



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 29 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 Thursday, 24 November, 2016.  
  
*The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.*
3. **Announcement**  
*Visitors in the Gallery:*  
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:
  - (i) Staff and Students of *New Capital School*, Asokoro, Abuja; and
  - (ii) Staff and Students of *Faith Academy Day Secondary School*, Kubwa, Abuja.
4. **Petitions**
  - (i) A petition from Civil Liberties Organization (CLO), on behalf of Nembe Local Government Area of Bayelsa State, on the invasion and destruction of their community by the Operation Delta Safe Joint Military Task Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Jephthah Foingha (*Brass/Nembe Federal Constituency*);
  - (ii) A petition from D. K. Golden Investment Ltd, on the refusal by Standard Organization of Nigeria (SON), to comply with Federal High Court Orders of 27 February, 2011, and 8 December, 2014, in Suit Nos PHC/AWK/CS/37/2011 and MO/1269/2014, was presented and laid by Hon. Chris Azubogu (*Nnewi Northsouth/ Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*);
  - (iii) A petition from Prince Somia Ogolo, on the refusal by Kakata Construction Company (formerly Mangrovsteth Company), Maitama Extension, Abuja, to pay for electrical materials supplied to the Company, was presented and laid by Hon. Bede Eke (*Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency*);
  - (iv) A petition from Legal Aid Attorneys, on behalf of Obinna Asoegbu, on his dismissal from the service of the Nigeria Police Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Anohu Chukwuemeka (*Ihiala Federal Constituency*).

- (v) A petition from Akporiaye, Umuze Umuko and Co. (Barristers, Solicitors and Advocates), on behalf of His Royal Highness (HRH) Otunuya F. Okolocha Akpati II (JP), on the conversion of land belonging to his community, by the Nigeria Agip Oil Company (NAOC), was presented and laid by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai (*Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*);
- (vi) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Samuel Ifeanyi Onuigbo (*Ikwunano/Umuahia North/Umuahia South Federal Constituency*):
  - (a) Okenwa Israel N. and 3999 others, on the refusal by Diamond Bank Plc, to pay their compensation and severance packages; and
  - (b) Chidi Ubani and his colleagues, on the refusal by Diamond Bank Plc, to pay all compensation and severance entitlements due to them.

*Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.*

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

- (i) ***Humanitarian Challenges Occasioned by the Intention of the Military Authority to Flush the Hide out of Members of the Boko Haram Sect in Monguno, Marte, and Nganzai Federal Constituency:***  
Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno (*Monguno/Marte/Nganzai 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.*

**Humanitarian Challenges Occasioned by the Intention of the Military Authority to Flush the Hide out of Members of the Boko Haram Sect in Monguno, Marte and Nganzai Constituency of Borno State:**

The House:

*Recalls* that members of the Boko Haram sect rein terror in some parts of the North-East of Nigeria, especially Borno State;

*Aware* that since the advent of this administration, the sect has been reduced to its knees, though witnessing pockets of resistance by members of the sect;

*Notes* that some members of the Boko Haram sect are still hiding in some villages within Monguno, Marte and Nganzai Federal Constituency;

*Also notes* that with the foregoing development, members of the Armed Forces have found it difficult to adequately flush out members of the Boko Haram sect from the Federal Constituency;

*Also recalls* that in order to deal with this situation, the Army authority had given matching order to all villages and persons in Monguno, marte and Nganzai Federal Constituency to relocate to the Headquarters of Monguno Local Government Area;

*Believes* that the essence of the matching order was to declare any person or persons thereafter found in those areas, a member of the Boko Haram, and therefore deal with them;

*Concerned* that this movement has adversely affected and or overstretched the social amenities meant for the people in Monguno town;

*Desirous* of the need to quickly contend the likely threat to health, food security, etc. the movement may expose the people of the Constituency;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency to provide relief materials to all the people that relocated to Monguno town so as to ease stress that may be associated with the relocation;
- (ii) also urge the military authority, to urgently deal with the matter that necessitated the matching order to relocate in order to allow return of people to the respective villages; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Army to ensure compliance (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

**Amendment Proposed:**

*Insert a new Prayer (iv) as follows:*

*"Urge the Presidential Committee on North-East Initiative to urgently intervene in the matter" (Hon. Yusuf Buba — Gombi/Hong Federal Constituency).*

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

*Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.*

The House:

*Recalled* that members of the Boko Haram sect rein terror in some parts of the North-East of Nigeria, especially Borno State;

*Aware* that since the advent of this administration, the sect has been reduced to its knees, though witnessing pockets of resistance by members of the sect;

*Noted* that some members of the Boko Haram sect are still hiding in some villages within Monguno, Marte and Nganzai Federal Constituency;

*Also noted* that with the foregoing development, members of the Armed Forces have found it difficult to adequately flush out members of the Boko Haram sect from the Federal Constituency;

*Also recalled* that in order to deal with this situation, the Army authority had given matching order to all villages and persons in Monguno, Marte and Nganzai Federal Constituency to relocate to the Headquarters of Monguno Local Government Area;

*Believed* that the essence of the matching order was to declare any person or persons thereafter found in those areas, a member of the Boko Haram, and therefore deal with them;

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  - (ii) also urge the military authority, to urgently deal with the matter that necessitated the matching order to relocate in order to allow return of people to the respective villages;
  - (iii) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Army to ensure compliance; and
  - (iv) further urge the Presidential Committee on North-East Initiative to urgently intervene in the matter (**HR. 216/2016**).
- (ii) ***Illegal Attempt by Messrs Lee Group to Seize 15,000 Hectares of Farmland Belonging to Peasant Farmers in Gagarawa Local Government Area, Jigawa State:***  
Hon. Muhammed Sani Zorro (*Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa 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.*

**Illegal Attempt by Messrs Lee Group to Seize 15,000 Hectares of Farmland Belonging to Peasant Farmers in Gagarawa Local Government, Jigawa State:**

The House:

*Is mindful* of the scale of human displacement often caused by arbitrary acquisition of massive farmlands belonging to Nigerian peasant farmers by foreign companies, under the pretext of investment and development;

*Disturbed* by the land-grabbing activities of a Chinese company - Messrs. Lee Group, in many States in the North, the latest of which is its incursion into Jigawa State;

*Alarmed* by the company's ploy to forcefully acquire over 15,000 hectares of farmlands thereby dispossessing more than 10,000 peasant farmers in over 35 farming communities in Gagarawa Local Government of my constituency, ostensibly to grow sugar cane, against the will of majority of the owners of the farmlands;

*Aware* of the tension and threats of breakdown of law and order in the area, consequent upon the company's audacity to proceed with an illegal compensation exercise since Tuesday, November 10, 2016, despite a law suit and stiff resistance by owners of the farmlands;

**Cognizant** of Federal Government's pro-food security policy which prioritizes the cultivation of food crops over industrial sugar cane for the benefit of Chinese, but inimical to the survival of Nigerian peasant farmers and legitimate owners of the farmlands in dispute;

**Conscious** of the fact that we cannot build our nation if we continue to elevate the citizens of other nations above our own citizens;

**And committed** to our oath of office as public officers, of upholding the fundamental duty of the state to place the protection of lives and property of our citizens first and at all times;

**Resolves to:**

- (i) requests an immediate halt to the so-called compensation exercise and all other activities being stage-managed by the company on the disputed farmlands;
- (ii) ask all authorities and parties especially the government of Jigawa State, to resist the temptation of supporting the neo-colonial adventures of a foreign front company, intent on dispossessing Nigerian citizens of their land resources, and subjecting them to perpetual slavery in their own country;
- (iii) urge the Government of Jigawa State, Gagarawa Sugarcane Farmers cooperative Society, the elected representatives of the people in the area at various levels and other secondary, but relevant stakeholders should join hands to de-escalate tension, avert a looming crisis and create an atmosphere for the return of the status quo ante, conduce for constructive engagement of the parties in dispute;
- (iv) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee of not less than 6 members, to investigate the matter and report back within 2 weeks, for further legislative action (*Hon. M. Sani Zorro — Gumel/Gagarawa/Mai Gatari/Sule Tankarkar Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Debate adjourned.*

**Ordered:** The Committees on Federal Judiciary, and Justice, to examine the Motion vis-a-vis the constitutional provisions on the subject matter and advise the House as soon as possible.

#### 6. Presentation of Reports

- (i) **House Delegation to the 2016 Hajj:**  
*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on the House Delegation to the 2016 Hajj, from 10 August - 16 September, 2016" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

- (ii) **Committee on Nigeria - Saudi Arabia Parliamentary Friendship and Hajj Affairs:**  
*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Nigeria - Saudi Arabia Parliamentary Friendship and Hajj Affairs on the visit to Majlis Ash-Shura Council led by the Deputy Speaker, Hon. Sulaimon Yussuff Lasun from 2 - 3 October, 2016" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

7. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of Section 81 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to mandate the President to submit Budget Proposals Three Months before the end of the Fiscal year and for Other Related Matters (H.B. 833) — Second Reading**

*Order read; withdrawn by leave of the House.*

8. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency Act, Cap. F38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to among Other Things, Re-Structure the Agency and Increase its Funding, and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency Act, Cap. F38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Harmonize the Provisions of the Act with the Federal Highways Act with Respect to the Powers of the Minister to Grant Road Concessions Contracts and for Other Related Matters (HBs 627 and 685) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Maintenance Agency Act, Cap. F38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to among Other Things, Re-Structure the Agency and Increase its Funding, and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Maintenance Agency Act, Cap. F38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Harmonize the Provisions of the Act with the Federal Highways Act with Respect to the Powers of the Minister to Grant Road Concessions Contracts and for Other Related Matters (HBs 627 and 685) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Ibrahim Isiaka — Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency and 1 other).*

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA).*

9. **A Bill for an Act to Establish a National Day to Promote Fitness for all Nigerians and to Increase Awareness among Nigerians of the Significant Benefits of Physical Activity, Encourage Nigerians to Increase their Level of Physical Activity and Participation in Recreational Sports and Fitness and for Other Related Matters (H.B. 704) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish a National Day to Promote Fitness for all Nigerians and to Increase Awareness among Nigerians of the Significant Benefits of Physical Activity, Encourage Nigerians to Increase their Level of Physical Activity and Participation in Recreational Sports and Fitness and for Other Related Matters (H.B. 704) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Douye Diri — Yenagoa/K/Opokuma 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 Sports.*

10. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Prevention, Control and Management of Cerebrospinal Meningitis and for Other Related Matters (H.B.785) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Prevention, Control and Management of Cerebrospinal Meningitis and for Other Related Matters (H.B.785) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada 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 Healthcare Services.*

11. **A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Forestry and to Provide for an Institute to be charged with the Responsibility for the Registration, Regulation and Disciplining of Members of the Profession and for Other Related Matters (IIB. 594) — Second Reading**

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

12. **Call for Control of Gully Erosion in Parts of Kaduna North Federal Constituency**

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

13. **Need to Tackle the Menace of Gully Erosion in Dutse, Jigawa State**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* with concern the devastating effects of gully erosion in Dutse, Jigawa State, which is adversely impacting on the socio economic development of the capital city as it is threatening the foundations of many homes and had led to the collapse of lots of structures;

*Aware* that the ravaging erosion had led to the collapse of bridges, cut off some connecting roads to villages adjoining the State capital and connecting to Federal roads leading the neighboring States;

*Also aware* that the State Ministry of Environment lacks the capacity to tackle the ravaging erosion that is threatening to decimate the city;

*Concerned* that the Federal Government fund that ought to serve as a pool for intervention in ecological problems like erosion, desertification, etc is not being deployed in Jigawa State, particularly in Dutse, to ameliorate the ecological problems being faced by the people;

*Believes* that unless urgent actions are taken to arrest the menace, more structures will be lost with the attendant adverse effects on the economy of the State;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Ecological Fund Office to deploy resources to tackle the ravaging erosion in Dutse, Jigawa State; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Environment and Habitat to ensure adherence and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Ibrahim Abdullahi Dutse — Dutse/Kiyawa Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**(HIR. 217/2016).**

*Motion referred to the Committee on Environment and Habitat, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).*

#### 14. Need to Review the Petroleum Price Template

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* the widely circulating rumour of a possible hike in the price of premium motor spirit (PMS) in the country, which though has been denied by the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources is coming at a time when the nation is going through difficult times occasioned by dwindling revenues, high inflation rate, unemployment and general fall in the standard of living of many Nigerians;

*Also notes* that the current template for the price of premium motor spirit (PMS) could be reviewed downwards without its affecting the profit margin of marketers and transporters and also contribute to reducing the current inflationary trend in the economy;

*Aware* that the current template for the price of PMS is as follows:

|        |                                  |   |                |
|--------|----------------------------------|---|----------------|
| (i)    | Cost of freight                  | — | N109.01        |
| (ii)   | Lightering expenses              | — | N4.56          |
| (iii)  | Nigerian Ports Authority Charges | — | N0.84          |
| (iv)   | NIMASA Charges                   | — | N0.22          |
| (v)    | Financing                        | — | N2.51          |
| (vi)   | Jetty through put charges        | — | N0.60          |
| (vii)  | Storage charge                   | — | N2.00          |
| (viii) | Retailers Margin                 | — | N6.00          |
| (ix)   | Transport allowance              | — | N3.36          |
| (x)    | Dealer's margin                  | — | N2.36          |
| (xi)   | Bridging fund                    | — | N6.20          |
| (xii)  | Marine transport average         | — | N0.15          |
|        | <b>Total</b>                     | — | <b>N137.81</b> |

*Further notes* that the landing cost of PMS is N119.74, while the distribution cost and margins of marketers is N18.37, thus, the total of both the landing and distribution costs is N138.11, while marketers are allowed to sell the product within the range of N140 - N145 per litre;

*Equally notes* that over 90% of the current price of PMS in Nigeria is accounted for by transport related charges, i.e. N124.34 out of N138.11 viz:

|       |                     |   |       |
|-------|---------------------|---|-------|
| (i)   | Lightering          | — | N4.56 |
| (ii)  | Bridging fund       | — | N6.20 |
| (iii) | Marine transport    | — | N0.15 |
| (iv)  | Transport allowance | — | N3.36 |

|       |                 |   |               |
|-------|-----------------|---|---------------|
| (v)   | Freight Foreign | — | ₦109.01       |
| (vi)  | NIMASA Charges  | — | ₦0.22         |
| (vii) | NPA Charges     | — | ₦84           |
|       | <b>Total</b>    | — | <b>₦207.5</b> |

*Also aware* that the only reason why foreign vessels charge higher for lifting the PMS is that the Nation's carriers which are supposed to lift 50% of the products do not have the capacity to do so as a result of which the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation often resorts to chartering vessels at higher costs;

*Observes* that the provision of ₦4.56 in the price template for lightering services is absolutely unnecessary as, in line with International practice, all ships are supposed to dock at the harbor but in the case of Nigeria however, the water in all the harbors is shallow due to siltation and the harbours therefore need urgent dredging and although the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) is paid ₦0.84 for every litre of petrol, it has failed to dredge the various docking areas, as a result of which ships wait at the high sea and discharge their cargoes in smaller vessels, and for this inefficiency of the NPA, Nigerians are asked to pay ₦4.56 for every litre of petrol, which would not have been necessary if all the docking areas had been dredged;

*Cognizant* that bridging is supposed to be an annual event only when refineries are carrying out their turn-around maintenance which does not exceed three months, however, due to the fact that the pipelines linking the various depots have been vandalized or are in a state of disrepair, bridging has remained a permanent feature of the oil industry in Nigeria and if the pipelines linking the various depots and refineries could be fixed and secured, the bridging fund could be reduced to ₦2.00 per litre instead of the current ₦6.20 per litre;

*Also observes* that the provision of ₦2.00 per litre in the template for the maintenance of storage facilities does not benefit government facilities located at over twenty-one fuel depots in the country, rather, the fund goes to enrich an ever growing number of private depot owners whose facilities have now become the official storage facilities for government products while government facilities are allowed to decay;

*Also cognizant* that a realistic template would bring down the price of petrol to ₦70.04 per litre;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Petroleum Products Prices Regulatory Agency (PPPRA) and the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources to review the current price template for PMS with a view to bringing down the price of the product;
- (ii) also urge the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) to dredge all harbors within a period of one year to enable ships to dock in them; and
- (iii) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to interface with the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources on the review of the price of PMS and such related matters and to report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* the widely circulating rumour of a possible hike in the price of premium motor spirit (PMS) in the country, which though has been denied by the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources is coming at a time when the nation is going through difficult times occasioned by dwindling revenues, high inflation rate, unemployment and general fall in the standard of living of many Nigerians;

*Also noted* that the current template for the price of premium motor spirit (PMS) could be reviewed downwards without its affecting the profit margin of marketers and transporters and also contribute to reducing the current inflationary trend in the economy;

*Aware* that the current template for the price of PMS is as follows:

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| (x)    | Dealer's margin                  | — | N2.36          |
| (xi)   | Bridging fund                    | — | N6.20          |
| (xii)  | Marine transport average         | — | N0.15          |
|        | <b>Total</b>                     | — | <b>N138.11</b> |

*Further noted* that the landing cost of PMS is N119.74, while the distribution cost and margins of marketers is N18.37, thus, the total of both the landing and distribution costs is N138.11, while marketers are allowed to sell the product within the range of N140 - N145 per litre;

*Equally noted* that over 90% of the current price of PMS in Nigeria is accounted for by transport related charges, i.e. N124.34 out of N138.11 viz:

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| (v)   | Freight Foreign     | — | N109.01 |
| (vi)  | NIMASA Charges      | — | N0.22   |

|       |              |   |                |
|-------|--------------|---|----------------|
| (vii) | NPA Charges  | — | ₦84            |
|       | <b>Total</b> | — | <b>₦124.34</b> |

*Also aware* that the only reason why foreign vessels charge higher for lifting the PMS is that the Nation's carriers which are supposed to lift 50% of the products do not have the capacity to do so as a result of which the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation often resorts to chartering vessels at higher costs;

*Observed* that the provision of ₦4.56 in the price template for lightering services is absolutely unnecessary as, in line with International practice, all ships are supposed to dock at the harbor but in the case of Nigeria however, the water in all the harbors is shallow due to siltation and the harbours therefore need urgent dredging and although the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) is paid ₦0.84 for every litre of petrol, it has failed to dredge the various docking areas, as a result of which ships wait at the high sea and discharge their cargoes in smaller vessels, and for this inefficiency of the NPA, Nigerians are asked to pay ₦4.56 for every litre of petrol, which would not have been necessary if all the docking areas had been dredged;

*Cognizant* that bridging is supposed to be an annual event only when refineries are carrying out their turn-around maintenance which does not exceed three months, however, due to the fact that the pipelines linking the various depots have been vandalized or are in a state of disrepair, bridging has remained a permanent feature of the oil industry in Nigeria and if the pipelines linking the various depots and refineries could be fixed and secured, the bridging fund could be reduced to ₦2.00 per litre instead of the current ₦6.20 per litre;

*Also observed* that the provision of ₦2.00 per litre in the template for the maintenance of storage facilities does not benefit government facilities located at over twenty-one fuel depots in the country, rather, the fund goes to enrich an ever growing number of private depot owners whose facilities have now become the official storage facilities for government products while government facilities are allowed to decay;

*Also cognizant* that a realistic template would bring down the price of petrol to ₦70.04 per litre;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) urge the Petroleum Products Prices Regulatory Agency (PPPRA) and the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources to review the current price template for PMS with a view to bringing down the price of the product;
- (ii) also urge the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) to dredge all harbors within a period of one year to enable ships to dock in them; and
- (iii) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to interface with the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources on the review of the price of PMS and such related matters and to report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 218/2016**).

## 15. Adjournment

*That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 30 November, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).*

*The House adjourned accordingly at 2.35 p.m.*

**Yakubu Dogara**  
*Speaker*