



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 17 November, 2016

1. The House met at 11.27 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 Wednesday, 16 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 *Ideal Royal School*, Tunga, Minna, Niger State; and
- (ii) Staff and Students of *Iqra'a Nursery & Primary School*, Lugbe, Abuja.

4. **Petitions**

- (i) A petition from Jonathan Agazi, on non-payment by Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC), of the contract he executed at Elebele Manifold in Ogbia, Bayelsa State, was presented and laid by Hon. Sodaguno Festus-Omoni (*Ogbia Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) A petition from Mike Agbahime, on the refusal of the Director, Public Prosecutions, Kano State, to continue with trial of the suspected killers of his wife, Late Mrs Bridget Agbahime at Kofar-Wambe market, Kano State, was presented and laid by Hon. Henry Nwawuba (*Mbaitoli/Ikeduru Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**
 - (i) ***Need to Call the Executive Director of Nigerian Export Promotion Council to Adhere Strictly to the Resolution of the House:***
Hon. Ahmed Babba Kaita (*Kankiya/Kusada/Ingawa Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:
 - (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and

- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

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

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

Need to Call the Executive Director, Nigerian Export Promotion Council to Adhere Strictly to the Resolutions of the House:

The House:

Aware that on 2 November, 2015, a petition was written by aggrieved staff of Nigerian Export Promotion Council over the violation of Public Service Rules, Federal Character provisions and other irregularities in the conduct of 2012, 2013, and 2014 promotions done in 2015;

Also aware that the petition was duly looked into, both at committee level and at the plenary, and the following resolutions were reached:

Urge the Nigeria Export Promotion Council to:

- (i) reflect Federal character principles in the exercise,
- (ii) promote all officers due for promotion,
- (iii) ensure that no officer is punished or victimized for his role in writing the petition,
- (iv) the Executive Director should revert to status quo ante bellum pending the outcome of the on-going investigations on promotion and disciplinary actions embarked upon by the agency;

Concerned that the Executive Director of Nigerian Export Promotion Council has brazenly refused to carry out the resolutions of the House in clear disregard to the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

Convinced that the resolution clearly directed the Executive Director to take into consideration the principle of Federal Character as a guide to promotions or to revert the *status quo ante*;

Worried that the Executive Director rather than adhering to the resolution, has gone ahead to issue queries to some of the staff and make some to appear before various committees, while some were forced to write letters of apology which is in clear violation of their rights to be heard based on the provisions of the Public Service Act;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Executive Director of Nigerian Export Promotion Council to rescind his action against the affected staff and adhere fully to the resolution of the House over the promotion exercise; and
- (ii) also urge the Minister of Commerce and Industry to urgently call the Executive Director to order, failure upon which the House will invoke the relevant powers to deal with the issue (*Hon. Ahmad Babba Kaita — Kankiya/Kusada/Ingawa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (iii) as follows:

“Mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance with an earlier resolution of the House on the matter” (Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshinsha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Aware that on 2 November, 2015, a petition was written by aggrieved staff of Nigerian Export Promotion Council over the violation of Public Service Rules, Federal Character provisions and other irregularities in the conduct of 2012, 2013, and 2014 promotions done in 2015;

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- (iii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance with an earlier resolution of the House on the matter (HIR. 196/2016).
- (ii) ***Need to Investigate the Killing of Forty-Three People, Injuries to some and Burning of 65 Houses in Kigam, Kitakum, Ungwan Magaji, Ungwan Rimi, Ungwan Makera, and Kizipi Villages in Chawai Chieftdom in Kauru Local Government Area of Kaduna State on 13 - 14 November, 2016:***
Hon. Simon Yakubu Arabo (*Kauru 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.

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The House:

Notes that Kauru Local Government Area of Kaduna State is within the Southern Kaduna Senatorial District;

Also notes that on 19 October, 2016, pursuant to a motion on the **URGENT NEED FOR DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY OVER THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE SOUTHERN KADUNA SENATORIAL DISTRICT OF KADUNA STATE**, the House resolved as follows:

- (i) observe a minute silence for the repose of the souls of the deceased victims of the attacks,
- (ii) call on the Kaduna State Government and Federal Government to declare a security emergency in Southern Kaduna Senatorial District of Kaduna State,
- (iii) also call on the Federal Government to set up a Military strike force in the Southern Kaduna Senatorial District of Kaduna State as an interim measure,
- (iv) further call on the Federal Government to actualise the resolve to set up a military battalion in Kafanchan or such other place in Southern Kaduna Senatorial District of Kaduna State,
- (v) urge the Security Agencies to intensify efforts to apprehend and bring to justice all person involved in these attacks, and
- (vi) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency to provide relief materials to the internally displaced person on account of the attacks;

Aware that on 13 - 14 November, 2016, heavily armed insurgents in large numbers invaded Kigam, Kitakum, Ungwan Magaji, Ungwan Rimi, Ungwan Makera and Kizipi Villages in Chawai Chiefdom in Kauru Local Government Area of Kaduna State resulting in the killing of 43 people (consisting of children, women and men) injuries to many, burning down of 65 houses and other properties;

Also aware that these senseless attacks on communities in the Southern Kaduna Senatorial Districts are on the increase inspite of efforts by the Government to stem the dangerous trend;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence for the repose of the souls of the deceased victims of the attacks;
- (ii) restate the resolutions of 19 October, 2016 and call for the implementation of Resolutions (ii) - (v); and
- (iii) urge the Kaduna State Emergency Management Agency and National Emergency Management Agency to provide relief materials to the victims in Kigam, Kitakum, Ungwan Magaji, Ungwan Rimi, Ungwan Makera and Kizipi Villages in Chawai Chiefdom in Kauru Local Government Area of Kaduna State (*Hon. Simon Y. Araba — Kauru Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Insert a new Prayer (iv) as follows:*
“That the Leadership of the House should meet with the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, on the issue of incessant security challenges and communal crisis across the nation, with a view to finding a lasting solution” (*Hon. Bashir Baballe — Minjibir/Ungogo Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert a new Prayer (v) as follows:*
“Urge the Department of State Services (DSS) to live up to its statutory responsibility by ensuring better internal security of the Nigerian nation” (*Hon. Chinda Kingsley — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (iii) *Insert a new Prayer (vi) as follows:*
“That the House should convene a national conference on security and its outcome should serve as input to institutional security reform agenda” (*Hon. Sani Zorro — Gumel/Sule/Maigatari/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

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

The House:

Noted that Kauru Local Government Area of Kaduna State is within the Southern Kaduna Senatorial District;

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- (v) further urge the Department of State Services (DSS) to live up to its statutory responsibility by ensuring better internal security of the Nigerian nation; and
- (vi) equally urge the House should to convene a national conference on security and its outcome should serve as input to institutional security reform agenda (HR. 197/2016).

6. Presentation of Report

Committee on Aviation:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Aviation on the Investigation of the Need to Rescue the Airline Industry from Imminent Collapse (HR. 84/2016)" (Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

7. Consolidation of Bills:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Development Agency Act, Cap. S19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to expressly Provide the Agency with Powers to Protect Artisans, Market Women and Traders and Organize them into Clusters for Optimum Benefits and for Other Related Matters (HB.803), a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Small and Medium Scale Industries Development Agency Act, Cap. S19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and to Re-enact the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN) and for Other Related Matters (HB.808) be now consolidated" (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Open University Act, Cap. N63, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Provide for the Inclusion of Information and Communications Technology as Another Means of Providing Tuition towards the Advancement of Learning Throughout Nigeria by the National Open University and for Other Related Matters (HB. 818) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Open University Act, Cap. N63, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Provide for the Inclusion of Information and Communications Technology as Another Means of Providing Tuition towards the Advancement of Learning Throughout Nigeria by the National Open University and for Other Related Matters (HB. 818) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Jibril Umar Buba — Deputy House Leader).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services.

9. A Bill for an Act to Establish Factoring Assignments Act to Provide for Principles and to Adopt Rules Relating to the Assignment of Receivables in Order to Create Certainty and Transparency and to Promote the Modernization of the Law Relating to Assignments whilst Protecting Existing Assignments, Practices and Facilitating the Development of New Practices and Ensuring Adequate Protection for the Interests of Debtors in Order to Promote the Availability of Capital and Credit and to Facilitate Domestic and International Trade and for Other Related Matters (HB. 805) — 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 Committees on Commerce, and Justice.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission Act, Cap. F19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to make Provisions for Licensing Procedure, Regulation of Driving Schools and Amend the Third Schedule and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission Act, Cap. F19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Reduce Road Accidents and Fatalities by Mandating the Use of Child Restraints in Vehicles and a Resting Period for Drivers Covering Long Distances and for Other Related Matters (HB. 625 and HB. 796) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission Act, Cap. F19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to make Provisions for Licensing Procedure, Regulation of Driving Schools and Amend the Third Schedule and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission Act, Cap. F19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Reduce Road Accidents and Fatalities by Mandating the Use of Child Restraints in Vehicles and a Resting Period for Drivers Covering Long Distances and for Other Related Matters (HB. 625 and HB. 796) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Ehiozuwa Johnson Agbonayinma — Egor/Ikpoba/Okha Federal Constituency and 2 others).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC).

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Import (Prohibition) Act, Cap. I1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Introduce Mental Element in the Offences and for Other Related Matters (HB. 673) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Legion Act, Cap. N119, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Ensure the Proper Welfare and Health Conditions of Military Veterans, Expand the Operations and Functions of the Legion for National Development and for Other Related Matters (HB. 392) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Programme on Immunization Act, Cap. N71, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to remove the Replication of Functions between the National Primary Health Care Development Agency and the National Programme on Immunization and for Other Related Matters (HB. 362) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Programme on Immunization Act, Cap. N71, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to remove the Replication of Functions between the National Primary Health Care Development Agency and the National Programme on Immunization and for Other Related Matters (HB. 362) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Dickson Tarkighir — Makurdi/Guma Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Bill withdrawn by leave of the House.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Auctioneers of Nigeria to Provide for, Among Other Things, the Regulation, Control and Determination of the Standards of Knowledge to be Attained by People Seeking to Become Chartered Auctioneers and for Other Related Matters (HIB. 699) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

15. **Receipt and Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Lottery Act, 2005, to make consequential Provisions for Effective Operation of Lottery in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Lottery Act, 2005, to make consequential Provisions for Effective Operation of Lottery in 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 notes that the Committee met in conference on Monday, November 14, 2016 and harmonized the two versions of the Bill;

Acknowledges the importance of the Bill to the advancement of Lottery business in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

Receive and adopt the report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Lottery Act, 2005, to make consequential Provisions for Effective Operation of Lottery in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

16. **Rescission of the Passage of the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

17. **Urgent Need to Include the Youths of Isoko Ethnic Nationality in the Amnesty Programme**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

18. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly: Order Twelve, Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives
Nigerian Football Federation Bill, 2016 (H.B. 587)**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

19. **Calling the Border Communities Development Agency to Commence Construction of International Markets at Border Communities**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Aware that the Border Communities Development Agency (BCDA) was statutorily empowered to, among others, determine infrastructural projects required for the overall development of border communities and execute such developmental policies, projects and programmes in border communities:

Also aware that the Agency subsequently devised a programme to establish International Markets at border communities across the six geopolitical zones of the country starting with Okerete Transnational border market in Saki, Oyo State as a pilot scheme:

Further aware that a tripartite memorandum of understanding was signed in September 2011, between the Government of Oyo State, the Federal Government and the Department for International Development (DFID) wherein the DFID undertook to finance the cost of feasibility studies for the establishment of the Okerete Border Market to the tune of Two Million Pounds (£2,000,000):

Concerned that five years after the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, nothing has been done as regards the construction of the border market:

Cognizant that establishment of border markets in other climes had resulted in economic boom and near-zero unemployment in the border communities as exemplified by the United States - Mexico transnational border market:

Notes that the Okerete transnational border market, when completed, has the potential to generate more than five million jobs, increase the revenue base of Government, formalize the trading activities currently taking place in the community, bring about infrastructural development, increase the efficiency of border agencies, stimulate import and export activities, among others:

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Border Communities Development Agency (BCDA), in partnership with relevant stakeholders that signed the MoU for the establishment of Okerete International Border Market, to commence work on the project without further delay; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Special Duties to ensure implementation and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Olajide Olatubosun Atisbo/Saki East/Saki West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

(i) *Insert a new Prayer (iii) as follows:*

“Urge the Ministry of Budget and National Planning to make adequate budgetary provision in the 2017 budget for the construction of the markets” (*Hon. Abdulrahman Shuaibu Abubakar — Mubi North/Mubi South/Miaha Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

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

“That the Border Communities Development Agency, should liaise with the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission, to raise Private Public Partnership (PPP) Agreements to develop markets in all the border communities in the six geopolitical zones of the country” (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Abdu — Alkaleri/Kirfi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Aware that the Border Communities Development Agency (BCDA) was statutorily empowered to, among others, determine infrastructural projects required for the overall development of border communities and execute such developmental policies, projects and programmes in border communities;

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Concerned that five years after the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, nothing has been done as regards the construction of the border market;

Cognizant that establishment of border markets in other climes had resulted in economic boom and near-zero unemployment in the border communities as exemplified by the United States - Mexico transnational border market;

Noted that the Okerete transnational border market, when completed, has the potential to generate more than five million jobs, increase the revenue base of Government, formalize the trading activities currently taking place in the community, bring about infrastructural development, increase the efficiency of border agencies, stimulate import and export activities, among others;

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- (iii) also urge the Ministry of Budget and Planning to make adequate budgetary provision in the 2017 budget for the construction of the markets; and
- (iv) further urge the Border Communities Development Agency, to liaise with the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission, to raise Private Public Partnership (PPP) Agreements to develop markets in all the border communities in the six geopolitical zones of the country (HR. 198/2016).

20. Call to Revamp the Prisons and Curb Incessant Riots and Incidents of Prison Breaks
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Aware that prisons are institutions established for correction and rehabilitation of inmates who had broken the laws of any particular nation;

Also aware that there is a prison facility in virtually every State of the Federation and they are congested by inmates, majority of whom are on the awaiting trial list and have so been for a long time which, in some cases, may have exceeded the duration of their actual imprisonment, had they been convicted;

Further aware that owing to poor facilities and lack of logistics, the prison authorities often fail to convey inmates to courts for trials which add to delay in disposal of their cases and they have to remain in prison facilities that lack basic correctional officers and tools that would enable inmates prepare for their reintegration into the society upon release;

Concerned about lack of appropriate legal representation for some of the inmates who cannot afford it and the fact that some of them had been granted options of fines but have remained in prisons because they could not afford the fines;

Also concerned that most of the prisons lack basic amenities like potable water, proper waste disposal system, beddings, etc. a situation that exposes them to contracting various ailments;

Further concerned about the dilapidated prison infrastructure, some of which were built over a century ago, thus leading to incessant riots and prison breaks which pose security concerns and serious threats not only to prison officials but also to the general citizenry; not to talk of the embarrassment to the nation;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Interior to interface with the Federal Ministry of Interior and the Nigerian Prisons Service, on ways to ensure the provision of amenities and improvement of facilities in the prisons across the Federation for the proper correction and rehabilitation of inmates and also to curb the spate of riots and prison breaks, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Chukwuemeka Anohu — Ihiala Federal Constituency and 2 others*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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21. Consideration of Reports

(i) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by the Ase-Omoku Community of Delta State:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by the Ase-Omoku Community of Delta State against Sterling Oil Exploration and Energy Production Company Limited (SEEPCO), on alleged breach of agreement, environmental degradation and oppressive tendencies and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Question agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

"Urge Sterling Oil Exploration and Energy Production Company Limited (SEEPCO), to immediately commence full implementation of the MoU, particularly Articles 12 and 14 and ensure it becomes operative as soon as the resolutions in 5:5 are achieved (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"Also urge all concerned to abide by the resolutions reached at the series of peace meetings supervised by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

"Further urge the Sterling Oil Company to commence full implementation of Environmental Protection Policies as they affect Ase-Omoku Community" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):

"Equally urge the Ase-Omoku Community to sheath their sword, especially the dramatis personae in the leadership tussle, for the greater interest of the community" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions, on the Petition by the Ase-Omoku Community of Delta State against Sterling Oil Exploration and Energy Production Company Limited (SEEPSCO) on alleged breach of agreement, environmental degradation and oppressive tendencies and approved Recommendations (i) - (iv) of the Report.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

(ii) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the Petition by Mr Kenneth Nyikyor Aondohemba:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions, on the Petition by Mr Kenneth Nyikyor Aondohemba against the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria, on alleged termination of appointment and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

"Urge the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), to reinstate Mr Kenneth A. Nyikyor and pay all his entitlements" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions, on the Petition by Mr Kenneth Nyikyor Aondohemba against the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria, on alleged termination of appointment and approved the Recommendation of the Report.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

(iii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Chris Uche:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions, on the Petition by Chris Uche, on behalf of Mr Ugwunna Gustau Ubani against the Nigerian Customs Service, on the continued seizure of his Toyota Highlander Vehicle at the Oweri Zonal Command and approve the recommendation therein” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

“Urge the Nigerian Customs Service to release the said Toyota Highlander with Registration No. FST130DR, Engine No. 3009791 and Chassis No. JTEDP21A240004178 to Mr Ugwunna Gustau Ubani who is the rightful owner, within the shortest possible time” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions, on the Petition by Chris Uche, on behalf of Mr Ugwunna Gustau Ubani against the Nigerian Customs Service, on the continued seizure of his Toyota Highlander Vehicle at the Oweri Zonal Command and approved the Recommendation of the Report.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

(iv) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Mr C. O. Agbirikimi:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions, on the Petition by Mr C. O. Agbirikimi against the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, on alleged disregard of public service rules, constituted authority and abuse of office, and approve the recommendation therein” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

“Urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, and its Agency, the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) to implement in full the recommendations of the sixth Assembly on the matter” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions, on the Petition by Mr C. O Agbirikimi against the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, on alleged disregard of public service rules, constituted authority and abuse of office, and approved the Recommendation of the Report.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

22. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 22 November, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Pally Iriase — Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.01 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker