



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 6 December, 2016

1. The House met at 11.20 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, 1 December, 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**

05 December, 2016

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

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

PRESENTATION OF THE 2017 BUDGET PROPOSAL AND PLANS TO LEAD NIGERIA OUT OF RECESSION

I crave the kind indulgence of the National Assembly to grant me the slot of 1000hrs on Wednesday, 14th December, 2016 to formally address a Joint Session of the National Assembly on the 2017 Budget Proposal and our plans to get the Country out of recession.

Please extend, Mr Speaker, the assurances of my highest regards to the Honourable Members as I look forward to addressing the Joint Session.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

4. Announcement

(i) Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Speaker recognized the presence of Staff and Students of *Voyage International School*, Kaura District, Abuja.

(ii) Reports on Outstanding Committees' Assignments:

Mr Speaker announced that Standing and *Ad-hoc* Committees with outstanding assignments should submit their reports on or before Thursday, 8 December, 2016.

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

(i) Need to Ascertain the Status of Security and Health Standards in National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Orientation Camps:

Hon. Bode Ayorinde (*Owo/Ose Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance — *Agreed to*.

Matter to stand over till next legislative day.

(ii) Need for Federal Government to Intervene on the Absolute Blackout/Darkness at Federal Secretariat Phase I, Abuja:

Hon. Olatoye Temitope Sugar (*Akinyele/Lagelu Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance — *Agreed to*.

Matter to stand over till next legislative day.

6. Presentation of Reports

(i) Committee on Gas Resources:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Gas Resources on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas (Fiscal Incentives, Guarantees and Assurances) Act, Cap. N87, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to empower the NLNG Ltd to make its Statutory Contributions to the NDDC Fund and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 397)" (*Hon. Frederick Y. Agbedi — Ekeremor/Sagbama Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Committee on Air Force:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Air Force, on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna, to provide Technical Training for Personnel of the Nigeria Air Force and other services of the Nigerian Armed Forces, and Other African Countries and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 313)" (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) **Committee on Environment and Habitat:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Environment and Habitat on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency the Total Sum of ₦372,944,000.00 (Three Hundred and Seventy-Two Million, Nine Hundred and Forty-Four Thousand Naira) only (H.B. 761)" (*Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim — Fufore/Song Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

7. **Consolidation of Bills**

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 Matters Connected Therewith (H.B. 826), a Bill for an Act to Amend the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Act, Cap. J1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to strengthen the Membership of the Board and Ensure that Results and Scores Obtained by Candidates Seeking Admissions into Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria are Valid within Four Subsequent and Consecutive Academic Sessions and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (H.B. 131), and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Act, Cap. J1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Establish a Steering Committee to be Vested with the Responsibility of Centralizing the Management of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations (UTME), the National Business and Technical Examinations (NABTE) and the Senior School Certificate Examinations (SSCE) under a Single ICT Platform to Reduce the Costs of Taking the Examinations and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (H.B. 849) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Introduce the Office of the Attorney-General of the Federation Distinct and Separate from the Minister of Justice, etc. and for Other Related Matters (H.B. 792) — 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 Introduce the Office of the Attorney-General of the Federation, Distinct and Separate from the Minister of Justice, etc. and for Other Related Matters (H.B. 792) 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 Special Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Sections 243 and 254 F of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Provide that, Except Otherwise Stated in the Constitution, Appeal shall lie from the Decisions of the National Industrial Court to the Court of Appeal and to Remove the Repealed Criminal Procedure Act and the Repealed Criminal Procedure Code so that the Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2015, shall Apply to Criminal Proceedings in the Court and for Other Related Matters (HB. 863) — Second Reading**

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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 1999 Constitution.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Complementary and Alternative Medicine Commission to Encourage, Promote and Co-ordinate Traditional Medicine Practice in Nigeria and a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Traditional Medicine Council of Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HBs 409 and 695) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Universities Commission (NUC) Act, Cap. N81, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Provide for the Introduction of Parliamentary Studies as a Course in Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 494) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Provide for the Establishment of the Ecclesiastical Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and Establishment of Ecclesiastical Courts of Appeal of the States, to Provide for the Functions, Jurisdiction, Qualifications, Appointments and Tenure of the Ecclesiastical Courts of Appeal and for Other Related Matters (HB. 847) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Provide for the Establishment of the Ecclesiastical Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and Establishment of Ecclesiastical Courts of Appeal of the States, to Provide for the Functions, Jurisdiction, Qualifications, Appointments and Tenure of the Ecclesiastical Courts of Appeal and for Other Related Matters (HB. 847) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency and 8 others).

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 1999 Constitution.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Sections 21, 51 and 59 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Provide for Alteration of the Exclusive and Concurrent Legislative Lists and for Other Related Matters (HB. 636) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Alter Sections 21, 51 and 59 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Provide for Alteration of the Exclusive and Concurrent Legislative Lists and for Other Related Matters (HB. 636) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East 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 1999 Constitution.

14. **Receipt and Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on Virement of Funds Appropriated for Special Intervention (Recurrent) and Special Intervention (Capital) in the 2016 Appropriation Act**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Request for Virement of Funds Appropriated for Special Intervention (Recurrent) and Special Intervention (Capital) in the 2016 Appropriation Act was passed by both the Senate and the House of Representatives with differences;

Aware that a Conference Committee was constituted by both chambers to harmonize the areas of differences in the Request as approved;

Also aware that the Committee met in conference on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, and harmonized the two versions of the approval;

In view of the fact that there are critical needs with potentials to develop and stimulate the economy and for which additional funds could be provided through Virement from the Special Intervention Programme;

Resolves to:

Receive and Adopt the Report of the Conference Committee on the Request for Virement of Funds Appropriated for Special Intervention (Recurrent) and Special Intervention (Capital) in the 2016 Appropriation Act (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

15. **Receipt and Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on A Bill for an Act to Establish the Defence Space Administration, Develop Satellite Technology, Ensure Security of the Nation's Cyber Activities and for Other Related Matters (HB. 816)**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that a Bill for an Act to Establish the Defence Space Administration, Develop Satellite Technology, Ensure Security of the Nation's Cyber Activities and for Other Related Matters was passed by both the Senate and the House of Representatives with differences;

Aware that a Conference Committee was constituted by both chambers to harmonize the areas of differences in the Bill as passed;

Also aware that the Committee met in conference on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, and harmonized the two versions of the Bill;

In view of the importance of the Bill to the Development of Satellite Technology and the Security of the nation's Cyber activities;

Resolves to:

Receive and Adopt the Report of the Conference Committee on the Defence Space Administration Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim — Fufore/Song Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

16. **Receipt and Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on A Bill for an Act to Establish the Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (IIB. 41)**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

17. **Call for Dredging of Omambala River in Anambra State**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Informed that Omambala River transcends from River Niger in Onitsha, which has recently been dredged, to all Anambra West Communities namely: Nzam, Olumbanasa Odeh, Olumbanasa Innoma, and other Igala speaking Communities of Anambra West local government area, Umueze, Umuoba, Mmiata, Umuikwu, Oroma-Ejiti, Ifite Anam, Nsugbe and then to Enuguotu, Eziaguluotu and part of Ayamelum Local Government Area to Idah in Kogi State;

Aware that following the dredging of River Niger, commercial marine activities have sprung up along the route of Omambala River, leading to economic advancement of the area;

Also aware that the Communities along Omambala River are agro based communities that are the food basket of the State and they contribute a lot to the gross domestic product of the country, hence the need for a viable water transport system to convey the farm products to the commercial city of Onitsha and environs;

Further aware that the dredging of Omambala River will ensure that a navigable channel is kept open throughout the year with sustainable waterborne transportation in the Country which is comparatively less expensive, safer and reduces the mindless carnage that has become the trademark of the high ways;

Convinced that the project, when completed, will further consolidate the transformation of the inland waterways sub sector and open yet another chapter in the Country's socio-economic interactions among Nigerians, particularly those along the riverine communities, at this crucial moment of diversification of the economy from oil to agriculture and provide employment for the teeming youths;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministries of Water Resources, Transportation and Works, Power and Housing to commence the process of the dredging of Omambala River for the overall economic advancement and transportation needs of Nigeria; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Ports, Harbours and Waterways, Water Resources, and Works to ensure compliance and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Tony Nwoye — Anambra East/Anambra West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 221/2016).

Motion referred to the Committees on Ports, Harbours and Waterways, Water Resources, and Works, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

18. **Urgent Need to Investigate the Alleged Killing of Four Unarmed Nigerians in Lagos by Personnel of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS)**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

19. **Misuse of Export Expansion Grant (EEG)**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Administration of President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan suspended the issuance of the 30% Export Expansion Grant (EEG) to exporters due to the abuses of the scheme given that if not properly administered, will lead to substantial loss of revenue to the government without achieving the objectives outlined in the policy;

Also notes the report in the Leadership Newspaper of 15 November, 2016, that the Hon. Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr Okechukwu Enelamah met with over two hundred (200) exporters to herald the resumption of the Scheme by December 2016;

Recalls that the scheme was intensely investigated by a Committee headed by the Late Waziri Mohammed during the regime of former President Olusegun Obasanjo, following which some exporters were made to refund billions of Naira to the government coffers;

Aware that rather than boosting exportation of goods, the scheme created more Naira billionaires who specialized in exploiting the inherent weaknesses of the scheme to the detriment of genuine exporters;

Concerned that if the suspension of the scheme is to be lifted without proper investigation to identify areas of weaknesses and block them, the nation could again witness very serious incidents of revenue shortfalls as the certificates are used only for the payment of customs duties;

Also aware that only last week, the Senate passed a resolution to investigate the loss of revenues generated by the Nigeria Customs Service despite the fact that the service no longer receives EEG Certificates for revenues payment;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministries of Industry, Trade and Investment, and Finance to suspend the resumption of the Scheme pending the outcome of investigations; and

- (ii) mandate the Committees on Commerce, and Industry to investigate the scheme and make appropriate recommendations in furtherance of judicious use of the grant and effective monitoring of its issuance, and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim — Fufore/Song Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Administration of President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan suspended the issuance of the 30% Export Expansion Grant (EEG) to exporters due to the abuses of the scheme given that if not properly administered, will lead to substantial loss of revenue to the government without achieving the objectives outlined in the policy;

Also noted the report in the Leadership Newspaper of 15 November, 2016, that the Hon. Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr Okechukwu Enelamah met with over two hundred (200) exporters to herald the resumption of the Scheme by December 2016;

Recalled that the scheme was intensely investigated by a Committee headed by the Late Waziri Mohammed during the regime of former President Olusegun Obasanjo, following which some exporters were made to refund billions of Naira to the government coffers;

Aware that rather than boosting exportation of goods, the scheme created more Naira billionaires who specialized in exploiting the inherent weaknesses of the scheme to the detriment of genuine exporters;

Concerned that if the suspension of the scheme is to be lifted without proper investigation to identify areas of weaknesses and block them, the nation could again witness very serious incidents of revenue shortfalls as the certificates are used only for the payment of customs duties;

Also aware that only last week, the Senate passed a resolution to investigate the loss of revenues generated by the Nigeria Customs Service despite the fact that the service no longer receives EEG Certificates for revenues payment;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministries of Industry, Trade and Investment, and Finance to suspend the resumption of the Scheme pending the outcome of investigations; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Commerce, and Industry to investigate the scheme and make appropriate recommendations in furtherance of judicious use of the grant and effective monitoring of its issuance, and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 222/2016**).

20. Calling Attention to the Abandonment of the Multi-Billion Naira Kaduna Petroleum College
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the ₦15 billion National College of Petroleum Studies (NCPS), Kaduna which was meant to be completed in 2011, has since been abandoned by the contractors handling the project due to non-release of funds by the Federal Government and the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) and complete lack of commitment by the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources;

Recalls that the then Executive Secretary of the PTDF had stated in March 2014, during budget defence that they had spent ₦15 billion to develop the Institute which was billed to be a world-class centre expected to train oil workers in various professional courses and also develop, promote and implement the petroleum technology and manpower needs through research and training, but it is now an eyesore as billions of Naira worth of investments are wasting away;

Aware of ongoing plans by the Federal Government to construct about 1,000 kilometer pipelines to convey crude oil from Niger Republic to the Kaduna Refinery, which will further bring about meaningful developments and enhancement to the Petroleum Institute that will serve not only as a vessel for the development of indigenous manpower and technology transfer/acquisition in the petroleum industry, but also make Nigeria a human resource centre for the West African sub-region;

Convinced that when completed and put into use, the Institute will serve as a training ground for Nigerian professionals, technicians and crafts men in Engineering, Geology, Science, as well as senior management personnel in the industry and represent for the petroleum industry what the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPPS) is to the public service, and the National Defence College (NDC) to the military.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to investigate the abandonment of construction works at the Institute and make appropriate recommendations to the House within four (4) weeks on measures to ensure resumption of works at the Institute (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukka — Dukka/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 223/2016).

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

21. **Urgent Need for the Introduction of the Police Vehicle Verification Code Stickers (PVVCS) to Tackle the Security Challenges in the Country**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Aware that Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, provides that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government;

Concerned about the alarming state of insecurity in the country where such crimes as kidnappings, robberies, terrorism, vehicle thefts, etc are on the increase;

Also aware that terrorists, kidnappers and robbers usually use stolen, unregistered and vehicles with fake particulars to carry out their nefarious activities;

Cognizant that the introduction of the Police Vehicle Verification Stickers (PVVCS) would enhance the ability of the Nigeria Police to promptly respond in cases of stolen vehicles by the use of vehicle verification system using short message system code service that is connected via the APN to the Federal Road Safety Commission's data base through verified number from the police access and emergency numbers;

Further aware that with the security encoded sticker affixed on the windscreen of a vehicle with darkness enabled reflector for night reflection, a police officer would randomly stop any vehicle and if he is not satisfied with either the behavior or claims of the persons on board could send the allocated code of the vehicle through SMS to a dedicated three digit number and within ten-fifteen seconds, a comprehensive information about the vehicle ownership is transmitted as a response to the request;

Believes that the introduction of the sticker will facilitate the synchronization and exchange of data between the Police and the Federal Road Safety Commission on easy verification of vehicles in cases of carjacking, robbery, kidnapping or any other similar crime;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to interface with the Nigeria Police Force to cause the introduction of the Police Vehicle Verification Stickers for every vehicle in Nigeria to aid in fighting crimes, and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Ehioguwa Johnson Agbonayinma — Egor/Ikpoba/Okha Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question Negatived.

22. **Need to Observe the 2016 Sixteen (16) Days of Activism against Gender Based-Violence and Call for Nationwide Adoption of the Violence Against Persons (VAPP) (Prohibition) Act of 2015**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that November 25 of every year is marked as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and the beginning of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence which is an initiative supported by the United Nations, other International Organizations and many countries across the world to end the scourge of violence, discrimination and inequality based on gender;

Also notes that the international campaign in 1991, from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute coordinated by the Center for Women's Global Leadership;

Aware that the 2016 UNITE Campaign 16 Days of Action will run from November 25 which is the UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women to December 10 which marks the Human Rights Day and it is aimed to highlight the link between violence against women and human rights, and those 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign will a time to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls around the world;

Acknowledges that the 16 Days period includes other significant dates like International Human Rights Defenders Day (29th November), World Aids Day (1st December), International Day for People With Disabilities (3rd December) and the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre (6th December);

Concerned about the statistics from the National Demographic Health Survey 2013, showing that 3 in 10 Nigerian women have experienced physical violence by age 15, and 25% of women have undergone Female Genital Mutilation (FGM);

Also concerned that the VAPP Act, 2015 is currently applicable only in the Federal Capital Territory with many States of the Federation yet to adopt it or enact other legislations protecting girls from violence in the public and private spaces;

Further concerned with daily incidents of gender based violence and reports of increased sexual violence tied to the insurgency, including further alleged violations by State and non-state actors in the affected parts of the country;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe and commemorate the 2016 (sixteen) Days of Activism as a mark of support to ending all forms of violence against women;
- (ii) urge the Thirty-Six (36) States Houses of Assembly to adopt the Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) Act of 2015 in their various States, to ensure a nationwide commitment for legislative action to protect all vulnerable persons, especially women and girls;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Women Affairs, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Refugees and Initiatives on North East Zone, Human Rights, and Justice to investigate reports of sexual assault on women, girls and boys in the IDP Camps as well as those in host communities in the Northeast in order to bring to justice the perpetrators of the inhuman actions which are further victimizing those already beleaguered citizens (*Hon. Abubakar Yunusa Ahmad — Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that November 25 of every year is marked as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and the beginning of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence which is an initiative supported by the United Nations, other International Organizations and many countries across the world to end the scourge of violence, discrimination and inequality based on gender;

Also noted that the international campaign in 1991, from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute coordinated by the Center for Women's Global Leadership;

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23. Unfortunate and Avoidable Death of Late Miss Ifedolapo Rachael Oladepo, a Corps Member at the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Orientation Camp, Kano
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that year in, year out, successful graduates of our universities are mobilized for the mandatory one-year national service;

Aware that Corps members are normally mobilized to different States other than their own State of origin;

Recalls the nationwide news media reports last week on the sad demise of Miss Ifedolapo Rachael Oladepo, while at the Kano NYSC Orientation Camp;

Also notes that the late Miss Ifedolapo Rachael Oladepo, before her unfortunate demise, was aged 26, a first class graduate in Aviation Transport Management of Ladoké Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho and a native of Ila-Orangun in the Ila Local Government Area of the State of Osun;

Informed that the late Miss Ifedolapo Rachael Oladepo became sick a few days after she reported to the Orientation Camp on Friday, November 25, 2016, and promptly reported her condition to the camp authorities who initially thought she was feigning sickness in order to dodge routine strenuous exercises;

Further informed that the late Miss Ifedolapo Rachael Oladepo was admitted at the Camp clinic, said to be under the supervision of an NYSC doctor supported by NYSC nurses;

Worried that the Camp clinic may not have been adequately equipped, as the late Ifedayo was reportedly given some "placebo" and later injected with some substance, following which a lot of rashes manifested all over her body and her tongue became twisted;

Concerned that, because Miss Ifedolapo's medical condition did not improve many hours after being admitted to the clinic, she was belatedly evacuated to another hospital where she reportedly died;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a one-minute silence in honour of the fallen Corps member;
- (ii) send a delegation from the House to condole and commiserate with the family of the fallen Corps member; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Youth Development and Healthcare Services to investigate the circumstances that led to the death of Miss Ifedolapo Rachael Oladepo and report their findings within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Olufemi Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Leave out all the words in Prayer (iii) and insert the following:*
"Invite the Director-General of the National Youth Service Corps to appear before the Committees on Youth Development, Health, and Justice, for investigation to forestall future occurrence, and to bring any personnel to book, if any act of negligence is establish" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert a new Prayer (iv) as follows:*
"Urge the National Youth Service Corps to work with the State Governments to build permanent orientation camps in all the 36 States of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, with fully equipped clinic which must include an ambulance and this should be provided for in the 2017 budget proposal" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (iii) *Insert a new Prayer (v) as follows:*
"Urge the National Youth Service Corps to provide Health Insurance cover for all Corps members during their service year" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (iv) *Leave out all the words in Prayer (i) and insert the followings:*
"Empathise with families of the three Corps members who died recently in the course of service and the entire Corps members nationwide, and observe a minute silence in their honour" (*Hon. Bode Ayorinde — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (v) *Insert a new Prayer (vi) as follows:*
"Urge the NYSC management to immediately embark on measures that will improve the security and welfare of Corps members so as to forestall any further ugly incidence in future" (*Hon. Bode Ayorinde — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (vi) *Leave out Prayer (ii) (Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko-Afon Federal Constituency).*

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (vii) *Leave out* all the words in Prayer (iii) as amended and *insert* as follows:
“Invite the Director-General of the National Youth Service Corps to appear before an *Ad-hoc* Committee, for investigation to forestall future occurrence, and to bring any personnel to book, if any act of negligence is established” (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (viii) *Insert* a new Prayer (vii) as follows:
“Urge the NYSC to relax the strenuous routine exercise at the camp to which Corps members are subjected to considering the age of most Corps members today” (*Hon. Ajisafe Olowookere — Akure North/Akure South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

Main Question as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that year in, year out, successful graduates of our universities are mobilized for the mandatory one-year national service;

Aware that Corps members are normally mobilized to different States other than their own State of origin;

Recalled the nationwide news media reports last week on the sad demise of Miss Ifedolapo Rachael Oladepo, while at the Kano NYSC Orientation Camp;

Also noted that the late Miss Ifedolapo Rachael Oladepo, before her unfortunate demise, was aged 26, a first class graduate in Aviation Transport Management of Ladoko Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho and a native of Ila-Orangun in the Ila Local Government Area of the State of Osun;

Informed that the late Miss Ifedolapo Rachael Oladepo became sick a few days after she reported to the Orientation Camp on Friday, November 25, 2016, and promptly reported her condition to the camp authorities who initially thought she was feigning sickness in order to dodge routine strenuous exercises;

Further informed that the late Miss Ifedolapo Rachael Oladepo was admitted at the Camp clinic, said to be under the supervision of an NYSC doctor supported by NYSC nurses;

Worried that the Camp clinic may not have been adequately equipped, as the late Ifedayo was reportedly given some “placebo” and later injected with some substance, following which a lot of rashes manifested all over her body and her tongue became twisted;

Concerned that, because Miss Ifedolapo’s medical condition did not improve many hours after being admitted to the clinic, she was belatedly evacuated to another hospital where she reportedly died;

— *Resolved to:*

- (i) empathise with families of the three Corps members who died recently in the course of service and the entire Corps members nationwide, and observe a minute silence in their honour;

- (ii) invite the Director-General of the National Youth Service Corps to appear before an *Ad-hoc* Committee, for investigation to forestall future occurrence, and to bring any personnel to book, if any act of negligence is established;
- (iii) urge the National Youth Service Corps to work with the State Governments to build permanent orientation camps in all the 36 States of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, with fully equipped clinic which must include an ambulance and this should be provided for in the 2017 budget proposal;
- (iv) also urge National Youth Service Corps to provide Health Insurance cover for all Corps members during their service year; and
- (v) further urge the NYSC management to immediately embark on measures that will improve the security and welfare of the corps members so as to forestall any further ugly incidence in future (H.R. 225/2016).

The House observed a minute in silence in honour of the deceased.

24. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 7 December, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.31 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker