member
(12)	Hon. Sunday Karimi	—	Member
(13)	Hon. Owoidighe Ekpoattai	—	Member
(14)	Hon. Usman Babba Kaita	—	Member
(15)	Hon. Ahmed Yerima	—	Member
(16)	Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi	—	Member
(17)	Hon. Namdas Abdulrazak Sa'ad	—	Member

5. Admittance into the Chamber

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do admit into the Chamber, the Speaker and some Members of the National Assembly of Niger Republic, pursuant to Order Nineteen, Rule 8 of the Standing Orders" (*Hon. Jibril Umar Buba — Deputy House Leader*).

Agreed to.

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

(i) **Gruesome Murder of His Majesty the SAF RON Kulere, Paramount Ruler of Bokkos and Chairman Council of Chiefs Bokkos Local Government Area:**

Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren (*Mangu/Bokkos 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 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 to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

The Gruesome Murder of His Majesty the Saf Ron Kulere, Paramount Ruler of Bokkos and Chairman Council of Chiefs Bokkos LGA:

The House:

Notes the gruesome murder of the paramount ruler of Bokkos people popularly called CHALA meaning peace, his Royal Majesty the SAF RON KULERE, DAH LAZARUS AMASHIN AGAI (JP). Who was killed by unknown gunmen though suspected to be Fulani herdsmen alongside his Son, daughter-in-law, orderly (Police Inspector) and a relative;

Also notes this killing is one of too many that has occurred in series in the area since the advent of this administration. First it was the Makai Forof Dah Ali Magaji sometimes in January 2016, the second was the District head of Manguna Saf ANJONG ADAKE who was the Secretary to the Council of Chiefs Bokkos LGA; and worst of it, the one that occur just yesterday the Head of the Council and the Paramount Ruler of Bokkos people who was brutally killed by unscrupulous persons;

Aware that in all the cases mentioned above there has been no any security intervention to either stop the killings or bring culprits to book;

Worried that this wanton killing and unwholesome act of terrorism by mischievous people which ought to be tackled even with greater intensity than Boko Haram scourge due to the slow and consistent manner and pattern of operation and elimination of peaceful and law abiding citizens who have been working hard towards achieving lasting peace in Plateau State as a whole;

Concerned that if this is not checked with immediate alacrity, security in the area and indeed Plateau State might degenerate and could escalate beyond imagination;

Also concerned that the late royal father who was born on 10th October, 1940 and ascended the throne his ancestors 42 years ago after the called to glory of his late father, he was until yesterday the longest serving traditional ruler in Plateau State he was a peace maker, mentor and related freely with all across the width and breath of the country certainly he will be missed;

Resolves to:

- (i) Direct the Inspector General of Police to investigate, fish out and punish the perpetrators of this dastardly act;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence, and Police Affairs to investigate the matter and report back to the House;
- (iii) direct all security agencies to deploy men to the area to forestall; and
- (iv) observe a minute-silence in honour of the deceased (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the word "Direct" in Prayer (i) and insert the word "Urge" instead thereof (Hon. Olatoye Temitope Sugar — Lagelu/Akinyele Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

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- (iii) also urge all security agencies to deploy men to the area to forestall; and
- (iv) observe a minute-silence in honour of the deceased (**HR. 45/2016**).

A minute silence observed in honour of the deceased.

- (ii) ***Need to investigate the Fraudulent Multi-Billion Naira Cash Payout to Government Officials Annually by Insurance Companies Mandated to Insure Government Fixed and Non-Fixed Assets by Way of Return on Premiums:***

Hon. Prestige Ossy (*Aba North/Aba 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 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 to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Urgent Need to Investigate the Fraudulent Multi Billion Naira Cash Payout to Government Officials Annually by Insurance Companies Mandated to Insure Government Fixed and Non-fixed Assets by Way of Return on Premiums:

The House:

Notes that over ₦35 billion was appropriated and expended on Insurance covers of fixed and non-fixed Government assets in the 2015 appropriation;

Aware that at the beginning of every financial year, brokerage firm, Insurance and Reinsurance companies are invited to bid for insurance of Government fixed and non-fixed assets. That although the process are presumably carried out in line with the Public Procurement Act, it is generally believed that some companies are unduly favoured during such bids;

Also aware that the unduly favoured companies reciprocate by engaging in a fraudulent practice termed Return on Premium, whereby a percentage — as much as fifty percent (50%) of the premium paid by Government are returned to Government officials as cash pay back thus creating the biggest recurring fraud in the Public Sector. To best appreciate the magnitude of fraud being perpetrated, for every ₦10 billion paid as insurance premium by Government, ₦5 billion is returned to corrupt Government officials;

Concerned that if this criminal practice is not checked, billions of Naira meant for other pressing national needs, will continue to go into private pockets not to mention the adverse effect on the national economy. Mr Speaker, we owe this great nation duty of care as representatives of the people. Honorable Colleagues, we must not only be seen to support the anti-graft stance of the present administration, but act decisively too;

Resolves to:

Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to carry out the following actions and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further Legislative actions:

- (i) compel the Head of Service of the Federation and other statutory Government establishments that purchase direct insurance covers to provide detailed data of all premiums paid on group life (general) and related Government assets within the last three years;
- (ii) investigate the complicity of Brokerage firms, Insurance and Reinsurance companies in the alleged multi-billion Naira return on premium practice;
- (iii) carry out an in-depth audit of the selection process and execution of such covers by Government assets underwriters with the view of eradicating this fraudulent process (*Hon. Prestige Ossy — Aba North/South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

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- (iii) carry out an in-depth audit of the selection process and execution of such covers by Government assets underwriters with the view of eradicating this fraudulent process (HR. 46/2016).

6. Presentation of Reports

- (i) ***Committee on Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees and Initiatives on North-East Zone:*** *Motion made and Question proposed*, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees and Initiatives on North-East Zone on a Bill for an Act to Establish the North-East Development Commission charged with the Responsibility, among other things, to Receive and Manage Funds from Allocation of the Federation Account and International Donors for the Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Roads, Houses and Business Premises of Victims of Insurgency as well as Tackling the Menace of Poverty, Illiteracy and any Other Related Environmental or Developmental Challenges in the North-East States; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 158)” (Hon. Muhammed Sani Zorro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

- (ii) ***Committees on Pensions, Finance and Capital Market and Institutions:*** *Motion made and Question proposed*, “That the House do receive the Reports of the Committees on Pensions, Finance and Capital Market and Institutions on the Need to Invest Pension Funds to meet Nigeria's Infrastructural Challenges (HR. 41/2016)” and on the “Threat to the Continuation of the Contributory Pension Scheme by Non-remittance of Workers' Contributions by Employers (HR. 34/2016)” (Hon. Hassan Adamu Shekarau — Birnin/Gwari/Giwa Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

7. Consolidation of Bills

- (i) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act, Cap. E1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Quick Recovery Procedures for Stolen Assets; Implement Active Pursuit of Cases, Build Capacity and Improve Trust and Co-operation with Foreign Counterparts; Ensure Adequate Funding of the Commission, Establish the Economic and Financial Crimes Court; a Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act to make the Commission more Independent and Effective in the Enforcement of Economic and Financial Crimes; and for Other Related Matters (HBs 393 and 326); and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 617) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim — Fufore/Song Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

- (ii) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide a Legal Framework for the Protection of the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons during and after Displacement, Resettlement, Relocation and Reintegration; among Other Things Provide Penalties for Violations thereof; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 331); a Bill for an Act to Protect the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and to Prescribe Punishments for Violations thereon; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 532); a Bill for an Act to Provide for Protection of, and Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons and affected Communities Based on the United Nations Guiding Principles on Internally Displaced Persons; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 535) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim — Fufore/Song Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

- 8. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Film Corporation Act, Cap. N109, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Nigerian Film Commission Act, 2016 to Regulate the Film Industry in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 584) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Film Corporation Act, Cap. N109, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Nigerian Film Commission Act, 2016 to Regulate the Film Industry in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 584) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Umar Buba Jibril — Lokoja/Kogi/Koton Karfi 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 Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values.

- 9. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Commodity Brokers of Nigeria (CICBN); and for Other Related Matters (HB. 417) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred to enable the sponsor to liaise with Chairman, Rules and Business.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Urban Development Bank of Nigeria Act, Cap. U16, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Infrastructure Bank of Nigeria Act, 2016 for the purposes of Encouraging Infrastructural Development through the provision of Financial Assistance to qualified Infrastructure Projects selected by the Bank; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 470 and HB.540) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Urban Development Bank of Nigeria Act, Cap. U16, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Infrastructure Bank of Nigeria Act, 2016 for the purposes of Encouraging Infrastructural Development through the provision of Financial Assistance to qualified Infrastructure Projects selected by the Bank; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 470 and HB.540) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Isiaka Ibrahim — Ifo/Ewekoro 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 Committees on Urban Development and Regional Planning, and Banking and Currency.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Compulsory, Free, Universal Basic Education Act, Cap. C52, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 to increase the Block Grant of the Federal Government and Reduce that of the State Governments; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 589) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Compulsory, Free, Universal Basic Education Act, Cap. C52, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 to increase the Block Grant of the Federal Government and Reduce that of the State Governments; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 589) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Afe Olowookere — Akure North/Akure South Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Negatived.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Monitoring of Revenue Allocation to Local Governments Act, 2005 and Re-enact the Monitoring of Revenue Allocation to Area Councils Applicable to the Federal Capital Territory only; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 653) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Monitoring of Revenue Allocation to Local Governments Act, 2005 and Re-enact the Monitoring of Revenue Allocation to Area Councils Applicable to the Federal Capital Territory only; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 653) be now read the Second Time" (Hon. Isiaka Ibrahim — Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency and 1 other)

Debate.

Debate deferred to enable the sponsor circulate the compendium of back ground information of the Bill, pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 1 (3).

13. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Sections 66(l) and 107(l) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999, Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 562) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter Sections 66(l) and 107(l) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999, Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 562) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Mojeed Alabi — Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejigbo Federal Constituency).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Special Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution.

14. Need for Reconstruction and Dualization of Ikot Ekpene/Obot Akara/Umuahia Road

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Ikot Ekpene-Umuahia Road, a single carriage way linking the South-South Zone with the South-East Zone and then unto the FCT, Abuja is in a very deplorable state;

Also notes that erosion is affecting the Obot Akara axis of the road and its attendant devastating effect is almost crippling economic activities in those areas;

Concerned that the deplorable nature of the Road has led to accidents that have claimed lives and destroyed properties worth millions of Naira;

Also concerned that despite numerous calls for reconstruction/dualisation of the road, the Federal Government has not taken any steps in that direction;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Works, Power and Housing to include the reconstruction/dualisation of Ikot Ekpene - Obot Akara - Umuahia highway in any supplementary budget for 2016 or in the 2017 budget proposal; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, and Appropriations to ensure adherence (*Hon. Emmanuel S. Akpan — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 47/2016).

Motion referred to Committees on Works, and Appropriations, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

15. Need to Investigate the Abandonment of the Earlier Proposed Phase V (Lugbe/Airport Road Axis) of the Federal Capital City (FCC)

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Capital Development Authority among other functions controls the infrastructural and physical expansion of the Federal Capital Territory, giving consideration to functionality and aesthetics;

Also notes that the pressure on Phases I-IV of the Federal Capital City (FCC) made the Authority to re-plan and designate the entire land on Airport road and Lugbe axis into Phase V of the Federal Capital City (FCC);

Aware that the Authority kick-started the process of harmonizing the provisions in the plan to reflect the new design but the coming into power of the new administration stalled the harmonization process and there are no signs that it will resume soon;

Concerned that the non-completion of the harmonization process has prevented land owners from developing their lands, thereby defeating the purpose of their purchasing the lands as the government has barred them from carrying out works on the lands; a move that will defeat the Government's aim of addressing the over 18 million housing deficit in Nigeria and also further compound the accommodation problems in Abuja;

Resolves to:

- (i) Mandate the Committee on Federal Capital Territory to investigate the reasons for the abandonment of the harmonization process; and
- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure adherence (*Hon. Segun Ogunwuyi — Ogbomoso North/Ogbomoso South/Orire Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 48/2016).

Motion referred to Committees on Federal Capital Territory, and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5)

16. Need to Encourage Local Production of Kits and Equipment for the Nigerian Military and other Security Agencies

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Aware that the Defence Industry Corporation of Nigeria which was established in 1964, is charged, among other things with the operation, maintenance and control of factories for the manufacturing and storage of kits and weapons for the Armed Forces and other security agencies;

Worried that the Corporation has failed to deliver on its mandate, hence the continued dependence on importation of kits and weapons for the Armed Forces and other security agencies;

Recalls the failed attempts by the immediate past Federal Government to procure kits and weapons from some foreign countries for the Armed Forces to fight the war against the Boko Haram insurgents;

Believes that if the huge defence budget spent on importing kits and weapons for the Armed Forces and other security agencies over the years had been invested in local production/fabrication of military equipment, jobs would have been created for the teeming youth and the country would have moved gradually to self-reliance in the production of military kits and weapons;

Also aware that the Nigerian Air Force would have been forced to ground its entire fleet of Alpha Jets due to lack of brake assembly, but for INNOSON Vehicle Manufacturing Company which helped to modify and overhaul the brake assembly of the MB-339 Aircraft for adoption on the Alpha Jets, which feat helped to save huge foreign exchange for the country and also helped the Air Force to sustain its bombardments against the insurgents;

Resolves to:

- (i) Mandate the Committee on Defence to investigate the operations of the Defence Industry Corporation of Nigeria to ascertain why the Corporation has failed to live up to its responsibility of manufacturing military kits and equipment, and report back to the House within six weeks for further legislative action; and
- (ii) urge local manufacturers to collaborate, where necessary, with the Corporation in the manufacturing of military kits and equipment for the security agencies (*Hon. Olajide Olatubosun Boladale — Atisbo/Saki East/Saki West Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.**Question agreed to.**The House:*

Aware that the Defence Industry Corporation of Nigeria which was established in 1964, is charged, among other things with the operation, maintenance and control of factories for the manufacturing and storage of kits and weapons for the Armed Forces and other security agencies;

Worried that the Corporation has failed to deliver on its mandate, hence the continued dependence on importation of kits and weapons for the Armed Forces and other security agencies;

Recalled the failed attempts by the immediate past Federal Government to procure kits and weapons from some foreign countries for the Armed Forces to fight the war against the Boko Haram insurgents;

Believed that if the huge defence budget spent on importing kits and weapons for the Armed Forces and other security agencies over the years had been invested in local production/fabrication of military equipment, jobs would have been created for the teeming youth and the country would have moved gradually to self-reliance in the production of military kits and weapons;

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- (ii) urge local manufacturers to collaborate, where necessary, with the Corporation in the manufacturing of military kits and equipment for the security agencies (**HR. 49/2016**).

14. Consideration of Reports**(i) Committee on Public Petitions:****Report on the Petition by Captain Balarabe A. Usman:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Captain Balarabe A. Usman against the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and approve the recommendation 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:

“Urge the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) to re-instate Captain Balarabe A. Usman, and retire him properly, since he has reached the retirement age, with all his entitlements paid, with effect from the date he was forcefully retired to the actual date he would have ordinarily retired from service” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the Prayer and insert a new Prayer as follows:

“Urge the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) to re-instate Captain Balarabe A. Usman and that the retired officer should be paid his entitlement with interest at the prevailing interest rate” (*Hon. Oghene Egho — Amuwo Odofin Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

Question that the Recommendation of the Report stand part of the Report — 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 Captain Balarabe A. Usman against the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

(ii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Ogoni Solidarity Forum:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Ogoni Solidarity Forum against the Nigerian Customs Service on the seizure of Non-Motorized Bus Donated to Nigeria Civil Society for the Ogoni Struggle and approve the recommendation 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:

"Urge the Nigerian Customs Service to release the said bus-like object (a caricature of a Black-Maria) or whatever name it is called to the Ogoni Solidarity Forum, using available administrative means devoid of avoidable difficulties" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

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

(iii) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the Petition by Ajodo A. Augustine:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Ajodo A. Augustine against the Nigerian Customs Service on alleged wrongful dismissal from service 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 Nigerian Customs Service to reinstate Mr Augustine Ajodo to the service and on the rank he should have attained if he had not been dismissed" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"That his reinstatement should take effect nominally from the day he was dismissed from service but effectively from the day he assumed duty, in effect, there should be no payment of arrears of salaries and allowances" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In the Prayer, line 2, immediately after the words "in effect", *leave out* all the other words and *insert* the following "should be notional so as to be at par with his colleagues" (*Hon. Abubakar Chika Adamu — Shororo/Rafi/Munya Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

Question that Recommendation (ii) of the Report stand part of the Report — Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

"That the practice of dismissing workers with impunity by the Nigerian Customs Service and other Military and Paramilitary Agencies without recourse to due process and the right to be heard be condemned and both the Nigerian Customs Service and other Military and Paramilitary Agencies be urged to desist from such unlawful practice" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In the Prayer, line 1, immediately after the words "Nigerian Customs Service", *leave out* all the other words and *insert* the following "should be condemned" (*Hon. Nkem-Abonta Uzoma — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Recommendation (iii) of the Report as amended, stand part of the Report — 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 Ajodo A. Augustine against the Nigerian Customs Service on alleged wrongful dismissal from service and approved Recommendations (i) - (ii), and approved Recommendation (iii) as amended.

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

(iv) Committee on Power:

That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Power on the Need to halt the Planned Payment of ₦2.7 Billion by the Board of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission to its Members and approve the recommendations therein.

Order deferred by leave of the House.

17. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 20 July, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Pally Iriase — Deputy Whip).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.48 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker