



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 9 November, 2016

1. The House met at 11.15 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 Tuesday, 8 November, 2016.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcements**

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

Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:

- (i) Students of *Plateau State Polytechnic*, Barkin Ladi, Plateau State; and
- (ii) Staff and Students of *St Theresa's Catholic Schools*, Bwari, Abuja.

(b) **Conference Committee on North East Development Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2016:**
Mr Speaker announced additional Members of the Conference Committee on North East Development Commission (Establishment), Bill 2016, which was constituted on Thursday, 27 October, 2016 as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Ibrahim Sadiq | — | Member |
| (2) | Hon. Chris Azubogu | — | Member |

(c) **Conference Committee on National Lottery Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016:**
Mr Speaker named Members of the Conference Committee as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa | — | Chairman |
| (2) | Hon. Akintola Taiwo Michael | — | Member |
| (3) | Hon. Mohammed Nur Sheriff | — | Member |
| (4) | Hon. Nasiru Ali Ahmed | — | Member |
| (5) | Hon. Agbo Dennis Nnamdi | — | Member |
| (6) | Hon. Uduyok Francis Charles | — | Member |

4. Petition

A petition from Kayode Adeleke, on his dismissal from service, by the Nigeria Police Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Oladele Olatunbosun George (*Irepo/Orelope/Olorunsogo Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

(i) *Need to Withdraw Pirated Copies of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended):*

Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok (*Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

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

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

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

Need to Withdraw Pirated Copies of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended):

The House:

Notes that upon inauguration, Members of the Eighth Assembly were given copies of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (with Alterations), printed by the National Assembly printing press;

Worried that the National Assembly printed version of the Constitution contains some clerical mistakes which have distorted the intendment of the law and therefore capable of misleading the public, the National Assembly and even the courts; for example whereas in Section 88 (1) of the National Assembly printed version the word “and” is used instead of “or”. This has given the provision a conjunctive rather than the disjunctive meaning it is meant to have;

Also notes that in Section 89 (1), “Section 65” is published in the National Assembly version instead of “Section 62”;

Disturbed that the National Assembly is the highest lawmaking body in Nigeria and so its members ought to have the correct working materials;

Also worried that these copies of the Constitution with many grave distortions could be in circulation in the public and used by even Lawyers and Judges in our courts with far-reaching implications;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the immediate withdrawal of all the pirated copies of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; and
- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to interface with relevant authorities to ensure compliance and report back to the House within two (2) weeks (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that upon inauguration, Members of the Eighth Assembly were given copies of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (with Alterations), printed by the National Assembly printing press;

Worried that the National Assembly printed version of the Constitution contains some clerical mistakes which have distorted the intendment of the law and therefore capable of misleading the public, the National Assembly and even the courts; for example whereas in Section 88 (1) of the National Assembly printed version the word “and” is used instead of “or”. This has given the provision a conjunctive rather than the disjunctive meaning it is meant to have;

Also noted that in Section 89 (1), “Section 65” is published in the National Assembly version instead of “Section 62”;

Disturbed that the National Assembly is the highest lawmaking body in Nigeria and so its members ought to have the correct working materials;

Also worried that these copies of the Constitution with many grave distortions could be in circulation in the public and used by even Lawyers and Judges in our courts with far-reaching implications;

Resolved to:

- (i) mandate the immediate withdrawal of all the pirated copies of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; and
 - (ii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to interface with relevant authorities to ensure compliance and report back to the House within two (2) weeks (H.R. 179/2016).
- (ii) ***Call for an End to the Prevalent Food Wastage in Nigeria:***
Hon. Rotimi Agunsoye (*Kosofe Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:
- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
 - (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

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

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

A Call for an End to the Prevalent Food Wastage in Nigeria:

The House:

Worried about the alarming systemic issue of food wastage and the imminent dangers it portends on the Nigerian State;

Disturbed about the very high percentage quota of wasted food from the farm gate to the dining table;

Aware that this nation losses amounts running into billions of Naira to food wastage, an amount which could have been injected into the economy or the wastage used to alleviate the scourge of hunger and starvation;

Concerned that the rate of food wastage in Nigeria contributes to about thirty percent (30%) of global food wastage;

Also aware that a total of about 1.3 billion tonnes of food is wasted annually in Nigeria, which could have been enough to cater for the food needs of hungry Nigerians;

Cognizant that Nigeria will continue to plunge into more serious economic misfortunes if we do not check the common practice of food wastage;

Also concerned that a large fraction of the Nigerian populace is faced with actual hunger and starvation or at the very-least the threat of hunger and starvation;

Disturbed that an evil is committed each time we throw food away, in our country where lots of people live in abject poverty with nothing to eat, scattered all over;

Also worried that the issue of food wastage should be discouraged especially in this peculiar period of economic downturn in the history of this nation;

Further aware that food wastage thrive with the lavish life style of citizens who are well-to-do in the society. They buy what they would not eat, set a table they will not finish, and throw more food away than they would ever need;

Equally aware that a lot of people in Nigeria sit at restaurants and order meals they would not finish, in complete disregard of the impact on the downtrodden who are out there starving and destitute;

Still aware that food wastage are inadvertently caused by government's non-performance in the areas of road accessibility, electricity supply and good storage facilities;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government of Nigeria to urgently, intervene in the infrastructural deficit leading to food wastage in Nigeria;
- (ii) also urge the National Orientation Agency to raise a campaign against food wastage in Nigeria in their activities of "Change begins with-me"; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services, Poverty Alleviation, as well as Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values to engage relevant Government bodies with a view to seeking solutions to food wastages in Nigeria (*Hon. Rotimi Agunsoye — Kosofo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (iv) as follows:

"Urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture to create financially viable storage facilities for farmers at affordable rates" (*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Takun/Danga/Ussa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Worried about the alarming systemic issue of food wastage and the imminent dangers it portends on the Nigerian State;

Disturbed about the very high percentage quota of wasted food from the farm gate to the dining table;

Aware that this nation losses amounts running into billions of Naira to food wastage, an amount which could have been injected into the economy or the wastage used to alleviate the scourge of hunger and starvation;

Concerned that the rate of food wastage in Nigeria contributes to about thirty percent (30%) of global food wastage;

Also aware that a total of about 1.3 billion tonnes of food is wasted annually in Nigeria, which could have been enough to cater for the food needs of hungry Nigerians;

Cognizant that Nigeria will continue to plunge into more serious economic misfortunes if we do not check the common practice of food wastage;

Also concerned that a large fraction of the Nigerian populace is faced with actual hunger and starvation or at the very-least the threat of hunger and starvation;

Disturbed that an evil is committed each time we throw food away, in our country where lots of people live in abject poverty with nothing to eat, scattered all over;

Also worried that the issue of food wastage should be discouraged especially in this peculiar period of economic downturn in the history of this nation;

Further aware that food wastage thrive with the lavish life style of citizens who are well-to-do in the society. They buy what they would not eat, set a table they will not finish, and throw more food away than they would ever need;

Equally aware that a lot of people in Nigeria sit at restaurants and order meals they would not finish, in complete disregard of the impact on the downtrodden who are out there starving and destitute;

Still aware that food wastage are inadvertently caused by government's non-performance in the areas of road accessibility, electricity supply and good storage facilities;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government of Nigeria to urgently, intervene in the infrastructural deficit leading to food wastage in Nigeria;
- (ii) also urge the National Orientation Agency to raise a campaign against food wastage in Nigeria in their activities of "Change begins with-me";

- (iii) mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services, Poverty Alleviation, as well as Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values to engage relevant Government bodies with a view to seeking solutions to food wastage in Nigeria; and
- (iv) further urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture to create financially viable storage facilities for farmers at affordable rates (H.R. 180/2016).

6. Personal Explanation (Order Seven, Rule 5)

Hon. Raphael Nnanna Igbokwe (*Ahiazu Mbaise/Ezinihite Federal Constituency*) applauded the recent introduction of the publication of House Resolutions in the National Assembly Journal. He noted that the development was in conformity with Section 88 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended). He maintained that the availability of such documents will serve as a reliable source of information and reference materials.

7. Presentation of Report

Ad-hoc Committee on the Investigation of the Withdrawal of ₦1.17 Billion by the Federal Ministry of Finance from the Account of the Sokoto Rima River Basin Development Authority:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Investigation of the Withdrawal of ₦1.17 Billion by the Federal Ministry of Finance from the Account of the Sokoto Rima River Basin Development Authority" (Hon. Evelyn Omavowan Oboro — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwie Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. Consolidation of Bills

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission Act, Cap. F19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to make Provisions for Licensing Procedure, Registration of Driving Schools and Amend the Third Schedule and for Other Related Matters (HB. 625), a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission Act, Cap. F19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Reduce Road Accidents and Fatalities by Mandating the Use of Child Restraints in Vehicles and a Resting Period for Drivers Covering Long Distances, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 796) be now consolidated" (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

9. A Bill for an Act to make Provisions for Freedom from Hunger and the Right to Adequate Food of Acceptable Quality, the Right of Every Child to Basic Nutrition, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 825) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to make Provisions for Freedom from Hunger and the Right to Adequate Food of Acceptable Quality, the Right of Every Child to Basic Nutrition, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 825) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Jibril Umar Buba — Deputy House Leader).

Debate.

Debate adjourned, to enable the Committee on Rules and Business examine the Bill vis-a-vis the provision of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended).

10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Act, Cap. J1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 826) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Act, Cap. J1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 826) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Jibril Umar Buba — Deputy House Leader*).

Debate.

Debate adjourned.

Ordered: The Committee on Rules and Business to consider the possibility of consolidating the Bill with a similar Bill (HB.131) on the same subject matter.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Commodity Boards Act, Cap. C17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and to Re-enact the Commodity and Grains Board as a Body Corporate to Promote, Regulate and Standardize the Production and Exportation of such Commodities and Grains, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 793) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Commodity Boards Act, Cap. C17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and to Re-enact the Commodity and Grains Board as a Body Corporate to Promote, Regulate and Standardize the Production and Exportation of such Commodities and Grains, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 793) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai 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 Agricultural Production Services.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Establish a Scholarship Board for the Purpose of Planning, Implementing and Overseeing a Federal Scholarship Scheme, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 561) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish a Scholarship Board for the Purpose of Planning, Implementing and Overseeing a Federal Scholarship Scheme, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 561) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Yusuf Ayo Tajudeen — Ijumu/Kabba-Bunu 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 Basic Education Services.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Gas Processing and Marketing Regulatory Board, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 606) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Gas Processing and Marketing Regulatory Board, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 606) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Agbedi Yeitiemone Frederick — Ekeremor/Sagbama 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 Gas Resources.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Emergency Management Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act, Cap. N34, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 804) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Emergency Management Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act, Cap. N34, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 804) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ali Isa J. C. — Balanga/Biliri 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 Emergency and Disaster Preparedness.

15. **Need to Arrest the Devastating Effects of Quella Birds on Farmlands in Bade/Jakusko Federal Constituency of Yobe State**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

16. **Need to Suspend the Arbitrary Imposition and Collection of Tolls/Levies at Airports Across the Country**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

17. **Urgent Need to Investigate the Subversion of Due Process by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) in the Award of Contracts for Oil Pipelines Protection and Maintenance**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

18. **Need for Caution on the "Robbing Peter to Pay Paul" Scheme Called "MMM Nigeria"**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Mavrodi Mondial Moneybox, popularly known as MMM established in 1989, by three Russian nationals namely Sergei Panteleevich Mavrodi, Vyacheslav Mavrodi and Olga Melnikova involves directing their clients to make money available for an anonymous person with a promise of 30% return on investment for money put into the scheme for 30 days;

Aware that the scheme prides itself as a mutual fund through which recruited members contribute money in form of assistance without any intent to engage in banking business, but the scheme's structure, operation and intendment indicate otherwise as their clients can have multi-level structures under them and receive bonus (in percentage) from each financial transaction of every participant in their structures;

Also aware that the scheme entered the Nigerian circle this year 2016, capitalizing on the high level of unemployment and poverty to deceive unwary Nigerians into falling prey to their antics;

Also notes that the antecedents of the founders cannot guarantee security of investments in the scheme in the long run as reports indicate that similar schemes by the same founders had been launched in Russia where investors lost their monies running into millions of dollars and it is worthy of note that the Government of China banned the operations of MMM on the ground that it was a pyramid scheme without registration in the country and has the capacity to cause financial havoc in the system;

Concerned that every Nigerian who is participating in the MMM scheme, which is not regulated by any law, is vulnerable to losing his/her investment as there is no identifiable platform to guarantee the security of such, given the declaration by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) that the scheme is fraudulent and also recalls that many Nigerians had been victims of similar schemes in the past, such as West Solution, Pennywise and Wealth Creation, all in the name of making quick money;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Banking and Currency, and Financial Crimes to investigate the activities of the MMM Nigeria Scheme with a view to saving Nigerians participating in the scheme from financial ruin, and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Saheed Akinade-Fijabi — Ibadan Southwest/Ibadan Northwest Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Mavrodi Mondial Moneybox, popularly known as MMM established in 1989, by three Russian nationals namely Sergei Panteleevich Mavrodi, Vyacheslav Mavrodi and Olga Melnikova involves directing their clients to make money available for an anonymous person with a promise of 30% return on investment for money put into the scheme for 30 days;

Aware that the scheme prides itself as a mutual fund through which recruited members contribute money in form of assistance without any intent to engage in banking business, but the scheme's structure, operation and intendment indicate otherwise as their clients can have multi-level structures under them and receive bonus (in percentage) from each financial transaction of every participant in their structures;

Also aware that the scheme entered the Nigerian circle this year 2016, capitalizing on the high level of unemployment and poverty to deceive unwary Nigerians into falling prey to their antics;

Also noted that the antecedents of the founders cannot guarantee security of investments in the scheme in the long run as reports indicate that similar schemes by the same founders had been launched in Russia where investors lost their monies running into millions of dollars and it is worthy of note that the Government of China banned the operations of MMM on the ground that it was a pyramid scheme without registration in the country and has the capacity to cause financial havoc in the system;

Concerned that every Nigerian who is participating in the MMM scheme, which is not regulated by any law, is vulnerable to losing his/her investment as there is no identifiable platform to guarantee the security of such, given the declaration by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) that the scheme is fraudulent and also recalls that many Nigerians had been victims of similar schemes in the past, such as West Solution, Pennywise and Wealth Creation, all in the name of making quick money;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Banking and Currency, and Financial Crimes to investigate the activities of the MMM Nigeria Scheme with a view to saving Nigerians participating in the scheme from financial ruin, and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 181/2016**).

19. Urgent Need to Investigate the Alleged Mismanagement, Executive Lawlessness and Financial Misappropriation in the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC)

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Aware that Nigeria, alongside Chad, Niger and Cameroon, is a founding member of the Lake Chad Basin Commission which was established in 1964, to among others, manage in a sustainable and equitable manner the Lake Chad and other Trans-boundary water resources;

Also aware that in its resolve to achieve this laudable objective and mandate of the Commission, Nigeria has continuously made financial contributions to the Commission running into billions of Naira;

Notes that the Lake Chad Basin Commission has, in recent times, witnessed unprecedented financial misappropriation, mismanagement and executive lawlessness to the extent that disobedience to statutory organs of the Commission, like the Council of Ministers and Forum of Chiefs of Defence Staff is rampant, and this is capable of derailing the Commission from achieving its mandate;

Further aware that various contracts for the supply of furniture and other items have been awarded, mostly to nationals of the other member countries without regard to due process and extant rules of the Commission;

Equally aware that both Nigeria and its citizens are being disfavoured in the execution of projects and in terms of promotions and appointments, thereby jeopardizing and compromising the interests of Nigeria;

Concerned that if what is going on in the Commission is not investigated, the survival of the LCBC as an institution and the realization of the Multi National Joint Task Force (MNJTF), to which Nigeria has committed so much resources cannot be guaranteed;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Lake Chad to organize an investigative hearing on Lake Chad Basin Commission with a view to addressing the challenges of mismanagement, executive lawlessness and financial misappropriation to save the institution from imminent collapse and report back to the House in two (2) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Omosede G. Igbinedion — Ovia Northeast/Ovia Southwest Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Aware that Nigeria, alongside Chad, Niger and Cameroon, is a founding member of the Lake Chad Basin Commission which was established in 1964, to among others, manage in a sustainable and equitable manner the Lake Chad and other Trans-boundary water resources;

Also aware that in its resolve to achieve this laudable objective and mandate of the Commission, Nigeria has continuously made financial contributions to the Commission running into billions of Naira;

Noted that the Lake Chad Basin Commission has, in recent times, witnessed unprecedented financial misappropriation, mismanagement and executive lawlessness to the extent that disobedience to statutory organs of the Commission, like the Council of Ministers and Forum of Chiefs of Defence Staff is rampant, and this is capable of derailing the Commission from achieving its mandate;

Further aware that various contracts for the supply of furniture and other items have been awarded, mostly to nationals of the other member countries without regard to due process and extant rules of the Commission;

Equally aware that both Nigeria and its citizens are being disfavoured in the execution of projects and in terms of promotions and appointments, thereby jeopardizing and compromising the interests of Nigeria;

Concerned that if what is going on in the Commission is not investigated, the survival of the LCBC as an institution and the realization of the Multi National Joint Task Force (MNJTF), to which Nigeria has committed so much resources cannot be guaranteed;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Lake Chad to organize an investigative hearing on Lake Chad Basin Commission with a view to addressing the challenges of mismanagement, executive lawlessness and financial misappropriation to save the institution from imminent collapse and report back to the House in two (2) weeks for further legislative action (HR. 182/2016).

20. **Need to Democratize the Budget Process**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the National Budget itemizes the details of proposed Government revenues and expenditure within a particular time frame outlining Government's programmes and projects with the attendant cost implications;

Also notes that Section 81 (1) of the 1999 Constitution requires the President to initiate the preparation of the draft estimates of Government's revenues and expenditure for the next succeeding financial year and lay same before the National Assembly for consideration and appropriation of funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation;

Worried that in preparing the draft estimates for the consideration of the National Assembly, the Executive Arm of Government seldom obtains the inputs of the citizenry in whose interest the Budget is being prepared by way of bottom-up needs assessment, thereby rendering the Appropriation Act less impactful on the generality of the people and leaving them short-changed;

Agreed that in addressing the observed flaws in the budgeting process, the legislature while considering the draft estimates, often makes insertions by way of projects and programmes believed to be reflective of the needs of their constituents;

Concerned that the altruistic and noble efforts of the National Assembly to address the observed disconnect and gap in the budgeting process often result in disagreements leading to face-offs, in some instances between the executive and the legislature and ultimately, culminating in partial implementation or outright rejection of the inserted projects by the Executive arm;

Also concerned that the ensuing disagreements and face-offs characteristic of the budgeting process are often misconstrued by uninformed members of the public to the detriment of the image of the National Assembly;

Determined to make the budgeting process more transparent, inclusive and beneficial to the people, the National Assembly deems expedient to conduct People's Public Sessions in all the Federal Constituencies, with a view to obtaining the inputs of constituents and accommodating such in the preparation of the National Budget;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Constituency Outreach to provide the framework, supervise the conduct and collate the reports of People's Public Sessions on the 2017 Budget which shall be held simultaneously in the 360 Federal Constituencies and report back to the House within 3 weeks; and
- (ii) transmit the comprehensive report of the People's Public Sessions so produced to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for accommodation in the draft 2017 budget to be laid before the National Assembly (*Hon. Olawale Raji — Epe Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Debate adjourned to enable the sponsor make further consultation on the motion.

21. Need for Presence of the Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON) at the Nation's Ports of Entry

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

22. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 10 November, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Jibril Umar Buba — Deputy House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.50 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker