



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 21 July, 2016

1. The House met at 11.45 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, 20 July, 2016.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcements**

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

Mr Speaker recognized the presence of members of African Development Bank Group, Nigeria Country Office, Maitama District, Abuja.

(b) **Appointment of new Chairman, Committee on Housing:**

Mr Speaker announced the appointment of Hon. Ahmad Usman Babba Kaita (*Kankia/Ingawa/Kusada Federal Constituency*) as the new Chairman, Committee on Housing.

(c) **Membership of Ad-hoc Committees:**

Mr Speaker named members of the following *Ad-hoc*/Special Committees:

(1) **Ad-Hoc Committee on the Abuse of Pioneer Status by Companies:**

1.	Hon. Jonathan Gaza Gbefwi	—	Chairman
2.	Hon. Sani Moh'd Rano	—	Member
3.	Hon. Taofeek Adaranijo	—	Member
4.	Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo	—	Member
5.	Hon. Yakubu Sidi Karasuwa	—	Member
6.	Hon. Evelyn Oboro	—	Member
7.	Hon. Francis Onyebuchi	—	Member
8.	Hon. Dozie Nwankwo	—	Member
9.	Hon. Charles Hosea	—	Member

(2) **Ad-Hoc Committee to Investigate the Status of the Nigeria Education Bank:**

1.	Hon. Joseph Edionwele	—	Chairman
2.	Hon. Bello Dantani	—	Member
3.	Hon. Umar Aliyu Danladi	—	Member

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| 4. | Hon. Abdulraheem O. Jimoh | — | Member |
| 5. | Hon. Shadimu M. Alao | — | Member |
| 6. | Hon. Mohammed Sani Abdu | — | Member |
| 7. | Hon. Lazarus Ogbee | — | Member |
| 8. | Hon. Eucharia Azodo | — | Member |
| 9. | Hon. Abdullahi H. Suru | — | Member |

(3) ***Ad-Hoc Committee to Investigate the Various Intervention Funds by the Central Bank of Nigeria:***

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| 1. | Hon. Bassey Ewa | — | Chairman |
| 2. | Hon. Ayodele Oladimeji | — | Member |
| 3. | Hon. Sabo Garba | — | Member |
| 4. | Hon. Garba Ibrahim | — | Member |
| 5. | Hon. Sergius Ogun | — | Member |
| 6. | Hon. Chukwuemeka Ujam | — | Member |
| 7. | Hon. Isa Hassan Jama'are | — | Member |
| 8. | Hon. Stella Ngwu | — | Member |
| 9. | Hon. Abubakar H. Fulata | — | Member |
| 10. | Hon. Hassan M. Ismaila | — | Member |
| 11. | Hon. Oghene Emma-Egoh | — | Member |

(4) ***Ad-Hoc Committee on Government Intervention in the Menace of Accident Involving Fuel Tankers:***

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| 1. | Hon. Raji Tasir Olawale | — | Chairman |
| 2. | Hon. Mohammed Umar Jega | — | Member |
| 3. | Hon. Peter Akpatason | — | Member |
| 4. | Hon. Jisalo Zaphania | — | Member |
| 5. | Hon. Joseph Bamgbose | — | Member |
| 6. | Hon. Chris Agibe | — | Member |
| 7. | Hon. Tony Nwoye | — | Member |

(5) ***Ad-Hoc Committee to Investigate the Process of Digital (Broadcast) Switch Over:***

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| 1. | Hon. Sunday Katung Marshal | — | Chairman |
| 2. | Hon. Sani Mohammed Zoro | — | Member |
| 3. | Hon. Kenneth A. Chikere | — | Member |
| 4. | Hon. Segun Odebunmi Dokun | — | Member |
| 5. | Hon. Ezekiel Adaji | — | Member |
| 6. | Hon. Tony Nwulu | — | Member |
| 7. | Hon. Dozie Nwanko | — | Member |
| 8. | Hon. Zakari Mohammed Ningi | — | Member |
| 9. | Hon. Oladimeji Ayodele | — | Member |

(6) ***Ad-Hoc Committee to Investigate the Massive Deforestation and Corruption that has Crippled the Environment and its Effects on Climate Change:***

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| 1. | Hon. Bede Eke Uchemma | — | Chairman |
| 2. | Hon. Shehu Saleh | — | Member |
| 3. | Hon. Moh'd Gausu Boyi | — | Member |
| 4. | Hon. Ayuba Bello Moh'd | — | Member |
| 5. | Hon. Wole Oke | — | Member |
| 6. | Hon. Sopolu Eze O. | — | Member |
| 7. | Hon. Salisu Garba Koko | — | Member |

(7) ***Ad-Hoc Committee on the Intervention in the Uneasy Congestion of the Country's Sea Port as a Result of Difficulties Clearing Imported Goods:***

1.	Hon. John Dyege	—	<i>Chairman</i>
2.	Hon. Sani Aliyu Danlami	—	<i>Member</i>
3.	Hon. Patrick Aisowieren	—	<i>Member</i>
4.	Hon. Zubairu Abdulmalik	—	<i>Member</i>
5.	Hon. Julius G. Pondi	—	<i>Member</i>
6.	Hon. Segun Ogunwuyi	—	<i>Member</i>
7.	Hon. Nkole Uko Ndukwe	—	<i>Member</i>
8.	Hon. Danladi Baido	—	<i>Member</i>
9.	Hon. Saleh Shehu	—	<i>Member</i>

(8) ***Ad-Hoc Committee on the Need to Ascertain the Proceeds of the Single Treasury Single Account to Enhance Transparency, Accountability and Good Governance:***

1.	Hon. Danburam Nuhu	—	<i>Chairman</i>
2.	Hon. Hassan Saleh	—	<i>Member</i>
3.	Hon. Murtala D. Matazu	—	<i>Member</i>
4.	Hon. Simon Arabo	—	<i>Member</i>
5.	Hon. Lam Adesina	—	<i>Member</i>
6.	Hon. Emmanuel Akpan	—	<i>Member</i>
7.	Hon. Dennies Amadi	—	<i>Member</i>
8.	Hon. Magagi Dau Aliyu	—	<i>Member</i>
9.	Hon. Abdulkadir Rahis	—	<i>Member</i>
10.	Hon. Adamu Kamale	—	<i>Member</i>
11.	Hon. Yahaya Chado Goah	—	<i>Member</i>

(9) ***Ad-Hoc Committee to Investigate the Fraudulent Multi-Billion Naira Cash Payments to Government Officials Annually by Insurance Companies Mandated to Insure Government Fixed and Non Fixed Assets by Way of Return on Premium:***

1.	Hon. Adekunle Akinlade	—	<i>Chairman</i>
2.	Hon. Olatunbosun George	—	<i>Member</i>
3.	Hon. Yusuf Bala Ikara	—	<i>Member</i>
4.	Hon. Omidiran Ayo Hundayat	—	<i>Member</i>
5.	Hon. Shehu Aliyu Usman	—	<i>Member</i>
6.	Hon. Onyewife Gabriel	—	<i>Member</i>
7.	Hon. Fakeye Olufemi	—	<i>Member</i>
8.	Hon. Abdulrahman Shuaibu	—	<i>Member</i>
9.	Hon. Olaniyi Tope	—	<i>Member</i>
10.	Hon. Durbunde Umar Garba	—	<i>Member</i>
11.	Hon. Istifanus D. Gyang	—	<i>Member</i>
12.	Hon. Ibrahim Baba	—	<i>Member</i>
13.	Hon. Ismail Ahmed Gadaka	—	<i>Member</i>

(10) ***Committee on Nigeria - Serbia Relations:***

1.	Hon. Obinna Owabari	—	<i>Chairman</i>
2.	Hon. Moh'd Gudaji Kazaure	—	<i>Member</i>
3.	Hon. Sidi Yakubu Karasuwa	—	<i>Member</i>
4.	Hon. Babatunde G. Kolawole	—	<i>Member</i>
5.	Hon. Chris Azubogu	—	<i>Member</i>
6.	Hon. Emma Udende	—	<i>Member</i>
7.	Hon. Daniel Asuquo	—	<i>Member</i>

(11) Committee on Nigeria - Mexico Relations:

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| 1. | Hon. Prestige Ossy | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| 2. | Hon. Garba Umar Durbunde | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 3. | Hon. Aminu Male | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 4. | Hon. Agboola Emmanuel K. | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 5. | Hon. Chime Orji | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 6. | Hon. Sarki Dahiru | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 7. | Hon. Betty Apiafi | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 8. | Hon. Patrick Aisowieren | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 9. | Hon. Yusuf Baba Yakubu | — | <i>Member</i> |

(12) Committee on Nigeria - Canada Relations:

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| 1. | Hon. Daniel Reyenieju | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| 2. | Hon. Ali Isa JC | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 3. | Hon. Akinade Fiyabi Saheed | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 4. | Hon. Dennis Amadi | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 5. | Hon. Jisalo Zaphaniah | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 6. | Hon. Joseph Edionwele | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 7. | Hon. Yakub Balogun | — | <i>Member</i> |

(13) Committee on Nigeria - United Kingdom Relations:

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| 1. | Hon. Mojeed Alabi | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| 2. | Hon. Adamu Fagen Gawo | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 3. | Hon. Sadik Ibrahim | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 4. | Hon. Henry Nwawuba | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 5. | Hon. Kabir Ajanah | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 6. | Hon. Mrakpor O. | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 7. | Hon. Amiru Idris Tukur | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 8. | Hon. Ogbeide-Ihama Omoregie | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 9. | Hon. Abdullahi Mahmud Gaya | — | <i>Member</i> |

(14) Committee on Nigeria - South Korea Relations:

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| 1. | Hon. Nasiru Ali Ahmed | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| 2. | Hon. Hosea Danasabe Charles | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 3. | Hon. Lam-Adesina Adedapo | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 4. | Hon. Eucharia Azodo | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 5. | Hon. Hassan Saleh | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 6. | Hon. Ochiglegor Idagbo | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 7. | Hon. Abdulmalik Z. Bungudu | — | <i>Member</i> |

(15) Committee on Nigeria - Israel Relations:

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| 1. | Hon. Gideon Gwuni | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| 2. | Hon. Yusuf Yakubu Buba | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 3. | Hon. Akinfolarin Mayowa | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 4. | Hon. Lazarus Ogbee D. | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 5. | Hon. Daniel Ofongo | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 6. | Hon. Golu Timoth | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 7. | Hon. Moh'd Rabi Kaugama | — | <i>Member</i> |

(16) Committee on Nigeria - China Relations:

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| 1. | Hon. Yusuf Buba Yakubu | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| 2. | Hon. Usman Mohammed | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 3. | Hon. Ossy Prestige | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 4. | Hon. Mohammed Onawo | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 5. | Hon. Awaji Abiantu | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 6. | Hon. Beni Lar | — | <i>Member</i> |

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| 7 | Hon. Nasiru Baballe Ila | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 8. | Hon. Ayuba B. Mohammed | — | <i>Member</i> |

(17) ***Committee on Nigeria - United States of America Relations:***

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| 1. | Hon. E. J. Agbonayinma | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| 2. | Hon. Hussaini Kangiwa | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 3. | Hon. Ahmed Yerima | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 4. | Hon. A. Akinyede Julius | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 5. | Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 6. | Hon. Yusuf Tajuddeen | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 7 | Hon. Omosede Igbinedion | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 8. | Hon. Moh'd Ali Wudil | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 9. | Hon. Aminu Hashiru Mani | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 10 | Hon. Ismaila-Muazu Hassan | — | <i>Member</i> |

(18) ***Committee on Nigeria - Spain Relations:***

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| 1. | Hon. Yusuf Bala Ikara | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| 2. | Hon. Odeniyi K. Olusegun | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 3. | Hon. Igariwey Idima | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 4. | Hon. Ntufam Eta Mboro | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 5. | Hon. Douyi Diri | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 6. | Hon. Femi Fakeye | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 7. | Hon. Murtala Isa Kankara | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 8. | Hon. Stella Ngu | — | <i>Member</i> |

(19) ***Committee on Nigeria - India Relations:***

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| 1. | Hon. Shehu Aliyu Usman | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| 2. | Hon. Garba C. Hamman-Julde | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 3. | Hon. Akinjo Kolade Victor | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 4. | Hon. Sopulu Ezeonwuka | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 5. | Hon. Musa Baba | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 6. | Hon. Blessed Nsiegbe | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 7 | Hon. Sabo Garba | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 8. | Hon. Timothy Golu | — | <i>Member</i> |

(20) ***Committee on Nigeria - Brasil Relations:***

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| 1. | Hon. Lovett Idisi | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| 2. | Hon. Ahmed Dayyabu | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 3. | Hon. Albert Abiodun Adeogun | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 4. | Hon. Gabriel Onyenwifé | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 5. | Hon. Lawal Idris | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 6. | Hon. Hon. Talatu Yohanna | — | <i>Member</i> |

(21) ***Committee on Nigeria - Iran Relations:***

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| 1. | Hon. Umar Farouk | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| 2. | Hon. Dennis Agbo | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 3. | Hon. Kazeem Mikhail | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 4. | Hon. Moh'd A. Mahmud | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 5. | Hon. Jacobson B. Nbina | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 6. | Hon. Abdulrahaman Shuaibu | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 7 | Hon. Aminu Sani Isa | — | <i>Member</i> |

(22) Committee on Nigeria - Russia Relations:

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| 1. | Hon. Bede Eke | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| 2. | Hon. Oni Olamide Johnson | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 3. | Hon. Samson Okwu | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 4. | Hon. Emmanuel Akpan | — | <i>Member</i> |

(23) Committee on Nigeria - France Relations:

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| 1. | Hon. Garba Ibrahim Diso | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| 2. | Hon. Asabe Vilita Bashir | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 3. | Hon. Busayo Oluwole Oke | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 4. | Hon. Onwabariri Obinna | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 5. | Hon. Funke Adedoyin | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 6. | Hon. Solomon Ahwinahwi | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 7. | Hon. Murtala D. Mazari | — | <i>Member</i> |

(24) Committee on Nigeria - Germany Relations:

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| 1. | Hon. Munir Baba Dan'Agundi | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| 2. | Hon. Tony Nwoye | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 3. | Hon. Nnanna Igbokwe | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 4. | Hon. Badamasi Ayuba | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 5. | Hon. John Dyegh | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 6. | Hon. Akinyede Julius | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 7. | Hon. Amiru Tukur | — | <i>Member</i> |
| 8. | Hon. Peter Akpatason | — | <i>Member</i> |

4. Petitions

- (a) A petition from Vettal Mega Services Limited on the oppressive conduct and non-payment of debt by OPI International, Shell Petroleum Development Company and Afren/Brental Energy Resources, was presented and laid by Hon. Julius G. Pondi (*Burutu Federal Constituency*);
- (b) A petition from Olu Obirogba on behalf of eight others on their impending dismissal by the Rector of Yaba College of Technology (YABATECH), Dr (Mrs) Kudirat Ladipo, was presented and laid by Hon. Mojeed Alabi (*Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejigbo Federal Constituency*);
- (c) A petition from Bassey U. Udo on the insensitivity, negligence, waste of public funds and discrimination against scholars by Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF), was presented and laid by Hon. Samuel Ikon (*Etinan/Nsit Ibom/Nsit Ubium Federal Constituency*);
- (d) A petition from Anthony Oshogoro on the fraud committed against him by Florence Dorianee Menekeng and three others in Cameroon, was presented and laid by Hon. Philip Shaibu (*Etsako East/Etsako West/Etsako Central Federal Constituency*);
- (e) A petition from Mr H. H. E. Iboje on the wrong calculation of his pension benefits by the office of the Head of Service of the Federation, Accountant-General of the Federation, Pension Transition Administration Department, was presented and laid by Hon. Leo Ogor (*Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**(a) *Call on the Nigeria Police Force to Intensify Efforts at Ensuring Prompt Rescue of His Royal Majesty, Oba Goriola Oseni Oniba of Ibaland in Ojo Federal Constituency of Lagos State from his Abductors:***

Hon. Tajudeen Adekunle Obasa (*Ojo Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (i) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (ii) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Call on the Nigeria Police Force to Intensify Efforts at Ensuring Prompt Rescue of His Royal Majesty, Oba Goriola Oseni Oniba of Ibaland in Ojo Federal Constituency of Lagos State from His Abductors:

The House:

Notes that His Royal Majesty, Oba Goriola Oseni, Oniba of Ibaland in Iba Local Council Development Area of Ojo Federal Constituency of Lagos State is a Monarch, a first class traditional ruler in Lagos State;

Disturbed that on Saturday, 16 July, 2016 at 11.00 p.m. unknown assailants stormed his Palace and not only kidnaped the traditional ruler, but also killed one of his guards and one other person and inflicted serious injury on his wife;

Aware that the abductors entered the Iba community through the waterways and escaped through the same route, thereby making it logistically difficult for the natives to pursue them;

Also aware that the incident has been reported to the Ojo Police Division;

Worried that a similar incident of abduction involving Master Tomisin Ojelabi, grandson of a former Member representing Ojo Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives in the Sixth Assembly, Hon. C. O. Ojelabi had occurred right in the premises of his school located in Iba Estate, in January 2016;

Concerned that since five days ago when the highly revered Monarch was kidnaped nothing has been heard from him and his where about is unknown and he may have been subjected to unimaginable inhuman treatment by the abductors and could be going through emotional torture, badly traumatized;

Also concerned that the Monarch's royal family is in a state of apprehension and the entire Iba, Ojo and Oto Awori and its environs in Ojo Federal Constituency is currently in a state of anxiety and apprehension;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the Inspector General of Police and the Director-General of SSS and to mobilize a detachment of their men to conduct wide and strategic search towards ensuring prompt rescue of the monarch from his abductors;

- (ii) also call on the Inspector General of Police and the Director-General of SSS to beef up security operation across Iba, Ojo and Otto Awori in Ojo Federal Constituency to avert similar ugly incident;
- (iii) further call on the Nigerian Navy to put in motion machineries to put the Lagos waterways under effective security surveillance and on the Military to provide sufficient security personnel in Ojo, Iba and Otto Awori in Ojo Federal Constituency, in order to forestall future attack by the kidnappers;
- (iv) observe a minute silence in honour of the two persons killed by the abductors; and
- (v) mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to the implementation of Prayers (i)-(vi) above (*Hon. Tajudeen. A. Obasa — Ojo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that His Royal Majesty, Oba Goriola Oseni, Oniba of Ibaland in Iba Local Council Development Area of Ojo Federal Constituency of Lagos State is a Monarch, a first class traditional ruler in Lagos State;

Disturbed that on Saturday, 16 July, 2016 at 11.00 p.m. unknown assailants stormed his Palace and not only kidnaped the traditional ruler, but also killed one of his guards and one other person and inflicted serious injury on his wife;

Aware that the abductors entered the Iba community through the waterways and escaped through the same route, thereby making it logistically difficult for the natives to pursue them;

Also aware that the incident has been reported to the Ojo Police Division;

Worried that a similar incident of abduction involving Master Tomisin Ojelabi, grandson of a former Member representing Ojo Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives in the Sixth Assembly, Hon. C. O. Ojelabi had occurred right in the premises of his school located in Iba Estate, in January 2016;

Concerned that since five days ago when the highly revered Monarch was kidnaped nothing has been heard from him and his where about is unknown and he may have been subjected to unimaginable inhuman treatment by the abductors and could be going through emotional torture, badly traumatized;

Also concerned that the Monarch's royal family is in a state of apprehension and the entire Iba, Ojo and Oto Awori and its environs in Ojo Federal Constituency is currently in a state of anxiety and apprehension;

Resolved to:

- (i) Call on the Inspector General of Police and the Director-General of SSS and to mobilize a detachment of their men to conduct wide and strategic search towards ensuring prompt rescue of the monarch from his abductors;
- (ii) also call on the Inspector General of Police and the Director-General of SSS to beef up security operation across Iba, Ojo and Otto Awori in Ojo Federal Constituency to avert similar ugly incident;

- (iii) further call on the Nigerian Navy to put in motion machineries to put the Lagos waterways under effective security surveillance and on the Military to provide sufficient security personnel in Ojo, Iba and Otto Awori in Ojo Federal Constituency, in order to forestall future attack by the kidnappers;
- (iv) observe a minute silence in honour of the two persons killed by the adductors; and
- (v) mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to the implementation of Prayers (i)-(vi) above (**HR. 56/2016**).

A minute silence observed in honour of the deceased.

(b) *Need for the Government to take Immediate Action on the Reported Malnutrition and Death in the Internally Displaced Person's Camp in Bama and Other Areas Recaptured from Insurgence:*

Hon. Abdulrahman Shuaibu Abubakar and 1 other (*Mubi North/Mubi South/Maiha Federal Constituency and 40 Others*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (i) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (ii) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Need for the Government to Take Immediate Action on the Reported Malnutrition and Death in the Internally Displaced Person's Camp in Bama and Other Areas Recaptured from Insurgence:

The House:

Notes that it was reported by the Doctors without Borders that three children die daily at IDPs camp in Bama, Borno State also lately UNICEF said 244,000 children are found to be suffering from acute malnutrition in Borno State, almost one in five, or roughly 49,000, would die if they failed to get quick medical assistance;

Manuel Fontaine, UNICEF's Regional Director for Western and Central Africa, said: "Some 134 children on average will die every day from causes linked to acute malnutrition if the response is not scaled up quickly". This ugly news was widely reported in different media. One now begin to wonder the number of children that must have died. Could their numbers be in Hundreds or Thousands? I pose this as a rhetorical question:

The President is also worried; one can feel his anger knowing that the Federal Government has channeled billions of Naira for the care of the Displaced persons and victims of terrorism across the country, where has the money gone to? Has the fund developed wings and flew away, which has made it impossible to feed the children in displaced persons' camp, Bama, Borno State;

Worried that if nothing is done, hunger will continue to ravage children in IDP camp all over the Federation and in Bama, Borno State in particular and more children will pass away. It's a known fact that hunger subject children to malnutrition and then death;

Aware that these children are the Leaders of tomorrow, in them, we have the future National Assembly Members, Captains of industry, and Leaders of thought, problem solvers and indeed the public servants;

Also aware that Federal Government, State Government and foreign Donor Agencies have doled out money for the care of the victims of Boko Haram. There is also the victims support fund. Thus, all these funds put together, if judiciously used, could have provided sufficient food for these children and their parents or guardians;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to as a matter of urgency provide sufficient food to the IDPs; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on IDPs, Refugees and Initiatives on North East to investigate utilization of all funds allocated for the IDPs and activities of NGOs at the IDPs camps (*Hon. Abdulrahman Shuaibu Abubakar — Mubi North/Mubi South/Maiha Federal Constituency and 40 Others*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (iii) as follows:

“Urge the Federal Government or Ministry of Water Resources, and Ministry of Health to provide medical facilities and portable water, respectively as a matter of urgency to Bama, Ngala, and Kala Balge” (*Hon. Mohammed Nur Sheriff — Bama/Ngala/Bala Balge Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that it was reported by the Doctors without Borders that three children die daily at IDPs camp in Bama, Borno State also lately UNICEF said 244,000 children are found to be suffering from acute malnutrition in Borno State, almost one in five, or roughly 49,000, would die if they failed to get quick medical assistance;

Manuel Fontaine, UNICEF's Regional Director for Western and Central Africa, said: “Some 134 children on average will die every day from causes linked to acute malnutrition if the response is not scaled up quickly”. This ugly news was widely reported in different media. One now begin to wonder the number of children that must have died. Could their numbers be in Hundreds or Thousands? I pose this as a rhetorical question;

The President is also worried; one can feel his anger knowing that the Federal Government has channeled billions of Naira for the care of the Displaced persons and victims of terrorism across the country, where has the money gone to? Has the fund developed wings and flew away, which has made it impossible to feed the children in displaced persons' camp, Bama, Borno State;

Worried that if nothing is done, hunger will continue to ravage children in IDP camp all over the Federation and in Bama, Borno State in particular and more children will pass away. It's a known fact that hunger subject children to malnutrition and then death;

Aware that these children are the Leaders of tomorrow, in them, we have the future National Assembly Members, Captains of industry, and Leaders of thought, problem solvers and indeed the public servants;

Also aware that Federal Government, State Government and foreign Donor Agencies have doled out money for the care of the victims of Boko Haram. There is also the victims support fund. Thus, all these funds put together, if judiciously used, could have provided sufficient food for these children and their parents or guardians;

Resolved to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to as a matter of urgency provide sufficient food to the IDPs;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on IDPs, Refugees and Initiatives on North East to investigate utilization of all funds allocated for the IDPs and activities of NGOs at the IDPs camps; and
- (iii) urge the Federal Government or Ministry of Water Resources, and Ministry of Health to provide medical facilities and portable water, respectively as a matter of urgency to Bama, Ngala, and Kala Balge (**HR. 57/2016**).

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (4) to enable it take more than two Matters of Urgent Public Importance” (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa -- Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

- (c) ***Delay in the Payment of Allowance to Local Staff in Nigeria Missions Abroad:***
Hon. Muhammad Musa Soba (*Soba Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (i) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (ii) 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.

Delay in the Payment of Allowance to Local Staff in Nigeria Missions Abroad:

The House:

Notes that the diplomatic palace is to source staff on certain grade levels from countries where missions are located;

Also notes that Nigeria has recruited such staff in all the Missions and placed them on payment of-specified monthly allowance;

Recalls that payment of such allowance has been going on regularly without delay and in keeping with the terms of engagement;

Concerned that of recent/the payment of such allowance has not been regular for unspecified reasons;

Also concerned that the non-payment could be in breach of norms and conventions of the Diplomatic service and could cause embarrassment to the nation;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to urgently investigate the matter with a view to ameliorating the sufferings being undergone by the staff; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Foreign Affairs to ensure compliance and report back to the House within two weeks (*Hon. Muhammad Musa Soba — Soba Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the diplomatic palace is to source staff on certain grade levels from countries where missions are located;

Also noted that Nigeria has recruited such staff in all the Missions and placed them on payment of specified monthly allowance;

Recalled that payment of such allowance has been going on regularly without delay and in keeping with the terms of engagement;

Concerned that of recent/the payment of such allowance has not been regular for unspecified reasons;

Also concerned that the non-payment could be in breach of norms and conventions of the Diplomatic service and could cause embarrassment to the nation;

Resolved to:

- (i) Call on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to urgently investigate the matter with a view to ameliorating the sufferings being undergone by the staff; and
 - (ii) mandate the Committee on Foreign Affairs to ensure compliance and report back to the House within two weeks (**HR. 58/2016**).
- (d) ***Need for Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of 34, 36 and 37 of Collapsed and Washed away Portion of the Gombe - Bauchi Federal Highway:***
Hon. Ismaila Muazu Hassan (*Akko Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:
- (i) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
 - (ii) 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.

Urgent Need for Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of 34, 36 and 37 of the Collapsed and Washed Away Portion of the Gombe - Bauchi Federal Highway:

The House:

Notes that Gombe-Bauchi Highway is a Trunk 'A' Road, which links Gombe - Adamawa - Borno - Yobe and Taraba States;

Aware of the importance of the said Gombe-Bauchi Federal Highway to the economic viability of the entire North-East Zone of the country;

Also aware of the volume of traffic on the said Federal Highway because of the farming and other economic activities being carried along Gombe State and other towns within the corridor of such road;

Concerned that recently, commercial and economic activities on the said road came to a halt owing to the total collapse and washing away of the bridge at CHANAGIS 30, 36, and 37 KM along Bauchi - Gombe Federal Highway;

Worried that the deplorable state of the road made it impassable as commuters are made to look for alternative routes to carry on their businesses;

Desirous of the need to ameliorate the plight of commuters and citizens plying the said failed portion and washed away CHANAGIS on the Gombe-Bauchi Federal Highway by providing an immediate and lasting solution to their flights;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Works, Power and Housing to make provision in any Supplementary Appropriation Bill for the immediate reconstruction and rehabilitation of the failed portion and washed away Gombe-Bauchi Federal Highway, more particularly, construct bridges with relief box culverts at the approach of the failed and washed away bridge on the said road;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FEMA) to provide palliative measures aimed at reducing hardships faced by commuters and persons plying the said washed away Gombe-Bauchi Federal Highway; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works, and Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FEMA) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Ismaila Muazu Hassan — Akko Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 59/2016).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and Federal Road Maintenance Agency, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

(e) Threat to Lives of Nigerians Living in Republic of Gabon:

Hon. Nnanna Igbokwe (*Ahiazu Mbaise/Ezinihitte Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (i) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (ii) 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.

Threat to Lives of Nigerians Living in Republic of Gabon:

The House:

Whereas the Republic of Gabon is preparing for the conduct of her Presidential election fixed for August 27, 2016;

Notes that countries have been urged to conduct elections and citizens exercise their right to elect their leaders in a peaceful environment;

Concerned on the lightened political tension and threat to Non-Gabonese especially Nigerians;

Worried that Nigerians face the risk of been attacked for the allegation that the current President is a Nigerian and he and other Nigerians must be ousted and leave their country;

Also worried that there palpable fear and threat to attack the Nigerian Embassy and its official quarters;

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Government through Ministry of Foreign Affairs to take necessary steps to protect Nigerians, the Nigerian Embassy and its staff from unwarranted attack in the Republic of Gabon (*Hon. Raphael Nnanna Igbokwe — Abiazu Mbaise/Ezinihitte Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Whereas the Republic of Gabon is preparing for the conduct of her Presidential election fixed for August 27, 2016;

Noted that countries have been urged to conduct elections and citizens exercise their right to elect their leaders in a peaceful environment;

Concerned on the lightened political tension and threat to Non-Gabonese especially Nigerians;

Worried that Nigerians face the risk of been attacked for the allegation that the current President is a Nigerian and he and other Nigerians must be ousted and leave their country;

Also worried that there palpable fear and threat to attack the Nigerian Embassy and its official quarters;

Resolved to:

Urge the Federal Government through Ministry of Foreign Affairs to take necessary steps to protect Nigerians, the Nigerian Embassy and its staff from unwarranted attack in the Republic of Gabon (**HR. 60/2016**).

(f) *Need for the Federal Ministry of Health to Reverse the Deplorable State of the Stem Cell Transplantation Centre in UBTH, Benin; the Only Centre for the Cure of Sickle Cell Disease in Nigeria:*

Hon. Philip Shaibu (*Etsako West/Etsako East/Etsako Central Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (i) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (ii) 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.

Urgent need for the Federal Ministry of Health to Reverse the Deplorable State of the Stem Cell Transplantation Centre in UBTH, Benin; the only Center for the Cure of Sickle Cell Disease in Nigeria:

The House:

Aware that Sickle cell disease is the most prevalent inherited disease in Nigeria. It is estimated that 3% of Nigerians have sickle cell disease and 25% are carriers of the Sickle cell disease gene. Nigeria has the highest number of persons living with sickle cell disease in the world and the only cure for this debilitating disease is Stem Cell Transplantation. This medical procedure is also the cure for blood cancer, bone marrow failures and other malignant and non - malignant diseases;

Also aware that in September 2011, with very little resources and basic technique within approved standards required by WHO, a Nigerian Doctor (Prof. Bazuaye Godwin Nosakhare) and his team at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital performed the first successful Stem cell transplantation for a seven (7) years old sickle cell anaemia patient who was cured of Sickle cell disease to become genotype AA. This was the first recorded successful stem cell transplantation in Sub-Sahara Africa;

Recalls that in 2012 WHO added Nigeria to the list of countries that can perform stem cell transplantation in the world;

Concerned that there was, sadly, only one functional Stem Cell Transplant Room built from IGR by the UBTH and that since 2011 only three (3) successful stem cell transplantation has been performed;

Worried that the last stem cell transplantation was done in 2013 and since then the Stem Cell Transplant Center in UBTH, Edo State, Nigeria and the only one in Sub-Sahara Africa has been shut down for lack of funding and that this has led to avoidable death of citizens of this country;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the Hon. Minister for Health to urgently look into, the dilapidated Stem Cell Transplant Center in UBTH, Benin with a view to resuscitating it and also take urgent steps to establish other such centers in all geopolitical zones in Nigeria;
- (ii) also call on the Federal Executive Council to see the urgent need to build an International Stem Cell Transplant Center in Benin City, Edo State with a capacity to serve the need of over 5 million Nigerians who may require this miracle of medicine;
- (iii) further call on the Federal Government, States Governments and Local Government Councils to see the urgent need to subsidize the cost of transplantation in Nigeria which is about ₦5 million, although the cheapest in the world (₦25 to ₦40 million in Europe and America), since the cost is beyond the reach of an average Nigerian; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Health Institutions to look into this matter and report back to the House within four weeks (*Hon. Philip Shaibu — Etsako West, Central/East Federal Constituency*).

*Question agreed to.***(HR. 62/2016).***Motion referred to the Committee on Health Institutions, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).***6. Presentation of Reports****(a) Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:**

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on the Call for overhaul of the Tertiary Education Sector to meet the modern Needs of Nigeria (**HR. 164/2015**).

*Order deferred by leave of the House.***(b) Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:**

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on the Call for Upgrade of the Federal College of Education (Special), Oyo to the Status of a University (**HR. 162/2015**).

Order deferred by leave of the House.

- 7. A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 729) the total sum of ₦4,729,061,172.00 (Four Billion, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Nine Million, Sixty-One Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy-Two Naira) only — Second Reading Motion made and Question proposed.** “That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 729) the total sum of ₦4,729,061,172.00 (Four Billion, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Nine Million, Sixty-One Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy-Two Naira) only 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 on Science and Technology.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 730) the total sum of ₦19,787,898,750 (Nineteen Billion, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Seven Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty Naira) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 730) the total sum of ₦19,787,898,750 (Nineteen Billion, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Seven Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty Naira) only 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 on Aviation.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Shippers Council Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 731) the total sum of ₦14,764,366,886.88 (Fourteen Billion, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Four Million, Three Hundred and Sixty-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Six Naira, Eighty-Eight Kobo) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Shippers Council Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 731) the total sum of ₦14,764,366,886.88 (Fourteen Billion, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Four Million, Three Hundred and Sixty-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Six Naira, Eighty-Eight Kobo) only 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 on Ports, Harbours and Waterways.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 732) the total sum of ₦39,011,586,805 (Thirty-Nine Billion, Eleven Million, Five Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Five Naira) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 732) the total sum of ₦39,011,586,805 (Thirty-Nine Billion, Eleven Million, Five Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Five Naira) only 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 on Maritime Safety, Education and Administration.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 733) the total sum of ₦13,734,063,793. 86 (Thirteen Billion, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Sixty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Three Naira, Eighty-Six Kobo) only — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 733) the total sum of ₦13,734,063,793. 86 (Thirteen Billion, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Sixty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Three Naira, Eighty-Six Kobo) only 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 on Science Technology.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Sugar Development Council Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 734) the total sum of ₦4,740,700,000.00 (Four Billion, Seven Hundred and Forty Million, Seven Hundred Thousand Naira) only — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Sugar Development Council Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 734) the total sum of ₦4,740,700,000.00 (Four Billion, Seven Hundred and Forty Million, Seven Hundred Thousand Naira) only 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 on Industry.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Postal Service Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 735) the total sum of ₦34,365,140,382.00 (Thirty-Four Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty-Five Million, One Hundred and Forty Thousand, Three Hundred and Eight-Two Naira) only — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Postal Service Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 735) the total sum of ₦34,365,140,382.00 (Thirty-Four Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty-Five Million, One Hundred and Forty Thousand, Three Hundred and Eight-Two Naira) only 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 on Telecommunications.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Ports Authority Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 736) the total sum of ₦150,944,170.00 (One Hundred and Fifty Million, Nine Hundred and Forty-Four Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy Naira) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Ports Authority Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 736) the total sum of ₦150,944,170.00 (One Hundred and Fifty Million, Nine Hundred and Forty-Four Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy Naira) only 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 on Ports, Harbours and Waterways.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 737) the total sum of ₦72,577,763,544.00 (Seventy-Two Billion, Five Hundred and Seventy-Seven Million, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Three Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty-Four Naira) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 737) the total sum of ₦72,577,763,544.00 (Seventy-Two Billion, Five Hundred and Seventy-Seven Million, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Three Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty-Four Naira) only 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 on Aviation.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Securities and Exchange Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 738) the total sum of ₦8,150,000,000.00 (Eighty Billion, One Hundred and Fifty Million Naira) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Securities and Exchange Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 738) the total sum of ₦8,150,000,000.00 (Eighty Billion, One Hundred and Fifty Million Naira) only 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 on Capital Market and Institutions.

17. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigeria Tourism Development Corporation Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 739) the total sum of ₦1,224,334,200.00 (One Billion, Two Hundred and Twenty-Four Million, Three Hundred and Thirty-Four Thousand, Two Hundred Naira) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigeria Tourism Development Corporation Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 739) the total sum of ₦1,224,334,200.00 (One Billion, Two Hundred and Twenty-Four Million, Three Hundred and Thirty-Four Thousand, Two Hundred Naira) only 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 on Culture and Tourism.

18. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Communications Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 740) the total sum of ₦70,672,492.00 (Seventy Million, Six Hundred and Seventy-Two Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety-Two Naira) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Communications Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 740) the total sum of ₦70,672,492.00 (Seventy Million, Six Hundred and Seventy-Two Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety-Two Naira) only 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 on Telecommunications.

19. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 741) the total sum of ₦7,217,261,891.00 (Seven Billion, Two Hundred and Seventeen Million, Two Hundred and Sixty-One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety-One Naira) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 741) the total sum of ₦7,217,261,891.00 (Seven Billion, Two Hundred and Seventeen Million, Two Hundred and Sixty-One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety-One Naira) only 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 on Healthcare Services.

20. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Customs Service Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 742) the total sum of ₦81,213,310,000.00 (Eighty-One Billion, Two hundred and Thirteen Million, Three Hundred and Ten Thousand Naira) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Customs Service Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 742) the total sum of ₦81,213,310,000.00 (Eighty-One Billion, Two hundred and Thirteen Million, Three Hundred and Ten Thousand Naira) only 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 on Customs and Excise.

21. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Broadcasting Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 743) the total sum of ₦1,789,842,464 (One Billion, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Nine Million, Eight Hundred and Forty-two Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty-Four Naira) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Broadcasting Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 743) the total sum of ₦1,789,842,464 (One Billion, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Nine Million, Eight Hundred and Forty-two Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty-Four Naira) only 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 on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values.

22. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Insurance Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 744) the total sum of ₦6,212,417,439.00 (Six Billion, Two Hundred and Twelve million, Four Hundred and Seventeen thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty- Nine Thousand Naira) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Insurance Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 744) the total sum of ₦6,212,417,439.00 (Six Billion, Two Hundred and Twelve million, Four Hundred and Seventeen thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty- Nine Thousand Naira) only 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 on Insurance and Actuarial Matters.

23. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the News Agency of Nigeria Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 745) the total sum of ₦1,647,210,647.81 (One Billion, Six Hundred and Forty-Seven Million, Two Hundred and Ten Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty-Seven Naira, Eighty-One Kobo) only — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the News Agency of Nigeria Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 745) the total sum of ₦1,647,210,647.81 (One Billion, Six Hundred and Forty-Seven Million, Two Hundred and Ten Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty-Seven Naira, Eighty-One Kobo) only 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 on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values.

24. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Copyright Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 746) the total sum of ₦1,143,855,045.02 (One Billion, One Hundred and Forty-Three Million, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand, Forty-Five Naira, Two Kobo) only — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Copyright Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 746) the total sum of ₦1,143,855,045.02 (One Billion, One Hundred and Forty-Three Million, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand, Forty-Five Naira, Two Kobo) only 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 on Justice.

25. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 747) the total sum of ₦15,140,414,036.00 (Fifteen Billion, One Hundred and Forty Million, Four Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Thirty-Six Naira) only — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 747) the total sum of ₦15,140,414,036.00 (Fifteen Billion, One Hundred and Forty Million, Four Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Thirty-six Naira) only 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 Committees on Petroleum Resources (Upstream), Petroleum Resources (Downstream), and Gas Resources.

26. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 748) the total sum of ₦26,371,000,000.00 (Twenty-Six Billion, Three Hundred and Seventy-One Million Naira) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 748) the total sum of ₦26,371,000,000.00 (Twenty-Six Billion, Three Hundred and Seventy-One Million Naira) only be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabamila — House Leader*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Insurance and Actuarial Matters.

27. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Bureau of Public Enterprises Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 728) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Bureau of Public Enterprises Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 728) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabamila — House Leader*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Public Procurement.

28. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 749) the total sum of ₦28,255,000,000.00 (Twenty-Eight Billion, Two Hundred and Fifty-Five Million Naira) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 749) the total sum of ₦28,255,000,000.00 (Twenty-Eight Billion, Two Hundred and Fifty-Five Million Naira) only be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabamila — House Leader*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Aviation.

29. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Inland Revenue Service Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 750) the total sum of ₦143,522,430,526.00 (One Hundred Forty-Three Billion, Five Hundred and Twenty-Two Million, Four Hundred and Thirty Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty-Six Naira) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Inland Revenue Service Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 750) the total sum of ₦143,522,430,526.00 (One Hundred Forty-Three Billion, Five Hundred and Twenty-Two Million, Four Hundred and Thirty Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty-Six Naira) only 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 on Finance.

30. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigeria Immigration Service Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 751) the total sum of ₦1,868,500,000.00 (One Billion, Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight Million, Five Hundred Thousand Naira) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigeria Immigration Service Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 751) the total sum of ₦1,868,500,000.00 (One Billion, Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight Million, Five Hundred Thousand Naira) only 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 on Interior.

31. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 752) the total sum of ₦7,775,914,599.69 (Seven Billion, Seven Hundred and Seventy-five Million, Nine Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety-Nine Naira, Sixty Nine Kobo) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 752) the total sum of ₦7,775,914,599.69 (Seven Billion, Seven Hundred and Seventy-five Million, Nine Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety-Nine Naira, Sixty Nine Kobo) only 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 on Power.

32. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Central Bank of Nigeria Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 753) the total sum of ₦420,787,000.70 (Four Hundred and Twenty Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Seven Thousand Naira, Seventy Kobo) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Central Bank of Nigeria Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 753) the total sum of ₦420,787,000.70 (Four Hundred and Twenty Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Seven Thousand Naira, Seventy Kobo) only 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 on Banking and Currency.

33. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Radio Nigeria Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 754) the total sum of ₦9,146,279,251.00 (Nine Billion, One Hundred and Forty-Six Million, Two Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty-One Naira) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Radio Nigeria Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 754) the total sum of ₦9,146,279,251.00 (Nine Billion, One Hundred and Forty-Six Million, Two Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty-One Naira) only 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 on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values.

34. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Housing Authority Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 755) the total sum of ₦41,416,059.09 (Forty-One Million, Four Hundred and Sixteen Thousand and Fifty-Nine Naira, Nine Kobo) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Housing Authority Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 755) the total sum of ₦41,416,059.09 (Forty-One Million, Four Hundred and Sixteen Thousand and Fifty-Nine Naira, Nine Kobo) only 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 on Housing.

35. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Television Authority Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 756) the total sum of ₦6,906,773,879.00 (Six Billion, Nine Hundred and Six Million, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Nine Naira) only — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Television Authority Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 756) the total sum of ₦6,906,773,879.00 (Six Billion, Nine Hundred and Six Million, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Nine Naira) only 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 on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values.

36. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Automotive Design and Development Council Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 757) the total sum of ₦9,310,000,000.00 (Nine Billion, Three Hundred and Ten Million Naira) only — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Automotive Design and Development Council Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 757) the total sum of ₦9,310,000,000.00 (Nine Billion, Three Hundred and Ten Million Naira) only 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 on Industry.

37. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Nuclear Regulatory Authority Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 758) the total sum of ₦6,281,731,278.00 (Six Billion, Two Hundred and Eighty-One Million, Seven Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Two Hundred and Seventy-Eight Naira) only — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Nuclear Regulatory Authority Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 758) the total sum of ₦6,281,731,278.00 (Six Billion, Two Hundred and Eighty-One Million, Seven Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Two Hundred and Seventy-Eight Naira) only 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 on Science and Technology.

38. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Business and Technical Examinations Board Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 759) the total sum of ₦2,258,150,235.00 (Two Billion, Two Hundred and Fifty-Eight Million, One Hundred and Fifty Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty-Five Naira) only — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed. “That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Business and Technical Examinations Board Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 759) the total sum of ₦2,258,150,235.00 (Two Billion, Two Hundred and Fifty-Eight Million, One Hundred and Fifty Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty-Five Naira) only 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 on Basic Education and Services.

39. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Mortgage Bank Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 760) the total sum of ₦81,167,132,850.00 (Eighty-One Billion, One Hundred and Sixty-Seven Million, One Hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty Naira) only — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed. “That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Mortgage Bank Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 760) the total sum of ₦81,167,132,850.00 (Eighty-One Billion, One Hundred and Sixty-Seven Million, One Hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty Naira) only 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 on Housing.

40. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 761) the total sum of ₦372,978,503.00 (Three Hundred and Seventy-Two Million, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Three Naira) only — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed. “That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 761) the total sum of ₦372,978,503.00 (Three Hundred and Seventy-Two Million, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Three Naira) only 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 on Environment and Habitat.

41. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Industrial Training Fund Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 762) the total sum of ₦39,004, 613, 488 (Thirty-Nine Billion, Four Million, Six Hundred and Thirteen Thousand, Four Hundred and Eighty-Eight Naira) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Industrial Training Fund Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 762) the total sum of ₦39,004, 613, 488 (Thirty-Nine Billion, Four Million, Six Hundred and Thirteen Thousand, Four Hundred and Eighty-Eight Naira) only 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 on Industry.

42. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Corporate Affairs Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 763) the total sum of ₦15,019,469,986.00 (Fifteen Billion, Nineteen Million, Four Hundred and Sixty-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Six Naira) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Corporate Affairs Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 763) the total sum of ₦15,019,469,986.00 (Fifteen Billion, Nineteen Million, Four Hundred and Sixty-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Six Naira) only 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 on Commerce.

43. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Standards Organization of Nigeria Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 764) the total sum of ₦29,329,273,597 (Twenty-Nine Billion, Three Hundred and Twenty-Nine Million, Two Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety-Seven Naira) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Standards Organization of Nigeria Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 764) the total sum of ₦29,329,273,597 (Twenty-Nine Billion, Three Hundred and Twenty-Nine Million, Two Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety-Seven Naira) only 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 on Industry.

44. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 765) the total sum of ₦1,509,090,000.00 (One Billion, Five Hundred and Nine Million, Ninety Thousand Naira) only — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 765) the total sum of ₦1,509,090,000.00 (One Billion, Five Hundred and Nine Million, Ninety Thousand Naira) only be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabamila — House Leader*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream), Petroleum Resources (Downstream), and Gas Resources.

45. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Trade and Investment to Provide for Investment Indemnity Assurance Scheme, Trade and Investment Tribunal, Trade and Investment Registry/Data Bank; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 520) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Trade and Investment to Provide for Investment Indemnity Assurance Scheme, Trade and Investment Tribunal, Trade and Investment Registry/Data Bank; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 520) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ossai N. Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency and 2 Others*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Commerce.

46. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Coastal and Inland Shipping (Cabotage) Act. No. 5 of 2003 to restrict the use of Foreign Vessels in Domestic Coastal Trade, Promote the Development of Indigenous Tonnage and Establish a Cabotage Vessel Financing Fund; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 529) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Coastal and Inland Shipping (Cabotage) Act. No. 5 of 2003 to restrict the use of Foreign Vessels in Domestic Coastal Trade, Promote the Development of Indigenous Tonnage and Establish a Cabotage Vessel Financing Fund; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 529) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Hassan Saleh — Ado/Ogbadibo/Okpoku 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 Ports, Harbours and Waterways.

47. A Bill for an Act to Make it Mandatory for Tyres to bear Manufacturing and Expiry Dates and to Prohibit the Importation of Used, Substandard and Expired Tyres; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 499) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Make it Mandatory for Tyres to bear Manufacturing and Expiry Dates and to Prohibit the Importation of Used, Substandard and Expired Tyres; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 499) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Yakub Abiodun Balogun — Lagos Island II Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Industry, and Customs and Excise.

48. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 81 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Mandatorily Allow Public Participation in the Formulation of the Annual Budget; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 537) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Alter Section 81 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Mandatorily Allow Public Participation in the Formulation of the Annual Budget; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 537) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Iduma E. Igariwey — Afikpo North/Afikpo South 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.

49. A Bill for an Act to Alter Sections 197, 201, 202 and Parts I and II of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 590) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Alter Sections 197, 201, 202 and Parts I and II of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 590) 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 — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

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

50. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 147 (3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 538) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Alter Section 147 (3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 538) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Asabe Vilita Bashir — Damboa/Gwoza/Chibok 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.

51. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly
Passport (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 638):**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

52. **Need for Intervention in the Dispute between the Nigerian Communications Commission and the National Broadcasting Commission over the Sale of 700MHZ Spectrum to MTN**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

53. **Call for Resuscitation of the Privatized Nigeria Machine Tools Ltd and Oshogbo Steel Rolling Co. Ltd**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Recalls that in 1980, the Federal Government, in a joint venture with Hindustan Machine Tools (International) Ltd, established the Nigeria Machine Tools Ltd (NMTL) and the Oshogbo Steel Rolling Co. Ltd was also established at about the same time;

Also recalls that in 2006, as part of the privatization drive of the Government, 70% of the interest held by the Government in NMTL was transferred to a private investor, and similar interest in Oshogbo Steel Rolling Co. Ltd was transferred to another private investor which caused the company to be renamed Kura Integrated Steel Mill Limited;

Observes that both NMTL and Kura Integrated Steel Mill Limited have not been operational, despite the undertakings made by the private investors to the Bureau of Public Enterprises that the assets will be put into maximum use and will be fully operational, and as a result of this, thousands of Nigerians have lost their jobs;

Notes that the failure of the private investors is jeopardizing both the economy and security of the country as the premises of both companies are now inhabited by criminals, and huge tax revenue has been lost by both the Federal and Osun State Governments;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the failure of both the Nigeria Machine Tools Ltd (NMTL) and the Oshogbo Steel Rolling Co. Ltd to commence operations since their privatization, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Oluwole Busayo Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Recalled that in 1980, the Federal Government, in a joint venture with Hindustan Machine Tools (International) Ltd, established the Nigeria Machine Tools Ltd (NMTL) and the Oshogbo Steel Rolling Co. Ltd was also established at about the same time;

Also recalled that in 2006, as part of the privatization drive of the Government, 70% of the interest held by the Government in NMTL was transferred to a private investor, and similar interest in Oshogbo Steel Rolling Co. Ltd was transferred to another private investor which caused the company to be renamed Kura Integrated Steel Mill Limited;

Observed that both NMTL and Kura Integrated Steel Mill Limited have not been operational, despite the undertakings made by the private investors to the Bureau of Public Enterprises that the assets will be put into maximum use and will be fully operational, and as a result of this, thousands of Nigerians have lost their jobs;

Noted that the failure of the private investors is jeopardizing both the economy and security of the country as the premises of both companies are now inhabited by criminals, and huge tax revenue has been lost by both the Federal and Osun State Governments;

Resolved to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the failure of both the Nigeria Machine Tools Ltd (NMTL) and the Oshogbo Steel Rolling Co. Ltd to commence operations since their privatization, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 63/2016**).

54. Urgent Need to Suspend Import Duty on Agricultural Products and Facilities

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Agriculture is a branch of the economy that is providing employment for about 30% of the population and the sector is being transformed by commercialization at the small, medium and large scale enterprise levels;

Also notes that in 2011, the Federal Government launched an Agricultural Transformation Agenda that was managed by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and which was intended to promote agriculture as a business, integrate the agricultural value chain and make it a key driver of Nigeria's economic growth;

Aware that to achieve the above, the Government adopted the following:

- (i) new fiscal measures as incentives to encourage domestic import substitution;
- (ii) removal of restrictions on areas of investment and maximum equity ownership in investment by foreign investors;
- (iii) free transfer of capital, profits and dividends;
- (iv) constitutional guarantees against nationalization/expropriation of investments;
- (v) zero percent (0%) duty on agricultural machinery and equipment imports;
- (vi) pioneer tax holiday for agricultural investments;
- (vii) duty waivers and other industry related incentives based on use of local raw materials, export orientation;

Also aware that in 2015, towards the end of the last administration, the Federal Government released new tariff dealing with duty on importation of agricultural products, where some agricultural machineries still retained zero percent duty, while duty on chemicals (which is driving modern day farming) was 5%;

Concerned that one of the major problems of food production is poverty, which makes it very difficult to afford agricultural products that can aid modern farming, given the fact that over 75% of rural dwellers are full-time farmers;

Further notes President Muhammadu Buhari's statement at Birnin-Kebbi in November, 2015, while flagging off dry season farming that "we missed the way when we threw away farming implements because of oil, now it is time to return to the farms, and it is a priority for you".

Equally notes his assertion that the importance of agriculture to the economy cannot be overemphasized hence his administration would diversify the economy to give greater emphasis on agricultural production, but the duty on agricultural products is yet to be revisited by the government;

Also concerned that if the Federal Government does not revisit the duty imposed on some agricultural products, the dream of creating more jobs and diversifying the economy may not be realized;

Resolves to:

- (i) Mandate the Committees on Finance, Agricultural Production and Services, and Customs and Excise to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Finance and the Nigerian Customs Service to ensure the suspension of duties on all imports relating to agricultural products;
- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Customs and Excise to provide the House with a detailed list of agricultural products that are under tax net; and
- (iii) further mandate the above three Committees to carry out an inspection of the ports to ascertain all such impounded items and cause them to be released; and report back to the House within ten (10) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi — Karu/Keffi/Kokona Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In the Title of the Motion, immediately after the word "Agricultural", *leave out* the word "Products" (and wherever it appears in the Motion), *insert* the words "implements and inputs", instead thereof (*Hon. Pally Iriase — Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Agriculture is a branch of the economy that is providing employment for about 30% of the population and the sector is being transformed by commercialization at the small, medium and large scale enterprise levels;

Also noted that in 2011, the Federal Government launched an Agricultural Transformation Agenda that was managed by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and which was intended to promote agriculture as a business, integrate the agricultural value chain and make it a key driver of Nigeria's economic growth;

Aware that to achieve the above, the Government adopted the following:

- (i) new fiscal measures as incentives to encourage domestic import substitution;

- (ii) removal of restrictions on areas of investment and maximum equity ownership in investment by foreign investors;
- (iii) free transfer of capital, profits and dividends;
- (iv) constitutional guarantees against nationalization/expropriation of investments;
- (v) zero percent (0%) duty on agricultural machinery and equipment imports;
- (vi) pioneer tax holiday for agricultural investments;
- (vii) duty waivers and other industry related incentives based on use of local raw materials, export orientation;

Also aware that in 2015, towards the end of the last administration, the Federal Government released new tariff dealing with duty on importation of agricultural implements and inputs, where some agricultural machineries still retained zero percent duty, while duty on chemicals (which is driving modern day farming) was 5%;

Concerned that one of the major problems of food production is poverty, which makes it very difficult to afford agricultural implements and inputs that can aid modern farming, given the fact that over 75% of rural dwellers are full-time farmers;

Further noted President Muhammadu Buhari's statement at Birnin-Kebbi in November, 2015, while flagging off dry season farming that "we missed the way when we threw away farming implements because of oil, now it is time to return to the farms, and it is a priority for you".

Equally noted his assertion that the importance of agriculture to the economy cannot be overemphasized hence his administration would diversify the economy to give greater emphasis on agricultural production, but the duty on agricultural implements and inputs are yet to be revisited by the government;

Also concerned that if the Federal Government does not revisit the duty imposed on some agricultural implements and inputs, the dream of creating more jobs and diversifying the economy may not be realized;

Resolved to:

- (i) Mandate the Committees on Finance, Agricultural Production and Services, and Customs and Excise to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Finance and the Nigerian Customs Service to ensure the suspension of duties on all imports relating to agricultural implements and inputs;
- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Customs and Excise to provide the House with a detailed list of agricultural implements and inputs that are under tax net; and
- (iii) further mandate the above three Committees to carry out an inspection of the ports to ascertain all such impounded items and cause them to be released; and report back to the House within ten (10) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 64/2016**).

55. Call for a Ban on the Use of Food Based and Non Lubricant Rim and Tyre Sealing Paste by Vulcanizers

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the strident calls for a ban on the importation of fake, substandard and used tyres into Nigeria;

Also notes the report in the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) on Tuesday, 19 April, 2016 of the increase in tyre-burst related accidents that have resulted in the loss of about 5,000 lives from 2010 to date, however, the main culprit in tyre failures/burst and the consequent fatalities is the inappropriate handling of tyres by vulcanizers;

Aware that this improper handling of tyres includes the use of food based sealing paste like "fufu" and "eba" in the repairs of tyres and this dangerous practice causes rusts and wear on even the newest and strongest rims and tyres;

Further notes that the practice drastically reduces the life span of tyres (even brand new ones) from perhaps six years to two years as the case may be, as tyres repaired in that manner dry up, crack, lose air faster and may burst unexpectedly as evidenced in spare tyres with food based pastes which deflate easily on their own, thus leaving the user wondering what went wrong and the most common consequence of tyre failure on the road is roll-over accidents;

Also aware that the best way to repair tyres is the use of standard rim and tubeless tyre sealing pastes which are lubricant, water resistant and oil based; as they protect the rim from rusting, prevents tyres from drying up, and also makes mounting and removing easier;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the Federal Government to ban the use of food based sealing pastes on tyres;
- (ii) also call on Federal Road safety Commission (FRSC) and the Vehicle Inspection Office to properly sensitize/educate Nigerians on the hazards associated with improper handling of tyres and use of food based sealing pastes on tyres; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission to ensure adherence (*Hon. Sopoluchukwu Ezeonwuka — Orumba North/Orumba South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted the strident calls for a ban on the importation of fake, substandard and used tyres into Nigeria;

Also noted the report in the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) on Tuesday, 19 April, 2016 of the increase in tyre-burst related accidents that have resulted in the loss of about 5,000 lives from 2010 to date, however, the main culprit in tyre failures/burst and the consequent fatalities is the inappropriate handling of tyres by vulcanizers;

Aware that this improper handling of tyres includes the use of food based sealing paste like "fufu" and "eba" in the repairs of tyres and this dangerous practice causes rusts and wear on even the newest and strongest rims and tyres;

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Resolved to:

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- (iii) mandate the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission to ensure adherence (**HR. 65/2016**).

56. Call for Introduction of Women and Gender Studies in Nigerian Universities

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that gender mainstreaming is a policy initiative which arose from the World Conferences on Women beginning in Mexico City in 1975 and culminated in the fourth World Conference in Beijing, China in 1995, during which the Platform Action-1996:1 to which the Nigerian Government was one of the 189 signatories, articulated gender mainstreaming to the effect that governments and other actors should ensure gender perspective in all policies and programmes so that before decisions are taken, an analysis should have been made on their effects on women and men, respectively;

Aware that the Universities are the places where characters are fully formed and intellectuals produced with multidisciplinary approaches;

Also aware that research has shown that there is a world of difference between the gender and sex of a person, such that while sex is the biological difference between a man and a woman, gender is the socially constructed difference between a man and a woman, which varies from culture to culture, religion to religion and race to race, etc. and thus throws up a huge question of equalities and inequalities between the male and female sexes;

Further aware that there are more than 900 women/gender/feminist study programmes, departments and research centres/institutions around the world offering graduate degree programmes online on women studies;

Also notes that there are only three Universities that offer programmes on Women and Gender Studies in Nigeria at post graduate level, namely —

- (i) Rivers State University of Science and Technology;
- (ii) University of Benin; and
- (iii) University of Abuja;

Concerned that the limited level of those programmes cannot adequately meet the need for women and gender studies in the country and believing that if they are made a compulsory General Studies (GS) course or introduced as a full degree course, Nigeria will join the rest of the world in reaping the benefits of such studies which include —

- (i) equipping Nigerians with the knowledge and strength of character to battle inequalities across board, and since the elimination of discrimination on the basis of sex is both a moral and legal issue, it has to start in the classroom;
- (ii) transforming some of the harmful cultural and traditional gender-unfriendly practices into something more acceptable and beneficial to all mankind;

- (iii) emancipating women educationally, economically, politically, socially and religiously and integrating them fully as co-partners of men in the development of the country;
- (iv) ensuring the realization of the saying that when you train a woman, you train a nation through women and gender studies which will equip them with analytical thinking and problem solving skills to help address gender disparity;
- (v) teaching about gender is increasingly being regarded as a way to make progress in a global culture that continues to uphold men and boys' entitlement to control women and girls;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Universities Commission to introduce Women and Gender Studies as a compulsory general studies course in Universities in Nigeria and develop a curriculum to make it a full degree course before the end of 2017; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Stella Ngwu — Igbo-Etiti/Uzo-Uwani Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

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- (ii) mandate the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (**HR. 66/2016**).

57. Urgent Need to Review the National Drug Law Enforcement and Rehabilitation Programmes
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the alarming proliferation of hard drugs of all kinds on the streets of major cities across the country and observes that increased availability has driven down costs, thus leading to a corresponding upsurge in drug use and addiction, particularly amongst the youth;

Also notes that this epidemic of addiction is neither restricted to any particular demography, nor does it discriminate based on religion, ethnicity, social or economic class and for a nation with a pronounced youth population, this level of drug use and addiction is a fundamental threat to our hopes of a prosperous and peaceful future;

Further notes that an increase in drug use is often a precursor to a general increase in delinquency as young addicts without the capacity to earn a legitimate income often engage in criminality to fund the habit and are also ironically at risk of being victims of crimes ranging from sexual assaults to trafficking, murder, terrorism, insurgency, etc.;

Aware that in the last thirty years, our national drug policy has been focused overwhelmingly on criminalization with the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) mandated to investigate and prosecute for drug offences, but the Agency has not been provided with the resources necessary

to be robust in its enforcement of drug laws, consequently, its enforcement activities have mostly targeted small time dealers and addicts whilst the drug lords and barons are left free to enjoy the wealth they have acquired by destroying lives and devastating entire communities;

Also aware that overestimation of what can be achieved by criminalization alone has led to ignoring what can be achieved by treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration of drug users and addicts into the ranks of normal society and contemporary research shows that drug addiction is a disease much like any other and as such, is both avoidable and treatable under the right circumstances, hence the national drug policy must therefore include plans and funding for outreach programmes to the young and at risk populations for their treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration;

- Concerned that the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) has been slow to recognize the vital importance of Information and Communications Technology in the fight against proliferation of drugs, given that there is no strategy for media outreach to the young and at-risk persons, or is there an easily accessible database from which the Agency can ascertain if a person arrested at a particular place on a drug offence has previously been arrested or convicted anywhere else, as such there is no way for the courts to separate first time offenders deserving of consideration from hardcore dealers rightly destined for a life in prison;

Recognizes that the failure of drug policy as it relates particularly to prevention as well as programmes for rehabilitation and reintegration have now put the country at risk of losing an entire generation to the ravaging effects of hard drugs, and our failure to listen to alternative voices on this subject leaves us in a disadvantaged position of fighting a lethal enemy with one hand tied behind our backs; further, a cultural reluctance to consider that drug users and addicts are themselves too often victims deserving a measure of compassion makes us complicit in the escalation of this truly dangerous epidemic;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Narcotic Drugs to:

- (i) convene a stakeholders' forum to carry out a thorough analysis of the circumstances that have led to the rapid increase in the quantity of drugs available on the nation's streets and the attendant increase in drug use and drug culture amongst the youth;
- (ii) deliberate on strategies to promote prevention, treatment and reintegration programs as a critical part of our national drug policy; and
- (iii) consider models for Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) in the prevention of drug abuse, treatment and rehabilitation of drug offenders and general fight against proliferation of drugs across the nation, and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Chris Emeka Azubogu — Nnewi North- South/Ekwusigbo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

Noted the alarming proliferation of hard drugs of all kinds on the streets of major cities across the country and observes that increased availability has driven down costs, thus leading to a corresponding upsurge in drug use and addiction, particularly amongst the youth;

Also noted that this epidemic of addiction is neither restricted to any particular demography, nor does it discriminate based on religion, ethnicity, social or economic class and for a nation with a pronounced youth population, this level of drug use and addiction is a fundamental threat to our hopes of a prosperous and peaceful future;

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Also aware that overestimation of what can be achieved by criminalization alone has led to ignoring what can be achieved by treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration of drug users and addicts into the ranks of normal society and contemporary research shows that drug addiction is a disease much like any other and as such, is both avoidable and treatable under the right circumstances, hence the national drug policy must therefore include plans and funding for outreach programmes to the young and at risk populations for their treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration;

Concerned that the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) has been slow to recognize the vital importance of Information and Communications Technology in the fight against proliferation of drugs, given that there is no strategy for media outreach to the young and at-risk persons, or is there an easily accessible database from which the Agency can ascertain if a person arrested at a particular place on a drug offence has previously been arrested or convicted anywhere else, as such there is no way for the courts to separate first time offenders deserving of consideration from hardcore dealers rightly destined for a life in prison;

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- (iii) consider models for Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) in the prevention of drug abuse, treatment and rehabilitation of drug offenders and general fight against proliferation of drugs across the nation, and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 67/2016**).

58. Call for Production of the New International Certificate of Vaccination (Yellow Card)

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the International Certificate of Vaccination known as Yellow Card is supposed to be a proof that a person has had yellow fever vaccination and it acts as a proof before the person could enter the countries requiring proof of vaccination;

Aware that Nigeria, in 2013, launched a new International Certificate of Vaccination, but worried that three years after, the Federal Ministry of Health that was mandated to produce the new cards (Yellow Cards) has not done so, as a result of which fake yellow cards are still being issued to unsuspecting Nigerians by unscrupulous people around the nation's airports;

Concerned that as a result of this, Nigerians travelling abroad and to neighboring African countries are being subjected to ridicule with increasing global embarrassment for the country;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Health to immediately implement the decision of the National Council on Health (NCH) as follows:
 - That the Ministry should introduce Yellow Cards with advanced security features;
 - Centralize their production and distribute the cards through the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA);
 - Withdraw the old Yellow Cards within a period of six months;
- (ii) also urge the Ministry to provide Airport Health services in the nation's International Airports in order to provide on-the-spot services to Nigerians traveling abroad; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to ensure adherence, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Abdulraheem Olajide Jimoh — Lagos Mainland Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the International Certificate of Vaccination known as Yellow Card is supposed to be a proof that a person has had yellow fever vaccination and it acts as a proof before the person could enter the countries requiring proof of vaccination;

Aware that Nigeria, in 2013, launched a new International Certificate of Vaccination, but worried that three years after, the Federal Ministry of Health that was mandated to produce the new cards (Yellow Cards) has not done so, as a result of which fake yellow cards are still being issued to unsuspecting Nigerians by unscrupulous people around the nation's airports;

Concerned that as a result of this, Nigerians travelling abroad and to neighboring African countries are being subjected to ridicule with increasing global embarrassment for the country;

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- Withdraw the old Yellow Cards within a period of six months;
- (ii) also urge the Ministry to provide Airport Health services in the nation's International Airports in order to provide on-the-spot services to Nigerians traveling abroad; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to ensure adherence, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 68/2016**).

59. Urgent Need to Rehabilitate the Gazum Market in Langtang North Local Government Area of Plateau State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that on June 8, 2016, the Gazum market, which is one of the centres of economic activities in Langtang North LGA was ravaged by a windstorm which destroyed all the buildings in the market and the environs;

Aware that inhabitants of the area and other parts of Plateau South eke out a living from the market as it is the biggest and the commercial nerve centre of the Local Government Area and its destruction has rendered the people helpless and impoverished;

Concerned that if nothing is done to rehabilitate the market and the traders, the people will be plunged into unbearable economic hardship;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency, assist in providing materials for the rebuilding of the market, and provide relief materials for the victims; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Disaster and Emergency Preparedness to ensure adherence (*Hon. Beni Lar — Langtang North/Langtang South Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 69/2016).

Motion referred to Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

60. Need to Address the Challenges to a Successful Diversification of Nigeria's Economy through the Agricultural Sector

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that economic diversification is the process whereby growing range of economic outputs is produced for exports with a view to having numbers of different streams of revenue to provide a nation with sustainable growth and economic development;

Aware that diversification can be said to have achieved the desired results when it has resulted in greater influx of investors into the system, thereby increasing Government's revenue sources;

Also aware that there are local industries with capacities to encourage the diversification by converting agricultural outputs into finished goods for local consumption, as well as for export to enhance our foreign earnings;

Cognizant that it is economically risky to allow dumping of imported goods to exist along with conversion of agricultural products to consumable goods as the former will frustrate the survival of the latter;

Concerned that local industries, involved in converting agricultural raw materials into finished goods are not being protected as influx of imported materials are frustrating their survival, and has become a threat to achieving economic diversification and the expected macro-economic growth and development;

Also concerned that if the trend is not checked, the much desired diversification of Nigeria's economy will be very difficult to achieve, if not impossible;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services, and Customs and Excise to liaise with all relevant agencies with a view to reviewing the existing list of prohibited goods for importation and include items such as tomato pastes, palm oil, pepper pastes, etc. to the list (*Hon. Odeunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that economic diversification is the process whereby growing range of economic outputs is produced for exports with a view to having numbers of different streams of revenue to provide a nation with sustainable growth and economic development;

Aware that diversification can be said to have achieved the desired results when it has resulted in greater influx of investors into the system, thereby increasing Government's revenue sources;

Also aware that there are local industries with capacities to encourage the diversification by converting agricultural outputs into finished goods for local consumption, as well as for export to enhance our foreign earnings;

Cognizant that it is economically risky to allow dumping of imported goods to exist along with conversion of agricultural products to consumable goods as the former will frustrate the survival of the latter;

Concerned that local industries, involved in converting agricultural raw materials into finished goods are not being protected as influx of imported materials are frustrating their survival, and has become a threat to achieving economic diversification and the expected macro-economic growth and development;

Also concerned that if the trend is not checked, the much desired diversification of Nigeria's economy will be very difficult to achieve, if not impossible;

Revolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services, and Customs and Excise to liaise with all relevant agencies with a view to reviewing the existing list of prohibited goods for importation and include items such as tomato pastes, palm oil, pepper pastes, etc. to the list (HR. 70/2016).

61. Consideration of Reports

(a) Committee on Environment and Habitat:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Environment and Habitat on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria Act, 1973 and Re-enact the Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria Bill, 2015; and for Other Related Matters (HB.41) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency)

Question 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 FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF NIGERIA BILL, 2016; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, ETC OF THE FORESTRY RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF NIGERIA

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Establishment, etc. of the Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria.

- (1) There is established a body to be known as the Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria in this Bill referred to as "the Institute" which shall be a body corporate and charged with the performance of the following functions:

Mandates of the Institute.

- (2) The broad mandates of the institute shall be; Research, Training and Extension/Dissemination of findings.

Specific Mandates.

- (3) (a) The improvement of the genetic resources of forest trees and the ecosystem for economic development
- (b) the improvement of silvicultural practices relating to forest trees of economic importance;
- (c) the mechanisation and improvement of the methods of cultivating, harvesting, processing, domestication and biotechnological mass production of plant stocks of forest trees of economic importance;
- (d) research into the utilisation strategies of forest products, improvement of same, inclusive of forest and processed mill-wood wastes;
- (e) studying the ecology of pests and diseases of forest trees and their control;

- (f) research into the development of agro-forestry systems for the integration of forest trees of economic importance into farming systems in different ecological zones and its socio-economic effects on the rural populations;
- (h) forestry education and training; through its National and Higher National Diploma awarding Tertiary Institutions namely:
 - (i) Federal College of Forestry, Ibadan
 - (ii) Federal College of Forestry, Jos
 - (iii) Federal College of Wildlife Management, New Bussa
 - (iv) Federal College of Forestry Mechanization, Afaka
- (i) forestry extension and dissemination;
- (j) to conduct research into the biodiversity of Nigerian forests in relation to its flora and fauna;
- (k) to conduct research into the different suitable bio diversity and appropriate methods of control of ecological and environmental problems of the country in respect to desertification, soil erosion and deforestation; inclusive of the conservation, protection and management of the coastal mangrove, watershed and sand-dunes;
- (l) to conduct research into the appropriate application of remote sensing and geographical information systems (GIS) for climate change monitoring and adaptation as well as dendrology studies;
- (m) making suitable arrangements for the application of the results of the research work as per sub-paragraph (i) above by the Federal and State ministries, agencies and the private sector for the economic development of Nigeria;
- (n) co-operating with relevant Nigerian and International Universities, Research Institutes and other institutions in the mobilisation of the country's research potential on Forestry for the task of national development and dissemination of research findings on the issues relating to Forestry for the use of policy makers at all levels and
- (o) doing anything and entering into all professional transaction that will enhance proper discharge of its functions (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Powers of the Institute.

- (a) The Institute shall have perpetual succession and a common seal which shall be kept in such custody as the Institute may from time to time authorise.
- (b) The Institute may sue and be sued in its corporate name and may hold, acquire and dispose of any property movable or immovable.

- (c) The Institute may with the approval of its supervising Ministry/Board enter into association/agreement with the competent authorities of any university or other institution of higher learning or recognized international institutions for the purpose of promoting or furthering mutual co-operation in the field of scientific research in respect of which the Board has responsibility under this Order.
- (d) The Institute may, at the written request of any government agency, local government authority or private body, etc. and if the institute have resources to meet such request, train laboratory, Field Ecology extension and other categories or descriptions of workers relative to their specified fields of research for such government agency, local government authority or private body.
- (e) Without prejudice to the specified research function of the Institute, the Institute shall produce improved seedlings and other planting materials primarily for their research and experimental programmes but may, for the purpose of advancing or disseminating the results of their researches, make available for distribution to farmers the improved seedlings and planting materials.
- (f) The Institute shall, when so requested by any government in the Federation, government agency, local government authority or any authorized body, provide information or give advice relating to their specified fields of research to such government, government agency, local government authority or authorized body (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: Governing Board of the Institute >

- (1) There shall be for the Institute, a governing body (herein referred to as the Board) which shall be charged with the administration of government policies.

Membership of the Board.

- (2) The Board shall be appointed by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria/Representative and shall consist of the following members:
 - (a) six persons, one of whom shall be the chairman, knowledgeable in Forestry and or related disciplines appointed by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on recommendation of the Minister and be evenly distributed among the geopolitical zones of the federation;
 - (b) a representative of the Ecological Funds Office;
 - (c) a representative of the supervising Ministry charged with the supervision of forestry matters;
 - (d) the Director-General of the Institute;

- (e) the Director General of the Institute shall be the Secretary to the Board;
- (f) without prejudice to the foregoing provisions, the minister may appoint any person to act as acting Chairman or member of the board of the Institute during the long absence or temporary incapacity by illness or other cause of the Chairman or a member and a person so appointed shall, while the appointment subsists, have the same powers as are exercisable by the Chairman or member;
- (g) any member of the Board may resign his appointment by a letter addressed to the Minister, and if accepted, the resignation shall take effect from the date the minister receives the letter of resignation.

Tenure of Office.

- (3) Members of the Board shall unless otherwise provided hold office for a term of four years and may be eligible for the appointment for another four years and no more (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 3 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: Powers of the Governing Board.

The Governing Board shall have the powers to —

- (a) perform all functions conferred on the Institute by this Bill;
- (b) formulate policies for the Institute;
- (c) make rules to govern the procedures of its meetings (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 4 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 5: The Director General of the Institute.

- (1) There shall be a Director-General of the Institute who shall be appointed by the president on the recommendation of the Minister.
- (2) The Director-General shall be —
 - (a) a Research Professor/Director with vast experience in Forestry related disciplines;
 - (b) charged with the day to day management of the affairs of the Institute in accordance with such instructions as may from time to time be given to him by the Minister through the Governing Board of the Institute;
 - (c) the Accounting Officer of the Institute;

Tenure of office of the Director-General.

- (3) The Director-General of the Institute shall hold office for a period of four years in the first instance and may be re-appointed for a further period of four years and no more on such terms and conditions as are contained in his letter of employment.

Staff of the Institute.

- (4) The Board may appoint such other persons as employees of the Institute either by way of transfer or secondment from any of the public services or any University in the Federation or otherwise, howsoever as it considers necessary.
- (5) The Institute shall operate Research Professorial Cadre system for Researchers/Lecturers and Directorate equivalent system for support services staff such as: The Institute's Secretary for Administration Cadre System, The Institute's Librarians for Library Cadre system, The Institute's Accountant for the Account and Finance Cadre System, The Institute's Auditor for the Audit Cadre System and The Head of Procurement for the Procurement Cadre System.

Remuneration.

- (6) The remuneration, conditions of service, and tenure of office of the employees of the Institute shall be determined by the National Income, Salaries and Wages Commission and the Federal Civil Service Commission (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 5 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 6: The Provost.**

- (1) There shall be a Provost, for the Colleges of the Institute who shall be appointed by the Minister on the recommendation of the Governing Board.
- (2) The Provost shall be:
- (a) a Ph.D. holder and must possess a minimum experience as a Senior Lecturer in the field of forestry related disciplines;
 - (b) charged with the day to day management of the Colleges in accordance with such instructions as may from time to time be given to him by the Governing Board and/or the Director General of the institute:
 - (i) design research programmes, the formulation and implementation of research proposals relevant to the Institute;
 - (ii) coordination of Training programmes/research and provisions of intellectual leadership;
 - (iii) collation and interpretation of research data and the preparation of scientific reports;
 - (iv) preparation of annual and quarterly reports in respect of his college;

- (v) responsibility for college development programmes and planning;
- (3) Provost shall hold office for a non-renewable period of 5 years.
- (4) The governing board shall also recommend the removal of the Provost to the Minister if found incompetent or incapacitated (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 6 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART 2 — PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 7: Professional Discipline.

Every Staff shall acquaint him/herself with the disciplinary procedure as entrenched in the Public Service Rules, and any other regulations as may be made by the Board from time to time (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 7 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 8: Penalties for Unprofessional Conduct.

Where —

- (a) a Staff is judged to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect; or
- (b) a Staff is found to have contravened provisions of extant Public Service Rules; or
- (c) a Staff that contravene directives issued in government circulars from the supervising Ministry, Federal Civil Service Commission, Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Office of the Head of Service and other Federal Government offices with authority to issue circulars and directives, shall be subjected to disciplinary measures in consonance with the regulations contained therein (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 8 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART 3 — MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 9: Provision of library.

The Institute shall —

- (a) provide and maintain a library comprising of books and publications for the advancement of knowledge of Forestry, and such other books and publications as the Board may think necessary for the purpose;

Research.

- (b) encourage research into Forestry and allied subjects to the extent that the Board may, from time to time, consider necessary (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 9 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 10: Rules and Regulations.**

- (1) The Minister shall have powers to make rules and regulations under this Bill.
- (2) Regulations made under this Bill shall be published in the Federal Gazette as soon as they are made.
- (3) Rules made for the purposes of this Bill (other than Rules made by the Minister) shall be subject to confirmation by the Institute at its next Annual Farming Systems meeting or at any special meeting of the Institute convened for the purpose, and if not confirmed shall cease to have effect on the day after the date of the confirmation but without prejudice to anything done in pursuance or intended pursuance of any such rules (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 10 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 11: Offences.**

- (1) If any Staff for the purpose of procuring the registration of any name, qualification or other matter:
- (a) makes a statement which he believes to be false in a particular matter; or
- (b) recklessly makes a statement which is false in a particular matter, shall be guilty of an offence.
- (2) If a member or any other person employed by or on behalf of the Institute wilfully makes any falsification on any matter, he/she shall be guilty of an offence.
- (3) Any Staff found guilty of an offence under this section shall, after being found guilty by properly constituted Disciplinary Committee, be subjected to relevant punishment stipulated under the Public Service Rule (Discipline) (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 11 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 12: Funds of the Institute.**

- (1) The Institute shall maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the carrying out of its functions.

- (2) The Institute shall generate internal revenue, which shall be shared at the ratio of 75% - 25% for the Institute and Government respectively. The 75% share for the Institute shall be expended on areas that would promote the Institute's mandates.
- (3) There shall be paid and credited into the fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section —
 - (i) all fees and other monies payable to the Institute in pursuance of this Bill;
 - (ii) all grants, aids, loans and solicited funds received for the Institute;
 - (iii) proceeds from programmes/activities;
 - (iv) money borrowed from time to time for the purpose of executing programmes of the Institute;
 - (v) Proceeds from any investment in securities created or issued by or on behalf of the Government of the Federation or any other securities in Nigeria approved by the Board.
- (4) There shall be paid out of the fund —
 - (a) all expenditure incurred by the Institute in the discharge of its functions under the Bill;
 - (b) any interest payable on monies borrowed for the activities of the Institute;
 - (c) such reasonable traveling and subsistence allowances of the Board, Director General and Staff members in respect of time spent on the duties of the Institute as may be determined by Board/guidelines.
- (5) The Board/Management shall ensure that proper records of income and expenditure of the Institute are kept in respect of each year and accounts audited by registered external auditors shall be submitted to the Auditor General of the Federation each year (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 12 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 13: Bank Accounts of the Institute.

- (1) The Institute shall maintain Bank Account(s) in its name in banks approved by the Board.
- (2) Any funds of the Institute in excess of an imprest to be determined by the Board shall be lodged into the Institute's account (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 14: Repeal, Savings and Transitional Provision.**

- (1) Sections 1 (1) (b) and 3 of the Research Institutes (Establishment, etc.) Order 1975 of Agricultural Research Institute Act, 1973 is repealed.
- (2) Any Statutory functions, right, liability, interest and obligation existing in the Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria before the commencement of this Bill shall by virtue of this Bill be deemed to have been assigned and vested in the Institute after the commencement of this Bill;
- (3) All assets, funds, resources and other property which before the commencement of this Bill were vested in the Institute shall by virtue of this Bill be deemed to have been assigned and vested in the Institute after the commencement of this Bill (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 14 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 15: Seal of the Institute.**

The seal of the Institute shall not be affixed on any instrument except with the authority of the Director General (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 16: Interpretation.**

In this Bill —

"Board" or "Board under this Bill" means the Board established as the governing body of the Institute under the section 3 of this Bill (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Board" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Director General" means the Director General appointed pursuant to section 5 of this Bill (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Director-General" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Institute" means the Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria established under this Bill (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Institute" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Colleges" means the Federal Colleges of the Institute under this Bill (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "College" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Member" means Member of the Institute (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Member" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Minister" means the Minister charged with the responsibility of handling forestry matters (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Minister" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Supervising Ministry" means the Ministry charged with the responsibility of handling Forestry matters (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Supervising Ministry" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 16 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 17: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 17 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE

(Sections 3, 4,5)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD AND THE INSTITUTE

Qualifications and Tenure of Office of members

1. (i) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a member of the Board shall hold office from the effective date of the instrument of his/her appointment, or of his/her appointment, as the case may be.
- (ii) Any member of the Institute who ceases to be a member thereof shall if he is also a member of the Board, cease to hold office on the Board.

Powers of the Board

2. The Board shall have powers to do anything which in its opinion is calculated to facilitate the carrying-on of the activities of the Institute as stipulated in the Bill.

Proceedings of the Board

3. (i) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Board may in the name of the Institute make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Institute or of the Board, and in the exercise of its powers under this Bill, may set up Committees in the general interest of the Institute and make standing orders therefor.

- (ii) Standing orders shall provide for decisions to be taken by a majority of the members, and in the event of equality of votes, the Chairman as the case may be has a second or casting vote.
- (iii) Standing orders made for a Committee shall provide that the Committee is to report back to the Board on any matter not within its competence to decide.
- (iv) The quorum of the Board shall be four; and the quorum of a Committee of the Board shall be fixed by the Board

Committees

- 4. (i) The Institute may appoint one or more standing or *Ad-hoc* Committees to carry out on its behalf such of its functions as it may determine.
- (ii) A Committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons as may be determined by the Institute; and a person other than a member of the Institute shall hold office on the Committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment
- (iii) A decision of a Committee of the Institute shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Institute.

Meetings

(a) Of the Institute

- 5. The Board shall convene the Annual Farming Systems meeting of the Institute every year or on such other date as the Board may from time to time appoint, so however that if the meeting is not held within one year after the previous annual meeting, not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the respective dates of the two meetings.

(b) Meetings of the Board

- 6. (i) The Board shall meet not less than twice in any financial year, and subject to the provisions of any standing orders of the Board, it shall meet at other times as it is summoned by the Chairman; and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice in writing given to him by not less than four other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within seven days from the date on which notice is given.
- (ii) At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman shall preside but in his absence, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their numbers to preside at that meeting.
- (iii) Where the Board decides to obtain advice of any person on a particular matter, the Board may co-opt him as a member for such period as the Board thinks fit but a person who is a member by virtue of this sub- paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count towards a quorum.
- (iv) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the first meeting of the Board shall be convened by the Minister, who may give such directions as deem fit as to the procedure which shall be followed by the Board.

Miscellaneous

7. The fixing of the seal of the Institute shall be authenticated by:
- (i) the Director General of the Institute or officer authorized by the Institute to act in his place for this purpose.
 - (ii) any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal may be made or executed on behalf of the Institute or of the Board as the case may require, by any person generally or specially authorised to Act for that purpose by the Board.
 - (iii) any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Institute shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.
8. The validity of any proceedings of the Institute or of the Board or of a Committee of the Board shall not be affected by any vacancy in membership, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Institute or of the Board or of a person to serve on the Committee, or by reason that a person not so entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.
9. Any members of the Institute or of the Board, and any person holding office on a Committee of the Board, who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement being entered into or proposed to be considered by the Board or any committee thereof, shall forthwith declare and disclose his interest in such contract or arrangement to the Board/Management and shall be disqualified to vote on any question relating to such contract or arrangement (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the provisions of the Schedule stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Forest Research Institute of Nigeria Bill, 2016; and for Other Related Matters Connected Therewith (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the Long Title stand 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 of the Committee on Environment and Habitat on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria Act, 1973 and Re-enact the Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria Bill, 2015; and for Other Related Matters (HB.41) and approved Clauses 1 - 17, the Schedule, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (b) **Committee on Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees and Initiatives on North-East Zone:** Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider 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) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Muhammed Sani Zorro -- Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tanker/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question 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 NORTH-EAST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY AMONG OTHER THINGS TO RECEIVE AND MANAGE FUND FROM ALLOCATION OF THE FEDERATION ACCOUNT AND INTERNATIONAL DONORS FOR THE RESETTLEMENT, REHABILITATION, INTEGRATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS, HOUSES AND BUSINESS PREMISES OF VICTIMS OF INSURGENCY AND TERRORISM AS WELL AS TACKLING MENACE OF POVERTY, LITERACY LEVEL, ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS AND ANY OTHER RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL CHALLENGES IN THE NORTH EAST STATES AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF NORTH EAST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Establishment of North East Development Commission.

- (1) There is established a Commission to be known as North East Development Commission (in this Bill referred to as "the Commission"). The Commission shall have its headquarters in Maiduguri, Borno State and shall establish an office in each member state of the North-East and any other location that the Board may deem appropriate.
- (2) The Commission shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue or be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Establishment of the Commission Board.

- (1) There is established for the Commission, a body to be known as the Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board").
- (2) The Board shall consist of:
 - (a) the Chairman;
 - (b) the Managing Director/Chief Executive;
 - (c) three (3) Nos. Executive Directors or one from each member state not being represented by the Chairman, the Managing Director/Chief Executive and the representative of the North-East Zone. The Executive Directors shall be:
 - (i) Executive Director (Administration and Finance),

- (ii) Executive Director, Humanitarian Affairs,
- (iii) Executive Director Operations;
- (d) one person to represent the other 5 geopolitical zones of the country listed below —
 - (i) North Central,
 - (ii) North West,
 - (iii) South East,
 - (iv) South-South,
 - (v) South West.
- (e) one person to represent the —
 - (i) Federal Ministry of Finance,
 - (ii) Ministry of Budget and National Planning,
 - (iii) at no time should any member state within the North-East Zone have two members on the board.
- (3) The Chairman and other members of the Board shall—
 - (a) be appointed by the President, subject to the confirmation of the Senate in consultation with the House of Representatives.
- (4) The Chairman and members of the Board referred in items (i)-(v), i.e. representing the geo-political zones shall be part-time members.
 - (a) be persons of proven integrity and ability.
- (5) The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and the other matters contained therein (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: Tenure of office.

Subject to the provisions of Clause 4 of this Bill, a member of the Board, other than an *ex-officio* member, shall hold office for a term of 4 years at the first instance and may be re-appointed for a further term of 4 years and no more (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 3 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: Rotation of office of Chairman.

The office of the Board Chairman, Managing Director/Chief Executive Office; the Executive Director (Administration & Finance), Executive Director (Humanitarian

Affairs), Executive Director (Operations), and member, representing the North-East Zone shall rotate among the member states of the Commission in the order set out in the Second Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 4 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 5: Resignation, cessation or removal from membership of the Board.

- (1) The members of the Board referred to in Section 2 (2) (a) to (d) may resign their appointments by notice in writing addressed to the President.
- (2) A member of the Board may cease membership if the member —
 - (a) becomes of unsound mind;
 - (b) becomes bankrupt;
 - (c) is convicted of a felony or of any offence involving dishonesty; and
 - (d) is guilty of serious misconduct in relation to the office.
- (3) A member of the Board other than ex-officio member may resign his or her appointment by notice, in writing to the President which resignation shall take effect upon receipt and approval by the President.
- (4) Where vacancy exists in the membership of the Board, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of a person representing the area where the vacancy exists, to complete the remainder of the term of office of the predecessor (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 5 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 6: Remunerations and Allowances.

There shall be paid to every member of the Board such remunerations, allowances and expenses as the Federal Government may, from time to time direct (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 6 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART II — FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSION

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 7: Functions and Powers of the Commission.

- (1) The Commission shall —
 - (a) formulate policies and guidelines for intervention in the development of the North-East states.

- (b) cause the North-East Zone to be surveyed in order to ascertain the extent of loss/destruction and embark upon measures that are necessary for proper planning and implementation of physical and socio-economic reconstruction of the Zone. The survey shall include:
 - (i) determine/ascertain persons who were killed/missing and the details of their dependents;
 - (ii) detailed account of destruction and valuation of infrastructure and assets destroyed;
 - (iii) requirements for rehabilitation and reconstruction of infrastructure (roads, bridges, etc.), institutions (schools, hospitals, palaces, homes, places of worship, etc.);
 - (iv) requirements for recapitalization of businesses and empowerment schemes for poverty alleviation;
 - (v) requirements for reactivation of health, nutrition, agriculture, education and welfare services;
 - (vi) requirements for the re-orientation of youth and out of school children including modernization of schools and 'almajiri' education.
 - (vii) peace and conflict assessment to determine the root causes and impact of the crises; and the factors inhibiting reconciliation and peaceful co-existence.
- (c) to develop master plan based on the needs assessment of the Zone to be known as the North East Stabilization and Development Master Plan; the Master Plan shall contain programmes and schemes that promote and facilitate the physical and socio-economic development of the North East Zone; and it shall contain estimates of the time and costs of implementing such programmes and schemes;
- (d) coordinate in accordance with set rules and regulations, projects and programmes within the Master Plan for the rehabilitation, resettlement, reconciliation, reconstruction and sustainable development of the North East Zone in the fields of infrastructure, human and social services including health and nutrition, education and water supply, agriculture, wealth creation and employment opportunities, urban and rural development, and poverty alleviation;
- (e) liaise with Federal Ministries, Departments and Agencies, States and Development Partners on the implementation of all measures approved in the Master Plan for the stabilization and development of the North East Zone by the Federal Government;
- (f) subject to the approval of the Federal Government and appropriation by the National Assembly, implement programs and schemes contained in the Master Plan but not captured by Federal Ministries, Departments and Agencies, State Governments and Development Partners;

- (g) identify factors inhibiting the development of the North East Zone and assist member states and other stakeholders in the formulation of policies to ensure sound and efficient management of the resources of the Zone;
 - (h) assess and report on any project being funded or carried out in the North East Zone by any Federal Ministry, Department and Agency or company that has an agreement with the Federal Government; and ensure that funds released for such projects are properly utilized;
 - (i) liaise with other stakeholders on the tackling of humanitarian, ecological and environmental problems and degradation that arise from natural causes, the insurgency and industrial activities in the North East Zone;
 - (j) liaise with various industries and companies within the Zone on all matters of pollution prevention and control; and environmental disaster management;
 - (k) seek humanitarian, human, material, technical and financial support from development partners (local/international) and Non-Governmental Organizations with a view to developing the North East Zone;
 - (l) interface with development partners (local/international) and Non-Governmental Organizations to ensure synergy with other stakeholders in line with the Master Plan;
- (2) Coordinate civil-military confidence building and stabilization measures and also activities that lie within the civil-military interface especially before, during and after military and security operations;
 - (3) Act as the focal point to coordinate and harmonize all other intervention programs and initiatives that the federal government is involved with in the North East Zone;
 - (4) Coordinate such other works and perform such other functions, which in the opinion of the Commission are required for the sustainable development of the North East Zone;
 - (5) In exercising the powers and functions under this section the Commission shall liaise with other stakeholders that are active in the Zone;
 - (6) The Commission shall be subject to the direction, control or supervision in the performance of its functions under this Bill by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 7 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 8: Powers of the Commission.

The Board shall have power to:

- (a) manage and supervise affairs of the Commission;

- (b) make rules and regulations for carrying out the functions of the Commission;
- (c) enter and inspect premises, projects and such places as may be necessary for the purposes of carrying out its functions under this Bill;
- (d) pay the staff of the Commission such remuneration and allowances as appropriate;
- (e) enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for the discharge of its functions and ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Commission;
- (f) make regulations for the employment, promotion, discipline of staff of the Commission by approving proposed Human Resources Manuals;
- (g) pay to persons so employed such remuneration, including allowances, as the Board may determine; and
- (h) do such other things as are necessary and expedient for the efficient performance of the functions of the Commission (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 8 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART III — STRUCTURE OF THE COMMISSION

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 9: Structure of the Commission.

- (1) There shall be established at the head office of the Commission the following departments —
 - (a) Administration and Human Resources;
 - (b) Humanitarian Services (the Humanitarian Services Department would be responsible for Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reunification of families and communities of IDPs, Refugees and Returnees. It would also be responsible for Missing Persons. It may be divided into the following: IDP, Refugees, Returnees and Mission Persons Division/Unit; Social Safety Net Programs Division/Unit; Women and Youth Affairs Division/Unit;
 - (c) Technical Services (the Technical Services Department shall be responsible for the reconstruction and development of critical facilities and infrastructure for engineering projects (roads, bridges, etc.), community and rural development (town halls etc), commercial and industrial development (markets and industrial layouts, etc.), ecological and environmental protection, humanitarian facilities (camps), agricultural infrastructure (irrigation, etc.). The Board may divide the Department into Divisions/Units.
 - (d) Planning, Research and Statistics;
 - (e) Finance;
 - (f) Legal and Corporate Services;

- (g) Communications and Management Information Systems; and
- (h) Audit.
- (2) There shall be following Unit which shall be under relevant department:
 - (a) Projects Monitoring and Supervision.
- (3) The Board may create, increase or decrease the number of departments, divisions and units as it may deem necessary and expedient to facilitate the realization of the objectives of the Commission (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 9 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 10: Management Committee.

- (1) There shall be for the Commission a Management Committee which shall consist of —
 - (a) a Managing Director/Managing Director; and the Directors responsible for the Department established under Clause 9 of this Bill and
 - (b) such number of other members as may be determined from time to time by the Board
- (2) The Management Committee shall be responsible to the Board for the general administration of the Commission (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 10 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 11: Advisory Committee of the Commission.

- (1) There is established for the Commission a North East Development Advisory Committee (in this Act referred to as "the Advisory Committee") which shall consist of —
 - (a) the Governors of the member States of the Commission; and
 - (b) two other persons as may be determined, from time to time, by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (2) The Advisory Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of advising the Board and monitoring the activities of the Commission, with a view to achieving the objective of the Commission.
- (3) The Advisory Committee may make rules regulating its own affairs.

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 11 (Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency) — Agreed to.

PART IV — STAFF OF THE COMMISSION

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 12: Staff of the Commission.**

- (1) There shall be for the Commission a Managing Director/Chief Executive who shall be an indigene of the North East and shall rotate among the member States in accordance with the order set out in the Second Schedule, Column B to this Bill and who shall —
 - (a) be the chief executive and accounting officer of the Commission;
 - (b) be appointed by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and confirmed by the Senate in consultation with House of Representatives; and
 - (c) hold office on such terms and conditions as to emolument, conditions of service as may be specified in his letter of appointment and subject to the provision of Clause 3 of this Bill.
- (2) The Managing Director/Chief Executive shall, subject to the general direction of the Board, be responsible —
 - (a) for the day to day administration of the Commission;
 - (b) for keeping the books and Proper records of the proceedings of the Board, and
 - (c) for the —
 - (i) administration of the secretariat of the Board, and
 - (ii) general direction and control of all other employees of the Commission (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 12 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 13: Pension Reform Act, No. 2 of 2004.**

- (1) Service in the Commission shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pensions Reform Act.
- (2) Nothing in sub-clause (1) of this Clause shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of pension and gratuity in respect of that office.
- (3) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the Pensions Act, any power exercisable there under by the Minister or other authority of the Government of the Federation, other than the power to make regulations under Clause 23 thereof is vested in and shall be exercisable by the Commission, and not by any other person or authority (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 14: Funds of the Commission.**

- (1) The Commission shall establish and maintain a fund from which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Commission.
- (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established pursuant to sub-clause (1) of this Clause —
 - (a) from the Federal Government, the equivalent of 15 percent of the total monthly statutory allocations due to member States of the Commission from the Federation Account; this being the contribution of the Federal Government to the Commission;
 - (b) 3 percent of the total annual budget of any Solid mineral extracting mining company operating in the North East States, including Agricultural processing companies;
 - (c) 25 percent of monies due to member States of the Commission from the Ecological Fund,
 - (d) such monies as may from time to time, be granted or lent to or deposited with the Commission by the Federal or a State Government, any other body or institution whether local or foreign;
 - (e) all moneys raised for the purposes of the Commission by way of gifts, loan, grants-in-aid, testamentary disposition or otherwise;
 - (f) proceeds from all other assets that may, from time to time, accrue to the Commission;
 - (g) 15% cost of Mining Lease/License granted by the Federal Government for mining within member States.
 - (h) budgetary allocation from the Federal Government made to the Commission.
 - (i) royalties on mining areas in the member States.
- (3) The fund shall be managed in accordance extant rules governing public finance (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 14 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 15: Application of the Commission funds.**

- (1) The Commission shall apply the proceeds of the fund established pursuant to Clause 14 of this Bill to —
 - (a) the cost of administration of the Commission;

- (b) the payment of salaries, fees, remuneration, allowances, pensions and gratuities payable to the members of the Board specified in Clause 6 of this Bill or any committee of the Board and the employees of the Commission;
 - (c) the payment for all contracts, including mobilisation, fluctuations, variations, legal fees and cost on contract administration;
 - (d) the payment for all purchases; and
 - (e) undertaking such other activities as are connected with all or any of the Functions of the Commission under this Bill.
- (2) The Commission may accept gifts of land, money, or other property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization making the gift.
 - (3) The Commission shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person or organization making the gift are inconsistent with, the functions of the Commission under this Bill
 - (4) The Commission may borrow money from financial organizations or other institutions for the purpose of executing its mandate under this Act, subject to the approval of the Board (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 15 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 16: Annual Estimate and Expenditure.

- (1) The Board shall, not later than 30th September in each year, submit to the National Assembly through the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Commission during the next succeeding year for approval.
- (2) The Board shall cause to be kept proper accounts of the Commission in respect of each year and proper records in relation thereto and shall cause the accounts to be audited not later than 6 months after the end of each year by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 16 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 17: Submission of Report.

- (1) The Commission shall submit to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria report on the activities and administration of the Commission.
- (2) The Board shall prepare and submit to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, not Later than 30th June in each year, a report in such form as the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria may direct on the activities of the Commission during the immediately preceding year, and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the Commission for that year and the Auditor's report thereon.

- (3) The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall, upon receipt of the report referred to in subclause (1) of this Clause, cause a copy of the report and the audited accounts of the Commission and the auditor's report thereon to be submitted to each House of the National Assembly (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 17 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART VI — MISCELLANEOUS

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 18: Monitoring Committee.

The Monitoring Committee shall have access to the books of account and other records of the Commission at all times, and submit periodical reports to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 18 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 19: Offices and premises of the Commission.

- (1) For the purposes of providing offices and premises necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill, the Commission may, subject to the Land Use Act —
- (a) purchase or take on lease any interest in land, or other property; and
 - (b) construct offices and premises and equip and maintain same.
- (2) The Commission may, subject to the Land Use Act, sell or lease out any office or premises held by it, which office or premises is no longer required for the performance of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 19 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 20: President Directives.

Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, may give to the Commission directives of a general nature or relating generally to matters of Policy with regard to the performance by the Commission of its functions and it shall be the duty of the Commission to comply with the directives (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 20 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 21: Public Officer Protection Act, Cap. P41, LFN, 2004.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the provisions of the Public Officers Protection Act shall apply in relation to any suit instituted Against any officer or employee of The Commission.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law or enactment, no suit shall lie against any member of the Board, the Managing Director or any other officer or employee of the Commission for any act done in pursuance

or execution of this Bill or any other law or enactment, or of any public duty or authority or in respect of any alleged neglect or default in the execution of this Bill or such law or enactment, duty or authority, shall lie or be instituted in any court unless —

- (a) it is commenced within three months next after the act, neglect or default complained of; or
 - (b) in the case of a continuation of damage or injury, within six months next after the ceasing thereof.
- (3) No suit shall be commenced against the Commission before the expiration of a period of one month after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served upon the Commission by the intending plaintiff or his/her agent and the notice shall clearly and explicitly state the cause of action, the particulars of the claim, the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff and the relief sought (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 21 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 22: Services of Notice, Summons and other Documents.

A notice, summons or other Document required or authorized to be served upon the Commission under the provisions of this Bill or any other law or enactment may be served by delivering it to the Managing Director or by sending it by registered post and addressed to the Managing Director at the principal office of the Commission (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 22 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 23: Payment of Judgment debts.

- (1) In any action or suit against the Commission, no execution or attachment of process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the Commission
- (2) Any sum of money which may by the judgment of any court be awarded against the Commission shall, subject to any direction given by court where notice of appeal of the said judgment has been given, be paid from the general reserve fund of the Commission (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 23 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 24: Indemnity of Staff.

A member of the Board, the Managing Director, any officer or employee of the Commission shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Commission against any proceeding, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his favor or in which he is acquitted, if any such proceeding is brought against him in his capacity as a member of the Board, the Managing Director, officer or employee of the Commission (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 24 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 25: Regulations.**

The Commission may, with the approval of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, make regulations, generally for the purposes of giving full effect to this Bill (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 25 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 26: Interpretation.**

In this Bill —

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Chairman" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Commission" means the North East Development Commission established by Clause 1 of this Bill "Board" means the governing Board established for the Commission under Clause 2 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Commission" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Management Committee" includes the Chairman, Managing Director, Executive Directors and Directors (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Management Committee" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Member States" include Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba and Yobe (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Member States" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 26 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 27: Citation.**

This Bill may be cited as the North East Development Commission Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 27 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE IN RELATION TO CLAUSES 4 AND 12 (1) OF THIS NEDC BILL

<i>Board Chairman</i>	<i>Managing Director/CEO</i>	<i>Executive Director, Humanitarian Affairs</i>	<i>Executive Director, Administration and Finance</i>	<i>Executive Director Operations</i>	<i>Board Member, North East</i>
Adamawa	Borno	Bauchi	Yobe	Gombe	Taraba
Yobe	Gombe	Taraba	Bauchi	Adamawa	Borno
Bauchi	Taraba	Borno	Adamawa	Yobe	Gombe
Taraba	Yobe	Gombe	Borno	Bauchi	Adamawa
Borno	Bauchi	Adamawa	Gombe	Taraba	Yobe
Gombe	Adamawa	Yobe	Taraba	Borno	Bauchi

(Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency).

Question that the provisions of the Schedule stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish North-East Development Commission Charged with the Responsibility among Other Things to Receive and Manage Fund from Allocation of the Federation Account and International Donors for the Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Integration and Reconstruction of Roads, Houses and Business Premises of Victims of Insurgency and Terrorism as well as Tackling Menace of Poverty, Literacy Level, Ecological Problems and any Other Related Environmental or Developmental Challenges in the North East States and for Other Related Matters *(Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency).*

Question that the Long Title stand 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 of the Committee on Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees and Initiatives on North-East Zone on a Bill for an Act to Establish North-East Development Commission Charged with the Responsibility among Other Things to Receive and Manage Fund from Allocation of the Federation Account and International Donors for the Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Integration and Reconstruction of Roads, Houses and Business Premises of Victims of Insurgency and Terrorism as well as Tackling Menace of Poverty, Literacy Level, Ecological Problems and any Other Related Environmental or Developmental Challenges in the North East States and for Other Related Matters (HB. 158) and approved Clauses 1 - 10, rejected Clause 11, approved Clauses 12 - 27, the Schedule and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish North-East Development Commission Charged with the Responsibility among Other Things to Receive and Manage Fund from Allocation of the Federation Account and International Donors for the Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Integration and Reconstruction of Roads, Houses and Business Premises of Victims of Insurgency and Terrorism as well as Tackling Menace of Poverty, Literacy Level, Ecological Problems and any Other Related Environmental or Developmental Challenges in the North East States and for Other Related Matters (HB. 158) be now read the Third Reading, pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 10 (1) *(Hon. Okeke Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency) — Agreed to.*

A Bill for an Act to Establish North-East Development Commission Charged with the Responsibility among Other Things to Receive and Manage Fund from Allocation of the Federation Account and International Donors for the Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Integration and Reconstruction of Roads, Houses and Business Premises of Victims of Insurgency and Terrorism as well as Tackling Menace of Poverty, Literacy Level, Ecological Problems and any Other Related Environmental or Developmental Challenges in the North East States and for Other Related Matters (HB. 158) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Establish North-East Development Commission Charged with the Responsibility among Other Things to Receive and Manage Fund from Allocation of the Federation Account and International Donors for the Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Integration and Reconstruction of Roads, Houses and Business Premises of Victims of Insurgency and Terrorism as well as Tackling Menace of Poverty, Literacy Level, Ecological Problems and any Other Related Environmental or Developmental Challenges in the North East States and for Other Related Matters (HB. 158) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Jibril Umar Buba — Deputy House Leader*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time, and passed.

(c) Committee on Power:

Motion made and Question proposed. "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" (*Hon. Daniel Asuquo — Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency*).

Question 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):

"That the immediate past NERC Commissioners should be paid their remuneration packages in accordance with Section 42 (1) (a) of the Electric Power Sector Reform (EPSR) Act and in line with the Presidential approval of November, 2006. However, the statutory position of the remuneration of future Commissioners must be determined with respect to the standards set for such Agencies by the National Salaries, Income and Wages Commission (NSIWC) and Pension Commission of Nigeria (PENCOM), to avoid the ambiguities of the past" (*Hon. Daniel Asuquo — Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In line 2, immediately after the word "Act", *leave out* the words "and in line with the Presidential approval of November, 2006" (*Hon. Abdul-Malik Zubairu — Bungudu/Maru Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Recommendation (i) as amended, stand part of the Report — Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"That NERC must be compelled to monitor the activities of the successor companies for proper enforcement of regulations and performance agreements. They should establish full-proof internal control systems in order to optimize business processes with transparent reporting standards and enforcement of compliance to NERC regulatory operational procedures and guidelines. Internally, NERC should automate the tariff computation platform and ensure that all the parameters are appropriately dimensioned according to the rules of tariff computation" (*Hon. Daniel Asuquo — Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

"That NERC has failed to enforce its authority as a regulator by applying appropriate penalties and sanctions to defaults by market participants. This has resulted in laxity in compliance with the rules, regulations and orders instituted by the Agency. NERC regulation of market participants must be on real-time basis rather than periodic request for information. Responsible supervisory officers must be assigned and charged with the task of ensuring compliance" (*Hon. Daniel Asuquo — Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):

"That the Tariff platform must be automated immediately in order to correct the anomalies in the parameters and assumptions in deriving the tariff. Electricity tariff reviews must be in accordance with statutory provisions and consultations with all stakeholders. Consumer protection is very important, both on pricing and service delivery. The Electricity tariff framework must be automated and made full-proof of human manipulation" (*Hon. Daniel Asuquo — Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (v):

"That the House should mandate NERC to conduct a retroactive forensic audit and investigation of electricity delivered, invoiced, revenue collected and settlements made to the market participants from October 1, 2013 to date. This exercise would unveil the leakages and the culprits would be required to refund misappropriated funds" (*Hon. Daniel Asuquo — Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (vi):

"That the System Operator and Market Operator roles must be merged and licensed immediately to become the Independent System Operator (ISO) as provided by Section 25 (b) of the Electric Power Sector Reform (EPSR) Act. The ISO is the "engine room" of the Power Committee Report on NERC ₦2.7b Severance Package and Regulatory Activities electricity market and must be well constituted and equipped to perform its core functions as stated in the Act" (*Hon. Daniel Asuquo — Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (vii):

"That the Management Contract with MHI is not yielding the desired result, the contract of MHI must be terminated when it expires in June 2016. Meanwhile, adequate succession planning must be put in place with the effective establishment of the System Operator (SO) and the Transmission Service Provider (TSP) as provided by Section 25 of the EPSR Act. The Act does not provide for

the existence of a Transmission Company of Nigeria after the dis-integration of the SO and the TSP" (*Hon. Daniel Asuquo — Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (viii):

"That Insurgency attacks on economic assets have been rampant in recent years, particularly in the restive South-South zone. Failure to curb the attacks, appear to be due to the fact that the security forces have been more reactive than proactive. A robust decision support technology platform will have to be deployed that will serve as the repository for the network of pipeline infrastructure. The system will be a custom geospatial database monitored by a SCADA dashboard situated at the National Control Center (NCC). This system provides potential impacts of disruption and enables rapid access to the incident location. This could be integrated with a drone device for surveillance to guide the on-ground security in tracking the economic saboteurs:

- (a) the second level of security could be imaginary perimeter electrocuting cables along the pipeline and transmission grid particularly in mangrove areas susceptible to attacks;
- (b) the third level of security would be armed Civil Defence or Navy Operatives upon receiving incident signals and coordinates from the NCC. Proactive rapid response is achievable in potential impacts of disruption" (*Hon. Daniel Asuquo — Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ix):

"That the House should urge the President to immediately nominate the Commissioners of NERC in line with Section 34 of the EPSR Act so as to reinstate the regulatory function of the sector" (*Hon. Daniel Asuquo — Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (x):

"That the Rural Electrification Agency should be funded in line with Sections 89 and 90 of the EPSR Act" (*Hon. Daniel Asuquo — Akamkpa/Biase 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 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 approved Recommendation (i) as amended, and approved Recommendations (ii) - (x) of the Report.

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

62. Adjournment

That this House do adjourn the First Sitting till 4.55 p.m. (Hon. Umar Buba Jibril — Deputy House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 4.42 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker

CORRIGENDA

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 19 July, 2016, on:

- (a) page 172, in Prayer (iii), immediately after the word “forestall”, *insert* the words “further breakdown of law and order”;
- (b) page 176, item 12, line 7, *leave out* the words “Hon. Isiaka Ibrahim — Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency” and *insert* the name “Hon. Agbo Dennis Nnamdi — Igbo-Eze North/Udenu Federal Constituency”.