



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 7 December, 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, 6 December, 2016.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcements**

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

Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the Lagos State Vice Chairman, and the Legal Adviser of *All Progressive Congress (APC)*, Chief Funso Ologunde, and Barr. Ademola Sadiq respectively.

(b) **Ad-hoc Committees:**

Mr Speaker announced the members of the following *Ad-hoc* Committees:

(i) **Committee on Alleged Cases of Harassment, Intimidation and Gross Breach of Constitutional Rights of Indigenes and Residents of Bauchi State by the Bauchi State Police Command:**

(1)	Hon. Gabriel Onyewife	—	Chairman
(2)	Hon. Haliru Dauda Jika	—	Member
(3)	Hon. Muazu Lawal Gummi	—	Member
(4)	Hon. Badru Dolapo	—	Member
(5)	Hon. Solomon Maren	—	Member
(6)	Hon. Simon Arabo	—	Member
(7)	Hon. Dennis Agbo	—	Member
(8)	Hon. Rita Orji	—	Member
(9)	Hon. Sergius Ogun	—	Member
(10)	Hon. Ahmed Yerima	—	Member

(ii) **Committee to Interface with the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources on the Review of the Price of PMS and Such Related Matters:**

(1)	Hon. Raphael Nnanna Igbokwe	—	Chairman
(2)	Hon. Abdullahi Abubakar Lado	—	Member
(3)	Hon. Hassan Omale	—	Member

(4)	Hon. Sani Danlami	—	Member
(5)	Hon. Babatunde Kolawole	—	Member
(6)	Hon. Zephaniah Jisalo	—	Member
(7)	Hon. Lazarus Ogbec	—	Member
(8)	Hon. Pondi Julius	—	Member
(9)	Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata	—	Member

4. Petitions

- (i) A petition from Ashieghu Desmond, on his dismissal from the service of the Nigeria Police Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Goodluck Opiah (*Ohaji/Egbema/Oguta/Ora West Federal Constituency*); and
- (ii) A petition from Bristol Akgharaiya Emmanuel, on behalf of Ethnic Nationality Forum Stand for Equity and Good Governance, on the harassment and intimidation of Mrs Patience Jonathan, by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), was presented and laid by Hon. Idisi Lovette (*Burutu Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

The Need to Suspend the Federal Government Ban on Importation of Vehicles through Land Borders:

Hon. Balarabe Abdullahi Salame (*Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance.

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

Matter to stand over till next legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 4 (3).

6. 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. 867).
- (2) Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 868).
- (3) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 869).
- (4) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 870).
- (5) Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 871).
- (6) Proceeds of Crime Bill, 2016 (HB. 872).
- (7) Maritime University, Oron (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 873).
- (8) City Technical University, Yaba, Lagos, Bill, 2016 (HB. 874).
- (9) National Orientation Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 875).
- (10) Fire and Rescue Service Bill, 2016 (HB. 876).
- (11) Petroleum Industry Bill, 2016 (HB. 877).
- (12) Petroleum Industry Fiscal Framework Bill, 2016 (HB. 878).

- (13) Petroleum Host Community Development Bill, 2016 (H.B. 879).
- (14) National Agricultural Land Development Authority Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (H.B. 880).
- (15) Mandatory Inclusion of Agricultural Science in Secondary Schools Curriculum in Nigeria Bill, 2016 (H.B. 881).
- (16) National Tobacco Control Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (H.B. 882).
- (17) National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (H.B. 883).

7. Presentation of Reports

(i) Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream):

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream) on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Department of Petroleum Resources the Total Sum of ₦17,469,235,184.23 (Seventeen Billion, Four Hundred and Sixty-Nine Million, Two Hundred and Thirty-Five Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty-Four Naira, Twenty-Three Kobo) only, out of which the sum of ₦939,243,236.00 (Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine Million, Two Hundred and Forty-Three Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty-Six Naira) only is for Capital Expenditure, while the sum of ₦2,443,821,148.23 (Two Billion, Four Hundred and Forty-Three Million, Eight Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, One Hundred and Forty-Eight Naira, Twenty-Three Kobo) only, is for Overhead Expenditure (H.B. 747)" (Hon. Victor Nwokolo — Ika Northeast/Ika South Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream):

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream) on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Nuclear Regulatory Authority the Total Sum of ₦6,281,731,278.00 (Six Billion, Two Hundred and Eighty-One Million, Seven Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Two Hundred and Seventy-Eight Naira) only (H.B. 758)" (Hon. Victor Nwokolo — Ika Northeast/Ika South Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Vest the Control of the Revenues Derived from Minerals, Mineral Oils and Natural Gas In, Under or Upon Any Land in the States of the Federation and for Other Related Matters (H.B. 811) — 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 Vest the Control of the Revenues Derived from Minerals, Mineral Oils and Natural Gas In, Under or Upon Any Land in the States of the Federation and for Other Related Matters (H.B. 811) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Leo Ogor — Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

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

9. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Reflect the Proposals Initiated by the Judiciary and for Other Related Matters (IIB. 858) — 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 Reflect the Proposals Initiated by the Judiciary and for Other Related Matters (IIB. 858) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari 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 Sections 81 and 121 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Expressly Provide that the National Assembly, State Houses of Assembly, Federal Judiciary, States Judiciary, the Independent National Electoral Commission and the States Independent Electoral Commissions shall Prepare and lay before each House of the National Assembly or a State House of Assembly, as the case may be at any time in each Financial Year Estimates of their Revenues and Expenditures for the Next following Financial Year and for and for Other Related Matters (IIB. 859) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter Sections 81 and 121 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Expressly Provide that the National Assembly, State Houses of Assembly, Federal Judiciary, States Judiciary, the Independent National Electoral Commission and the States Independent Electoral Commissions shall Prepare and lay before each House of the National Assembly or a State House of Assembly, as the case may be at any time in each Financial Year Estimates of their Revenues and Expenditures for the Next following Financial Year and for and for Other Related Matters (IIB. 859) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari 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.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Sections 233 (2) (e) and 246 (3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Extend the Appellate Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court elections into the National Assembly or a State House of Assembly and their Tenures of Office and for Other Related Matters (IIB. 780) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 308 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Extend Immunity to Cover Presiding Officers of Legislative Institutions and for Other Related Matters (HB. 467) — Second Reading**

Order read; withdrawn by leave of the House.

13. **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 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 (HBs 689 and 839) — Second Reading**

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 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 (HBs 689 and 839) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Linus Okorie - Ivo/Ohaozara/Onicha 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 Agricultural Colleges and Institutions.

14. **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 Grant Special Status to Certain States in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 854) — 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 Grant Special Status to Certain States in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 854) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Babajimi Adegoke Benson — Ikorodu Federal Constituency and 3 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 the 1999 Constitution.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Sections 132, 221 and 225 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Provide for Independent Candidates and for Other Related Matters (HB. 507) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter Sections 132, 221 and 225 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Provide for Independent Candidates and for Other Related Matters (HB. 507) 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 the 1999 Constitution.

16. 2017-2019 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP)

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

17. 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

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that a Bill for an Act to Establish the Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria 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 improving the Genetic Resources of Forests, Trees and the Ecosystem for Economic Development of the country;

Resolves to:

Receive and Adopt the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (*Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim - Fufore/Song Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

18. Need to Grant Hon. Abdulmumin Jibrin Fair Hearing in respect of Petitions against Him

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Committee on Ethics and Privileges received two petitions entitled:

- (i) Petition against Hon. Abdulmumin Jibrin on His Absenteeism and Poor Representation of Kuru/Bebeji Federal Constituency of Kano State in the House of Representatives; and
- (ii) Petition for the Investigation of Hon. Abdulmumin Jibrin, Member representing Kuru/Bebeji Federal Constituency for Operating Foreign Accounts in Violation of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act;

Recalls that by a Resolution passed on the 24 September, 2016, Hon. Abdulmumin Jibrin was suspended from the House of Representatives for 180 legislative days;

Also notes that the Committee on Ethics and Privileges has commenced investigations into the petitions and seeks the indulgence of the House to invite Hon. Abdulmumin Jibrin, on grounds of fair hearing, to be allowed into the precincts of the House for the purpose of defending the allegations contained in the petitions;

Resolves to:

Permit Hon. Abdulmumin Jibrin to enter the precincts of the House of Representatives only for the purpose of appearing before the Committee on Ethics and Privileges which is investigating the Petitions against him, when invited by the Committee (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 226/2016).

Motion referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges.

19. **Need to Stop the Exploitation of Electricity Consumers by Electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOs) Through Failure to Provide Them with Meters**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the non-provision of meters for electricity consumers by the Electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOs), thereby billing consumers based on unregulated and exorbitant estimates, is one of the greatest challenges facing electricity consumers in Nigeria today;

Aware that by the proposals submitted by the core investors in the DISCOs during the privatization of the power firms in 2013, about 6.52 million new meters would be installed over the course of five years at the rate of more than one million yearly but the companies have reneged on the agreement;

Concerned that as at March 2016, the 11 Electricity Distribution Companies had collectively provided meters for only 405,255 customers since they took over in 2013, with about three million Customers currently without prepaid meters;

Also concerned that only about 151,724 of these meters or 38 percent were financed directly by the DISCOs and the balance of 251,531 meters or over 60 percent were financed by the customers through the Credited Advance Payment for Metering Implementation (CAPMI) scheme initiated by the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission to close the wide metering gap in the electricity industry;

Cognizant that data submitted by the Discos indicated that there are about 6,159,775 customer's accounts with the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry (NESI) as at December 2015, with only about 3,206,599 or 52 percent of electricity users having so far been provided with meters, leaving a gap of 2,953,176 customers without meters;

Also cognizant that although many customers have paid for the pre-paid meters, the Electricity Distribution Companies have failed to deliver and install the said meters, a situation that is adversely affecting the investments and businesses of so many customers who have been left at the mercy of the estimated and exorbitant bills of the DISCOs;

Further concerned that despite the Discos having been threatened with penalization in the past for breach of the Credited Advance Payment on Metering Initiative (CAPMI) Order, and other agreements, they have continued to breach the terms of the privatization, a development that is capable of defeating the purpose of the privatization of the power sector;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Power to interface with the Federal Ministry of Works, Power and Housing, the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC), Electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOs), the Consumer Protection Council, the Organized Labour, the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) and other stakeholders to address this concern and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Garba Ibrahim Mohammed — Gwale Federal Constituency*).

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

Noted the non-provision of meters for electricity consumers by the Electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOs), thereby billing consumers based on unregulated and exorbitant estimates, is one of the greatest challenges facing electricity consumers in Nigeria today;

Aware that by the proposals submitted by the core investors in the DISCOs during the privatization of the power firms in 2013, about 6.52 million new meters would be installed over the course of five years at the rate of more than one million yearly but the companies have reneged on the agreement;

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Cognizant that data submitted by the Discos indicated that there are about 6,159,775 customer's accounts with the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry (NESI) as at December 2015, with only about 3,206,599 or 52 percent of electricity users having so far been provided with meters, leaving a gap of 2,953,176 customers without meters;

Also cognizant that although many customers have paid for the pre-paid meters, the Electricity Distribution Companies have failed to deliver and install the said meters, a situation that is adversely affecting the investments and businesses of so many customers who have been left at the mercy of the estimated and exorbitant bills of the DISCOs;

Further concerned that despite the Discos having been threatened with penalization in the past for breach of the Credited Advance Payment on Metering Initiative (CAPMI) Order, and other agreements, they have continued to breach the terms of the privatization, a development that is capable of defeating the purpose of the privatization of the power sector;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Power to interface with the Federal Ministry of Works, Power and Housing, the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC), Electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOs), the Consumer Protection Council, the Organized Labour, the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) and other stakeholders to address this concern and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 227/2016**).

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

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Nigeria Customs Service was established primarily to police the various entry points to the country with a view to preventing prohibited goods from being smuggled into the country and ensuring that importers and exporters of goods pay appropriate dues to the government;

Also notes that ideally, the activities of the Customs Service should be restricted to the borders, sea ports and airports, however Service has extended its operations beyond the areas of its core mandate as it is common to see armed Customs men mounting check points on the highways and also raiding markets, private warehouses, shops, etc, apparently to impound contraband goods;

Concerned that over the years, several who were undertaking their legitimate businesses had either been killed or maimed and their properties forcibly taken from them by over-zealous armed Customs men without any of the officers being held accountable as attempts by family members of some of the victims to seek redress from the Customs Service were met with denials and the usual feigning of ignorance of the incidents;

Also concerned that violent incidents by armed Customs officials against unarmed Citizens are becoming common as evidenced by an editorial in the Punch Newspapers of November 16, 2016, titled "Curbing excesses of trigger-happy customs men" which referred to the recent raids in some parts of Lagos by armed personnel of the Nigeria Customs Service which allegedly left four people dead and three others sustaining gunshot wounds;

Recalls other clashes involving customs personnel and citizens, including that of July 2016, during which one Solomon Apase of Badagary was killed, that of November 3, 2016, involving soldiers when Customs men went to the Army Shopping Arena to seize contrabands;

Further concerned about the brazen manner in which Customs officers carry out their duties of seizing contrabands and whether they have powers to do so without an order of Court and also the capacity of the Service to effectively monitor the activities of its men in the field to ensure that impounded contrabands do not get diverted for personal uses;

Resolves to:

Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the alleged killing of four persons, maiming of innocent passers-by, illegal raiding of markets, warehouses, breaking into shops to impound contrabands, diversion of impounded goods for personal gains by customs officials and any other alleged atrocities perpetrated by men of the Customs Service nation-wide and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Olajide Olatubosun — Atisbo/Saki East/Saki West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Nigeria Customs Service was established primarily to police the various entry points to the country with a view to preventing prohibited goods from being smuggled into the country and ensuring that importers and exporters of goods pay appropriate dues to the government;

Also noted that ideally, the activities of the Customs Service should be restricted to the borders, sea ports and airports, however Service has extended its operations beyond the areas of its core mandate as it is common to see armed Customs men mounting check points on the highways and also raiding markets, private warehouses, shops, etc. apparently to impound contraband goods;

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21. Need for the Federal Government to Intervene in the Long Power Outage at the Federal Secretariat Phase 1 for About Four Weeks Now

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that on November 6, 2016, electricity supply was cut off at the Federal Secretariat, Phase 1 which houses many Federal Government Ministries;

Aware that the outage has persisted for the past four (4) weeks thereby disrupting official assignments of the various Ministries occupying the edifice and causing untold hardships to the civil servants working in those Ministries;

Concerned that an embarrassing development of this nature could be allowed to have persisted for this long without the Government intervening to find a solution to it;

Cognizant that many if not all the Ministries occupying the complex have provisions in their annual budgets for purchase of fuel/diesel to power their generators and maintain them, and then wonders why they have not taken steps to ameliorate the situation

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Special Duties, and Power to investigate the long power outage at the Federal Secretariat Phase 1 and report back within two (2) weeks on measures to avert a re-occurrence (*Hon. Olatoye Temitope Sugar — Akinyele/Lagelu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on November 6, 2016, electricity supply was cut off at the Federal Secretariat, Phase 1 which houses many Federal Government Ministries;

Aware that the outage has persisted for the past four (4) weeks thereby disrupting official assignments of the various Ministries occupying the edifice and causing ~~unold~~ hardships to the civil servants working in those Ministries;

Concerned that an embarrassing development of this nature could be allowed to have persisted for this long without the Government intervening to find a solution to it;

Cognizant that many if not all the Ministries occupying the complex have provisions in their annual budgets for purchase of fuel/diesel to power their generators and maintain them, and then wonders why they have not taken steps to ameliorate the situation

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Special Duties, and Power to investigate the long power outage at the Federal Secretariat Phase 1 and report back within two (2) weeks on measures to avert a re-occurrence (**HR. 2289/2016**).

22. Need to Address the Non-Compliance with the Provisions of Section 14 (2) of the National Broadcasting Commission Act by Broadcasting Industries
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the National Broadcasting Commission is charged by its enabling Act with the responsibility to control the establishment, operations and monitoring of the activities of both public and private broadcasting industries in Nigeria;

Also notes that section 14 (2) (a) of the Act mandates all licensed broadcasting stations to pay certain percentage of their annual income to the Commission in form of fees and levies as shall be determined by the Commission;

Aware that the Commission currently charges 1.5 percent of the annual income of each broadcasting industry, pursuant to section 14 (2) (a) of the Act;

Concerned that in spite of the considerable charge of 1.5% being levied on them, most of the broadcasting industries are not complying with the payment of the stated fees, even when they are undoubtedly known to be in full-operation;

Also concerned that the failure to comply with the requirement to pay the charges is currently hampering the capacity of the Commission to discharge its functions accordingly, and could result in its financial incapacitation;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values to investigate the matter with a view to ensuring compliance by broadcasting industries and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Jones Onyereri — Nkwerre/Isu /Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

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

Noted that the National Broadcasting Commission is charged by its enabling Act with the responsibility to control the establishment, operations and monitoring of the activities of both public and private broadcasting industries in Nigeria;

Also noted that section 14 (2) (a) of the Act mandates all licensed broadcasting stations to pay certain percentage of their annual income to the Commission in form of fees and levies as shall be determined by the Commission;

Aware that the Commission currently charges 1.5 percent of the annual income of each broadcasting industry, pursuant to section 14 (2) (a) of the Act;

Concerned that in spite of the considerable charge of 1.5% being levied on them, most of the broadcasting industries are not complying with the payment of the stated fees, even when they are undoubtedly known to be in full-operation;

Also concerned that the failure to comply with the requirement to pay the charges is currently hampering the capacity of the Commission to discharge its functions accordingly, and could result in its financial incapacitation;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values to investigate the matter with a view to ensuring compliance by broadcasting industries and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*IIR. 230/2016*).

23. Need for Enlightenment Programmes to Check the Prevalent Cases of Diabetes

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

24. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 8 December, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.59 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker