



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 30 November, 2016

1. The House met at 11.19 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, 29 November, 2016.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Message**
Mr Speaker read a message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

29 November, 2016

Rt Hon. Yakubu Dogara
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

**LAYING BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THE DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES
AND IMMUNITIES ORDER GRANTED TO THE AFRICA FINANCE CORPORATION
BY THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

I am pleased to lay before the House of Representatives, the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Order recently granted by the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Africa Finance Corporation, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act, Cap. D9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.

Honourable Members may wish to note that the Africa Finance Corporation is an African led multilateral development financial institution whose mandate is to improve African economies by proactively ,developing and financing infrastructure development in Africa.

In this regard, the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs has issued a Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Order, according the Africa Finance Corporation certain legal capacity, immunities and exemptions from certain taxes, rates and customs duties, in line with Nigeria's obligations to the Africa Finance Corporation as its host nation and significant shareholder.

In this regard, and in accordance with Section 21 of the Diplomatic Privileges and immunities Act, I hereby lay the said Order before the House of Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

I hope that this request will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the Honourable Members of the House of Representatives.

Please accept, Mr Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

4. Announcements

(a) Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:

- (i) Staff and Students of *The Garden of Love College and Science Academy*, Area 10, Garki, Abuja;
- (ii) Staff and Students of *ASACS International Staff College*, Bwari, Abuja; and
- (iii) Members of *Law Students' Society, Faculty of Law, University of Jos*, Plateau State.

(b) Conference Committee on Virement of Funds in the Appropriation Act, 2016:

Mr Speaker named Members of the Conference Committee as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (2) | Hon. Jibril Umar Buba | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (3) | Hon. Chukwuka Onyema | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (4) | Hon. Mustapha Dawaki | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (5) | Hon. Ibrahim Babangida | — | <i>Member</i> |

5. Petitions

- (i) Petitions from the following persons and organisations were presented and laid by Hon. Agunsoye Oluwarotimi Ojo (*Kosofe Federal Constituency*):

- (a) Fidelis O. Uzonwanne on the fraudulent practice of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), leading to loss of over \$50 billion of the Nation's fund from 2004 to date;
- (b) Donald Korikyaa Akure, on his dismissal from the service of the Nigeria Railway Corporation;
- (c) Fidelis O. Uzonwanne, on tax evasion, fraud and money laundering activities by the Salini Nigeria Limited amounting to over N100 billion between 2001 and 2016;

- (d) Solomon Ogwu, on alleged misuse of his property and non-payment of rent by Mid Western Oil & Gas Limited;
 - (e) Kingdom Human Rights Foundation International, on behalf of the Nigerian Unemployed Graduates Association (NUGA), on the violation of the Nigerian Immigration Service Act, Cap. 11, LFN, 2004, in the employment of 400 Chinese Nationals, by Sterling Oil Group;
 - (f) Rhiuyinosa Albert Osarumwense, on the termination of his appointment from the service of the Independent Corrupt Practice Commission (ICPC);
 - (g) B. O. Osinubi (Esq.), on behalf of Lanre Ogunsanjo and 5 others, on the failure of the Bureau of Public Enterprises and Messrs Beulah Technical Service Company, to comply with the share purchase agreement entered with the petitioners;
 - (h) Kingdom Human Rights Foundation, on behalf of the Nigerian Unemployed Graduates Associations (NUGA), on the violation of the Nigerian Immigration Service Act Cap. 11, LFN, 2004, in the employment of 400 Chinese Nationals, by HUAWEI Technologies Nigeria Limited;
- (ii) A petition from TRICENUEL (Barristers & Solicitors), on behalf of Nwora O. Afamefunwa, on the disposal of his Toyota 4 Runner vehicle, by the Nigeria Customs Service, was presented and laid by Hon. Amadi O. Dennis (*Ezeagu/Udi Federal Constituency*); and
- (iii) A petition from M. E. Esonajor & Co. (Barristers & Solicitors and Legal Consultants), on behalf of Elizabeth Modupe Oyeduntan, on the withholding of her gratuity and other entitlements, by the West African Examinations Council (WAEC), was presented and laid by Hon. Abubakar Yunusa (*Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

(i) *Need for the Completion of the Nigerian Railways Central Corridor Running from Warri Port to Kaduna on Standard Gauge:*

Hon. Chris Azubogu (*Nnewi North South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

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

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

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

Need for the Completion of the Nigerian Railways Central Corridor Running from Warri Port to Kaduna on Standard Gauge:

The House:

Notes that in 1987 a contract for the construction of a standard Gauge Hail line running from Aladja in Delta State to Ajeokuta in Kogi State was awarded to enhance the development of the iron and steel industry, solid mineral mining and processing and transportation of bulk material;

Also notes that the entire Section between Aladja and Ajeokuta has been completed by Julius Berger with exception of separation between rail tracks and highways, wasting the gain from such a huge investment have grossly affected the economy negatively;

Aware that the Section from Aladja to Warri Port covering a distance of just 20km is yet to be completed along with compensation and relocation of public utilities;

Also aware that the Kaduna - Abuja Southern Express Standard Gauge Rail line has been completed and already commissioned by President Muhammad Buhari, GCFR;

Concerned that it makes more economic sense for the completion of Abuja - Ajeokuta which is just 200km and will put the central line on standard gauge that will traverse the key economic zones of the country thereby ensuring diversification and ease of doing business. It will reduce cost of road, maintenance because heavy goods like cement, coal, iron and steel, petroleum products and solid mineral, agro-commodities, heavy machineries and raw materials will be on rail;

Also concerned that the benefits that would have accrued to Nigerians from the investment already made is being denied the country thereby increasing our infrastructure deficit and reducing ease of doing business. The completion of Warri - Kaduna line will give great value to Ajaokuta Steel Rolling Mill and make it more viable to Private Investors for easy concession;

Worried about the non inclusion of this very important and strategic project in the 2016-2018 Medium Term Plan which on its own! would improve the transportation between various economic Zones of this country by complementing the Lagos - Kano and Port Harcourt - Maiduguri rail lines;

Cognizant that critical national infrastructure selection process and consideration should be devoid of sentiments, especially now that we are to borrow to fund infrastructure; the socio-economic viability must be key for the justification.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Land Transport, and Appropriations to engage the Minister in charge of Rail Transport and other relevant Agencies to include this important project in the 2017 Budget (*Hon. Chris Azubogu — Nnewi North-South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(H.R. 219/2016).

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

(ii) *Call for Speedy Response to Victims of Heavy Rainfall on the Eve of Tuesday, 22 November, 2016, in Amakpu-Ntigha of Isiala-Ngwa North Federal Constituency of Abia State:*

Hon. Darlington Nwokocha (*Isiala-Ngwa North/South Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (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 for Speedy Response to Victims of Heavy Rainfall and Devastating Wind on the Eve of Tuesday, 22 November, 2016 in Amakpu-Ntigha of Isiala-Ngwa North Federal Constituency of Abia State:

The House:

Notes that on Tuesday, 22 November, 2016, there was a devastating heavy rainfall at Amakpu- Ntigha of Isiala-Ngwa North, Federal Constituency of Abia State;

Also notes that this heavy rainfall came at a time when nobody was expecting it and as such took the whole community unaware;

Worried that the heavy rainfall and hurricane-like wind has destroyed many houses and homes, Churches/place of worship, economic trees, farmlands, shops and stalls warehousing goods and food items worth Millions of naira and thereby renders Hundreds of people homeless, businessmen stranded and farmlands completely gone;

Concerned that the majority of people living in the area are mainly farmers and businessmen whose means of livelihood has been abruptly and adversely affected due to the heavy rainfall;

Aware that "the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government" as enshrined in section 14 (2) (b) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended);

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), to urgently relocate to Amakpu-Ntigha of Isiala-Ngwa North Federal Constituency of Abia State and liaise with State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) to alleviate and cushion the sufferings of victims of this unexpected incident; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Legislative Compliance to take all necessary measures to address this urgent matter and report back to the House within one (1) week for further legislative action, in order to alleviate the suffering of the people of Amakpu-Ntigha in Isiala-Ngwa North Federal Constituency of Abia State (*Hon. Darlington Nwokocha — Isiala-Ngwa North/South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on Tuesday, 22 November, 2016, there was a devastating heavy rainfall at Amakpu- Ntigha of Isiala-Ngwa North, Federal Constituency of Abia State;

Also noted that this heavy rainfall came at a time when nobody was expecting it and as such took the whole community unaware;

Worried that the heavy rainfall and hurricane-like wind has destroyed many houses and homes, Churches/place of worship, economic trees, farmlands, shops and stalls warehousing goods and food items worth Millions of naira and thereby renders Hundreds of people homeless, businessmen stranded and farmlands completely gone;

Concerned that the majority of people living in the area are mainly farmers and businessmen whose means of livelihood has been abruptly and adversely affected due to the heavy rainfall;

Aware that "the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government" as enshrined in section 14 (2) (b) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended);

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), to urgently relocate to Amakpu-Ntigha of Isiala-Ngwa North Federal Constituency of Abia State and liaise with State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) to alleviate and cushion the sufferings of victims of this unexpected incident; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Legislative Compliance to take all necessary measures to address this urgent matter and report back to the House within one (1) week for further legislative action, in order to alleviate the suffering of the people of Amakpu-Ntigha in Isiala-Ngwa North Federal Constituency of Abia State (HR. 220/2016).

7. Presentation and First Reading of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 858).
- (2) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 859).
- (3) National Industrial Court (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 860).
- (4) Court of Appeal Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 861).
- (5) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 862).
- (6) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 863).
- (7) Coverage of the Nigerian Courts Bill, 2016 (HB. 864).
- (8) Pension Reforms Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 865).
- (9) Nigerian Agricultural Quarantine Service Bill, 2016 (HB. 866).

8. Consolidation of Bills:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to reduce the Number of Members of the Governing Board and for Other Related Matters (HB. 689), and a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and Re-enact the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 839) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker Jev Emmanuel Yisa – Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

9. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Restrict Persons that acted as President or Governor for more than Two Consecutive Years to be Eligible for Election for more than a Single Term, to Compel the President and Governors to attach intended Portfolios of Office of all Ministerial and Commissioners Nominees before Submission to the Legislature for Screening, to Compel Presidential and Gubernatorial Candidates of all Political Parties to Nominate Running Mates from a different Region and for Other Related Matters (HB. 699) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Restrict Persons that acted as President or Governor for more than Two Consecutive Years to be Eligible for Election for more than a Single Term, to Compel the President and Governors to attach intended Portfolios of Office of all Ministerial and Commissioners Nominees before Submission to the Legislature for Screening, to Compel Presidential and Gubernatorial Candidates of all Political Parties to Nominate Running Mates from a different Region and for Other Related Matters (HB. 699) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Sulaimon Lasun Yussuff — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

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

10. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 1 (3) of the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to make the Chief Justice of the Federation Responsible for the Appointment of Chairman and Members of National and State Houses of Assembly Election Tribunals in all the Thirty-Six States of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory Abuja and for Other Related Matters (HB. 820) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Alter Section 1 (3) of the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to make the Chief Justice of the Federation Responsible for the Appointment of Chairman and Members of National and State Houses of Assembly Election Tribunals in all the Thirty-Six States of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory Abuja and for Other Related Matters (HB. 820) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Karimi Steve Sunday — Yagba East/Yagba West/Mopamuro Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

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

11. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Institute of Translators and Interpreters and for Other Related Matters (HB. 829) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Institute of Translators and Interpreters and for Other Related Matters (HB. 829) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Abdulrazak Saad Namdas — Mayo Belwa/Ganye/Jada/Toungo 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 Commerce.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act, Cap. B3, Laws of Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Among Other Things, Establish a Deposit Fund at the Central Bank for Standardization and Management of Dormant Accounts in accordance with International Best Practices and for Other Related Matters (HB. 698) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed. “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act, Cap. B3, Laws of Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Among Other Things, Establish a Deposit Fund at the Central Bank for Standardization and Management of Dormant Accounts in accordance with International Best Practices and for Other Related Matters (HB. 698) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Garba Ibrahim Muhammed — Gwale 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 Banking and Currency.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Mandate Schools to Provide for Adequate Special Education Needs to Students with Learning Disabilities and for Other Related Matters (HB. 315) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed. “That a Bill for an Act to Mandate Schools to Provide for Adequate Special Education Needs to Students with Learning Disabilities and for Other Related Matters (HB. 315) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ezenwa Francis Onyewuchi — Owerri Municipal/Owerri North/Owerri West 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 and Services.

14. **Abandonment of Contract for the Dualization of Airport to Iwofe Road, Rivers State**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

15. **Call for Construction of the Yada-Bagwaro Irrigation Scheme in Takai Local Government Area, Kano State**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Yada-Bagwaro irrigation project which was conceived in 1990, with the primary purpose of providing irrigation for farming and which survey was carried out by the Hadejia River Basin Development Authority in 1996, has remained still born;

Also notes that due to the non-completion of the project designed to cover over 35,000 hectares of irrigable land and to provide job opportunities for over 25,000 people, the area now has a large army of redundant youths with the potentials of the landmass not fully harnessed to increase the cropping capacity of farmers to compliment the food security programme of the country;

Concerned that the non-completion of the facility has deprived over 80% of the peasant farmers in the area the opportunity to upgrade their status from peasant farming through the semi-mechanization of their hitherto rudimentary farming methods, expand their production capacity beyond sustenance level and grow into wealth generation:

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to capture the construction of Yada-Bagwaro irrigation facility in the 2017 budget estimates; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Water Resources to ensure compliance, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Garba Umar Durbunde — Sumaila/Takai Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 221/2016).

Motion referred to the Committee on Water Resources, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

16. **Need to Revive the Metallurgical Training Centre, Ajaokuta**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

17. **Need for Revival of Large Scale Production of Palm Oil in Nigeria**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Recalls that before the discovery of petroleum, palm oil production was one of the major sources of revenue in the country, as it arguably accounted for more than sixty five percent of the total revenues generated by the country;

Also recalls that with the discovery of petroleum in 1956, and the oil boom of the 1970s, the attention given to palm oil production was greatly reduced and Nigeria, which formerly produced about 43% of the total world output of palm oil, later became a major importer of the product as the country now produces only about 7% of the global supply of palm oil;

Notes that in view of the down-turn in Nigeria's economy which was, in the main caused by the sharp fall in the price of crude oil in the international markets, there is a need for the country to diversify into agriculture, especially palm oil production, which will earn the country foreign exchange as the product is in high demand all over the world;

Cognizant that to ensure large scale production of palm oil, there is need for the Federal Government and Governments of States of the palm oil producing zones to provide incentives for private investors to establish oil palm plantations;

Convinced that if the small holders who are presently producing about 80% of the country's palm oil and the large scale investors are provided with the needed incentives, there would be an increase in palm oil production for local consumption, creation of employment for thousands of youths and boost in export to improve foreign exchange earnings;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government and Governments of the States of palm oil producing zones to take all necessary measures to encourage large scale production of palm oil for export to earn foreign exchange; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services, and Commerce to ensure implementation and report back to the House within Eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Emmanuel Akpan — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.**Agreed to.**The House:*

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Also recalled that with the discovery of petroleum in 1956, and the oil boom of the 1970s, the attention given to palm oil production was greatly reduced and Nigeria, which formerly produced about 43% of the total world output of palm oil, later became a major importer of the product as the country now produces only about 7% of the global supply of palm oil;

Noted that in view of the down-turn in Nigeria's economy which was, in the main caused by the sharp fall in the price of crude oil in the international markets, there is a need for the country to diversify into agriculture, especially palm oil production, which will earn the country foreign exchange as the product is in high demand all over the world;

Cognizant that to ensure large scale production of palm oil, there is need for the Federal Government and Governments of States of the palm oil producing zones to provide incentives for private investors to establish oil palm plantations;

Convinced that if the small holders who are presently producing about 80% of the country's palm oil and the large scale investors are provided with the needed incentives, there would be an increase in palm oil production for local consumption, creation of employment for thousands of youths and boost in export to improve foreign exchange earnings;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government and Governments of the States of palm oil producing zones to take all necessary measures to encourage large scale production of palm oil for export to earn foreign exchange; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services, and Commerce to ensure implementation and report back to the House within Eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 222/2016**).

18. **Call to Name the Yola International Airport after the Late Alhaji (Dr) Aliyu Musdafa, the Lamido of Adamawa**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Government has immortalized many prominent Nigerian leaders who contributed in one way or the other to the development of the country by naming land mark buildings, Streets, Stadia, Airports and Academic institutions of learning after them, thus deservedly immortalizing them in ways that are meant to last forever;

Also notes that it is in this wise that Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ife; Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto; Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola and Bayero University, Kano were named after those prominent Nigerians;

Aware that out of the seventeen prominent Airports in Nigeria, eight have been named after our great leaders such as the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja; Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos; Margaret Ekpo Airport, Calabar; Akanu Abiam Airport, Enugu; Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport, Kano; Sam Mbakwe Airport, Owerri and Sir Abubakar Sadique III Airport, Sokoto;

Also aware that Yola International Airport is one of the oldest Airports in Nigeria from which flights for the two pilgrimage operations for Muslims and Christians as well as Umrah, the Muslim lesser Hajj, are carried out and the Airport is also the Headquarters of the 75 Strike Group of the Nigerian Air Force of the North East defense frontier for the country;

Cognizant that Lamido Aliyu Musdafa who ascended the throne of his forbears on 26 July, 1953, had ruled Adamawa Emirate for a period of fifty seven years which until his death on 13 March, 2010, made him the longest serving Emir in the Modibbo Adama dynasty in its over two hundred and ten years history and he was also one of the longest serving Emirs in the former Sokoto Caliphate;

Further aware that Lamido Aliyu Musdafa reigned through the tenures of thirteen Heads of State since Independence, from Rt. (Hon) Nnamdi Azikiwe to President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan and was also the holder of both National and International honours of Commander of the Federal Republic (CFR) and Commander of the British Empire (CBE);

Recalls that in all those years, the diverse ethnic groups in the old Adamawa emirate did not experience any ethnic or religious clashes owing principally to his large heartedness, reconciliatory disposition and detribalized nature;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to immortalize the Late Alhaji (Dr) Aliyu Musdafa, by naming the Yola International Airport after him; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Aviation to ensure implementation and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim — Fufore/Song Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Federal Government has immortalized many prominent Nigerian leaders who contributed in one way or the other to the development of the country by naming land mark buildings, Streets, Stadia, Airports and Academic institutions of learning after them, thus deservedly immortalizing them in ways that are meant to last forever;

Also noted that it is in this wise that Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ife; Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto; Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola and Bayero University, Kano were named after those prominent Nigerians;

Aware that out of the seventeen prominent Airports in Nigeria, eight have been named after our great leaders such as the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja; Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos; Margaret Ekpo Airport, Calabar; Akanu Abiam Airport, Enugu; Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport, Kano; Sam Mbakwe Airport, Owerri and Sir Abubakar Sadique III Airport, Sokoto;

Also aware that Yola International Airport is one of the oldest Airports in Nigeria from which flights for the two pilgrimage operations for Muslims and Christians as well as Umrah, the Muslim lesser Hajj, are carried out and the Airport is also the Headquarters of the 75 Strike Group of the Nigerian Air Force of the North East defense frontier for the country;

Cognizant that Lamido Aliyu Musdafa who ascended the throne of his forbears on 26 July, 1953, had ruled Adamawa Emirate for a period of fifty seven years which until his death on 13 March, 2010, made him the longest serving Emir in the Modibbo Adama dynasty in its over two hundred and ten years history and he was also one of the longest serving Emirs in the former Sokoto Caliphate;

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Recalled that in all those years, the diverse ethnic groups in the old Adamawa emirate did not experience any ethnic or religious clashes owing principally to his large heartedness, reconciliatory disposition and detribalized nature;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to immortalize the Late Alhaji (Dr) Aliyu Musdafa, by naming the Yola International Airport after him; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Aviation to ensure implementation and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (H.R. 223/2016).

19. Calling the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to Ensure that Food and Drinks Sold in Hotels and Restaurants Meet Globally Accepted Hygiene Standards

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Section 5 (c) of the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control Act empowers the Agency to undertake appropriate investigations into the production premises and raw

materials for food, drugs, cosmetics, medical devices, bottled water and chemicals and establish relevant quality assurance systems, including certificates of the production sites and of the regulated products;

Aware that there have been a rise in the cases of food poisoning, typhoid fever, cholera and a host of other diseases caused by the unhygienic handling and preparation of food and drinks by hotels, fast food and other restaurants;

Also aware that customers cannot monitor the processes of the preparation of food and drinks before they are served and have to trust that the Agency should monitor and ensure that appropriate global standards are met to forestall any health complications;

Concerned that the inability of the Agency to properly monitor the preparation processes of food and drinks has led to the growing incidence of food poisoning and other health complications resulting from unhygienic preparation of food;

Also concerned that if urgent steps are not taken to ensure proper monitoring of the processes of preparation and vending of food and drinks, more strain could be cast on the already over-burdened public health sector, lead to avoidable loss of lives and also weaken the economy by scaring away tourists;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to strengthen its investigation and enforcement units to enable them conduct regular and on the spot inspection of hotels and restaurants to ensure that acceptable hygiene standards are met in the preparation of food and drinks to be served to the public;
- (ii) also urge the Agency, in conjunction with the Department of Public Prosecutions of the Office of the Attorney General of the Federation, to prioritize the prosecution of contravention of the Act setting up the Agency; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to liaise with the Director General of NAFDAC to assess the Agency's capability to monitor the preparation of foods and drinks in hotels and restaurants and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun — Esan Northeast/Esan Southeast Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Section 5 (c) of the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control Act empowers the Agency to undertake appropriate investigations into the production premises and raw materials for food, drugs, cosmetics, medical devices, bottled water and chemicals and establish relevant quality assurance systems, including certificates of the production sites and of the regulated products;

Aware that there have been a rise in the cases of food poisoning, typhoid fever, cholera and a host of other diseases caused by the unhygienic handling and preparation of food and drinks by hotels, fast food and other restaurants;

Also aware that customers cannot monitor the processes of the preparation of food and drinks before they are served and have to trust that the Agency should monitor and ensure that appropriate global standards are met to forestall any health complications;

Concerned that the inability of the Agency to properly monitor the preparation processes of food and drinks has led to the growing incidence of food poisoning and other health complications resulting from unhygienic preparation of food;

Also concerned that if urgent steps are not taken to ensure proper monitoring of the processes of preparation and vending of food and drinks, more strain could be cast on the already over-burdened public health sector, lead to avoidable loss of lives and also weaken the economy by scaring away tourists;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to strengthen its investigation and enforcement units to enable them conduct regular and on the spot inspection of hotels and restaurants to ensure that acceptable hygiene standards are met in the preparation of food and drinks to be served to the public;
- (ii) also urge the Agency, in conjunction with the Department of Public Prosecutions of the Office of the Attorney General of the Federation, to prioritize the prosecution of contravention of the Act setting up the Agency; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to liaise with the Director General of NAFDAC to assess the Agency's capability to monitor the preparation of foods and drinks in hotels and restaurants and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (H.R. 224/2016).

20. **Adjournment**

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 1 December, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.22 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 14 January, 2016, item 9, on the referral, *leave out* the words "Bill referred to the Committee on Commerce", and *insert* the following:

"Bill referred to the Committee on Capital Market and Institutions".