



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 25 January, 2017

1. The House met at 11.17 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, 24 January, 2017.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
3. **Announcements**
Visitors in the Gallery:
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:
 - (i) Members of the Students' Union Government, *University of Benin, Edo State*; and
 - (ii) Staff and Students of *Grace Garden International School, Maitama, Abuja*.
4. **Petitions**
 - (i) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka (*Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*):
 - (a) Police Constable Adeboye John Adeleye, on his dismissal from service by the Police Service Commission;
 - (b) Kehinde Soluade and 1 other, on behalf of Ewekoro Youth Forum on the failure of West African Portland Cement Plc to adhere to the tenets of Health, Safety and Environment of the work place which has resulted in deaths and permanent disability of some employees;
 - (c) Funmi Patience Tairu, on the termination of her appointment by the National Population Commission;
 - (d) Sikiru Lai, on behalf of Walaris Nigeria Limited, on the failure of the Police Service Commission to pay an outstanding contract sum of eight million naira after duly executing the contract;

- (ii) A petition from Assistant Superintendent of Police Sunday Williams, on his retirement from service by the Nigeria Police Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Emmanuel Ekon (Abak/Etim/Ekpo/Ika Federal Constituency).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

- (i) ***Need to Address Massive National Revenue Loss Caused by Serial Under-Payments by Telecom Service Providers:***

Hon. Yusuf Ayo Tajudeen (Kabba-Bunu/Ijumu Federal Constituency) introduced the matter and prayed the House to consider and approve it 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 the next legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 4 (3).

- (ii) ***Worsening Economic Woes: A Need to Declare a State of Emergency in Critical Economic Sectors:***

Hon. Rotimi Agunsoye (Kosofe Federal Constituency) introduced the matter and prayed the House to consider and approve it 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 the next legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 4 (3).

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (4) to enable it consider more than 2 Motions on Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

- (iii) ***Need to Check Cases of Persistent Fundamental Human Rights Breaches and Acts of Impunity by Security Agencies:***

Hon. Toby Okechukwu (Aninri/Agwu/Oji-River Federal Constituency) and 8 Others introduced the matter and prayed the House to consider and approve it 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 the next legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 4 (3).

- (iv) ***Need to Investigate the Planned Relocation of Shell Petroleum Development Company from Port Harcourt and Forestall an Impending Crisis in the Niger Delta Region:***

Hon. Kingsley Chinda (Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency) and 8 Others introduced the matter and prayed the House to consider and approve it 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 the next legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 4 (3).

6. Presentation of Reports

- (i) ***Committee on National Security and Intelligence:***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on National Security and Intelligence, on the Terror Attacks Leading to Loss of over 145 Lives and Destruction of Properties in Agatu Local Government Area of Benue State (HR. 59/2016)" (Hon. Aminu Sani Jaji — Kaura-Namoda/Birnin-Magaji Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Committee on Justice:

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Justice, on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Personal Data Protection to Regulate the Processing of Information Relating to Individuals, including Obtaining, Holding, Use or Disclosure of such Information and for Other Related Matters (HB. 2).

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(iii) Committee on Justice:

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Justice, on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Institute for Legislative Studies Act, 2011, to Among Other Things, Change the Name of the Institute from National Institute for Legislative Studies to National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies in Order to Empower the Institute to Provide Training and Research Services in Legislative and Democratic Studies and for Other Related Matters (HB. 827).

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(iv) Committee on Justice:

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Justice, on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Manner in which Individuals may in the Public Interest, Disclose Information that Relate to Crime, for the Protection against Victimization of Persons who make these Disclosures; to Establish a Fund for the sake of Enhancing Crime Information Gathering for Security Utilization and for Other Related Matters (HB. 03).

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(v) Committee on Justice:

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Justice, on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Timely Composition of a Cabinet with Attached Portfolios by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 159).

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(vi) Committee on Justice:

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Justice, on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Matrimonial Causes Act, Cap. M7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Increase the Amount Paid as Penalty and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 110).

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(vii) Committees on Commerce, and Justice:

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Commerce, and Justice, on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Corporate Social Responsibility Act and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB.117)" (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki /Izzi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(viii) **Committees on Commerce, and Culture and Tourism:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Commerce, and Culture and Tourism on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Tourism of Nigeria charged with the Responsibility to Regulate the Profession of Tourism by Prescribing the Standard of Academic, Vocational Knowledge to be Attained by Persons seeking to be Registered as Members of the Profession in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 712)" (Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ix) **Ad-hoc Committee on the Investigation of the Award of Contract for the Installation of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV):**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Investigation of the Award of Contract for the Installation of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Cameras in Lagos and Abuja (HR. 102/2015)" (Hon. Ahmed Yerima — Misau/Dambam Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

7. A Bill for an Act to Authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦7,298,507,709,937 (Seven Trillion, Two Hundred and Ninety-Eight Billion, Five Hundred and Seven Million, Seven Hundred and Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty-Seven Naira) only, of which, ₦419,020,648,000 (Four Hundred and Nineteen Billion, Twenty Million, Six Hundred and Forty-Eight Thousand Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦1,663,885,430,499 (One Trillion, Six Hundred and Sixty-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Five Million, Four Hundred and Thirty Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety-Nine Naira) only, is for Debt Service, ₦177,460,296,707 (One Hundred and Seventy-Seven Billion, Four Hundred and Sixty Million, Two Hundred and Ninety-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seven Naira) only, is for Sinking Fund for Maturing Bonds, ₦2,979,151,756,196 (Two Trillion, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine Billion, One Hundred and Fifty-One Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Six Thousand, One Hundred and Ninety-Six Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦2,058,989,578,536 (Two Trillion, Fifty-Eight Billion, Nine-Hundred and Eighty-Nine Million, Five Hundred and Seventy-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty-Six Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure (Exclusive of Capital Expenditure in Statutory Transfers) for the Year Ending on 31st December, 2017 (HB. 884) — *Second Reading*
- Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do resume debate on a Bill for an Act to Authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦7,298,507,709,937 (Seven Trillion, Two Hundred and Ninety-Eight Billion, Five Hundred and Seven Million, Seven Hundred and Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty-Seven Naira) only, of which, ₦419,020,648,000 (Four Hundred and Nineteen Billion, Twenty Million, Six Hundred and Forty-Eight Thousand Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦1,663,885,430,499 (One Trillion, Six Hundred and Sixty-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Five Million, Four Hundred and Thirty Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety-Nine Naira) only, is for Debt Service, ₦177,460,296,707 (One Hundred and Seventy-Seven Billion, Four Hundred and Sixty Million, Two Hundred and Ninety-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seven Naira) only, is for Sinking Fund for Maturing Bonds, ₦2,979,151,756,196 (Two Trillion, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine Billion, One Hundred and Fifty-One Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Six Thousand, One Hundred and Ninety-Six Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦2,058,989,578,536 (Two Trillion, Fifty-Eight Billion, Nine-Hundred and Eighty-Nine Million, Five Hundred and Seventy-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty-Six Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure (Exclusive of Capital Expenditure in

Statutory Transfers) for the Year Ending on 31st December, 2017 (HB. 884)" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned till the next legislative day.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Media Coverage of Courts Proceedings in Nigeria for the Purpose of Gathering and Disseminating News to the Public and for Other Related Matters (HB. 864) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Media Coverage of Courts Proceedings in Nigeria for the Purpose of Gathering and Disseminating News to the Public and for Other Related Matters (HB. 864) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Daniel Reyenieju — Warri South/Warri West Federal Constituency).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Federal Judiciary.

9. **Need to Investigate the Alleged Operational and Financial Irregularities of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and its Concessionaires, Service Providers and Commissioned Agents**
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) was established by the Nigerian Ports Authority Act, Cap. N126, LFN, 2004 to, among other things, provide and operate in the ports, such facilities best calculated to serve the interest of Nigeria, ensure the efficient management of port operations, optimal allocation and use of resources, diversification of sources of revenue in order to contribute effectively to the Nigerian economy;

Also notes that with the Federal Government's Ports Reform Programme, about 26 terminals were concessioned in 2005 to private operators with the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) as the provider of common services and authorized to have oversight over the concessionaires;

Aware that the NPA entered into various agreements and understandings with the concessionaires, service providers and commissioned agents with applicable tariff structures;

Also aware that the NPA and its concessionaires are mandated to collect certain statutory deductions and make regular remittances to the Federal Government;

Concerned about reports of provision of poor services by some of these concessionaires in violation of the terms of their Agreements, some of which were skewed against the NPA and the Federal Government;

Also concerned by further reports of arbitrarily increased charges by these concessionaires/terminal operators on port users which are driving these users to neighbouring ports in Ghana, Benin Republic, etc and the financial hemorrhage arising from the inefficient collection/accounting for due accruals, channeling of traffic to private jetties/anchorages, contract repetitions and payment of huge commissions to service providers compared to remittances to the Federation account;

Further concerned by the alleged controversies and/or collusion between the NPA and some of the concessionaires and operators with respect to who is indebted to the other, the extent of the debt, the reason for it and in what denominations;

Equally concerned about reports of non-compliance with the Federal Government's Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy by the NPA and its Concessionaires;

Desirous of ascertaining the truth or otherwise of the numerous allegations and generally ensuring the renewed efficiency of the NPA in meeting its statutory functions, and recovering all government revenues;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Ports, Harbours and Waterways to investigate the extent of observance of all operations, obligations and remittances arising from agreements, understandings, contracts and related financial relationships of and between the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and its concessionaires/service providers with regard to their compliance with extant financial laws, circulars/regulations and report to the House within twelve (12) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Linus Okorie — Ivo/Ohaozara/Onicha Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In the Prayer, immediately after the word "Waterways", *insert* the words "Privatization and Commercialization" (*Hon. Ahmed Yerima — Misau/Dambam Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) was established by the Nigerian Ports Authority Act, Cap. N126, LFN, 2004 to, among other things, provide and operate in the ports, such facilities best calculated to serve the interest of Nigeria, ensure the efficient management of port operations, optimal allocation and use of resources, diversification of sources of revenue in order to contribute effectively to the Nigerian economy;

Also noted that with the Federal Government's Ports Reform Programme, about 26 terminals were concessioned in 2005 to private operators with the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) as the provider of common services and authorized to have oversight over the concessionaires;

Aware that the NPA entered into various agreements and understandings with the concessionaires, service providers and commissioned agents with applicable tariff structures;

Also aware that the NPA and its concessionaires are mandated to collect certain statutory deductions and make regular remittances to the Federal Government;

Concerned about reports of provision of poor services by some of these concessionaires in violation of the terms of their Agreements, some of which were skewed against the NPA and the Federal Government;

Also concerned by further reports of arbitrarily increased charges by these concessionaires/terminal operators on port users which are driving these users to neighbouring ports in Ghana, Benin Republic, etc and the financial hemorrhage arising from the inefficient collection/accounting for due accruals, channeling of traffic to private jetties/anchorages, contract repetitions and payment of huge commissions to service providers compared to remittances to the Federation account;

Further concerned by the alleged controversies and/or collusion between the NPA and some of the concessionaires and operators with respect to who is indebted to the other, the extent of the debt, the reason for it and in what denominations;

Equally concerned about reports of non-compliance with the Federal Government's Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy by the NPA and its Concessionaires;

Desirous of ascertaining the truth or otherwise of the numerous allegations and generally ensuring the renewed efficiency of the NPA in meeting its statutory functions, and recovering all government revenues;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Ports, Harbours and Waterways, and Privatization and Commercialization, to investigate the extent of observance of all operations, obligations and remittances arising from agreements, understandings, contracts and related financial relationships of and between the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and its concessionaires/service providers with regard to their compliance with extant financial laws, circulars/regulations, and report to the House within twelve (12) weeks for further legislative action (HR. 28/2017).

10. **Need to Investigate the Resurgence of Avian Influenza Popularly known as Bird Flu**
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that due to the current economic recession facing the country, the Federal Government has placed great reliance on the diversification of the economy through the promotion of agricultural activities;

Also notes that one of the most common types of farming undertaken in Nigeria is poultry farming because of the huge local market for both chickens and eggs, and the opportunity for export of poultry products to nearby African countries;

Informed of the widely reported news in the media that the Avian Influenza or bird flu has resurfaced in Nigeria and has spread to 26 States and the Federal Capital Territory, leading to catastrophic loss of revenues by poultry farmers and the attendant risks to consumers of poultry products;

Aware that it has become a norm for the Federal Government to pay compensation to farmers when their birds have to be culled to stem the spread of bird flu;

Also informed that the Federal Ministry of Agriculture is still owing some farmers compensation for birds culled in the attempt to control the last outbreak with some farmers alleging that this is partly responsible for the rapid spread of the disease in 2016;

Concerned that if the reasons for the return of the disease are not investigated as well as the economic implications for the country and the measures devised to compensate farmers for loss of birds, the influenza may spread further than the reported 26 States where it has already been reported, decimate the poultry subsector and reverse the improvements already made in developing the agricultural sector;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services, to investigate the returning

*Debate.***Amendment Proposed:**

Insert a new Prayer (ii) as follows:

“Urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, through the extension services desk to enforce appropriate location of poultry farms guiding poultry global standards and also to step up advocacy on bio-security measures on farms” (*Hon. Amuda-Kannike Abubakar Garba — Ilorin East/Ilorin South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that due to the current economic recession facing the country, the Federal Government has placed great reliance on the diversification of the economy through the promotion of agricultural activities;

Also noted that one of the most common types of farming undertaken in Nigeria is poultry farming because of the huge local market for both chickens and eggs, and the opportunity for export of poultry products to nearby African countries;

Informed of the widely reported news in the media that the Avian Influenza or bird flu has resurfaced in Nigeria and has spread to 26 States and the Federal Capital Territory, leading to catastrophic loss of revenues by poultry farmers and the attendant risks to consumers of poultry products;

Aware that it has become a norm for the Federal Government to pay compensation to farmers when their birds have to be culled to stem the spread of bird flu;

Also informed that the Federal Ministry of Agriculture is still owing some farmers compensation for birds culled in the attempt to control the last outbreak with some farmers alleging that this is partly responsible for the rapid spread of the disease in 2016;

Concerned that if the reasons for the return of the disease are not investigated as well as the economic implications for the country and the measures devised to compensate farmers for loss of birds, the influenza may spread further than the reported 26 States where it has already been reported, decimate the poultry subsector and reverse the improvements already made in developing the agricultural sector;

Resolved to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services, to investigate the returning incidence of Avian Influenza and the measures being employed by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to stem the spread as well as the procedure for computation and payment of compensation to the affected farmers and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action; and
- (ii) urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, through the extension services desk to enforce appropriate location of poultry farms guiding poultry global standards and also to step up advocacy on bio-security measures on farms (HR. 29/2017).

Motion referred to the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services, and Agricultural Colleges and Institutions.

11. Need for Establishment of Welfare Centres and Provision of Medical Care for the Ageing Population

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the United Nations General Assembly Resolution Number 45/106 of December 14, 1990 recognises the complexity and rapidity of the ageing of the world's population and the need to have a common basis and frame of reference for the protection and promotion of the rights of the elderly and thus set October 1 of every years as the International Day of Ageism;

Also notes that twenty six (26) years after the passing of this resolution, Nigeria being a member of the United Nations has failed to make significant improvements in the welfare and medical care of the ageing population;

Further notes that the National Assembly, in partnership with the University of Abuja had, on 31 October, 2016 launched an awareness campaign with the theme "TAKE A STAND WITH AGEISM", in consonance with the UN theme for Ageism worldwide;

Observes that Nigeria has the largest number of elderly people over 60 years of age, South of the Sahara because people now live longer but concerned that there is no incentive in place by the government by way of institutional policies and legislation or even implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action on Ageing, to which it is a signatory;

Concerned about Nigeria's failure to comply with Resolution 45/106 which mandated members nations to provide resources for the provision of food, clothing, shelter medicaments, hospitalization and financial security for the elderly;

Aware of the persistent neglect of the ageing population who are abused physically and psychologically by family member and other care givers with some of them having challenges of poverty and diseases of old age such as Stroke, Depression, Dementia, Alzheimer and Parkinson among other;

Also aware of recent United Nation's report that Nigeria is one of the worst countries in the world to grow old, coupled with a recently released information by the National Human Rights Commission (HHRC) that more than three million aged people die annually in Nigeria as a result of societal neglect;

Also observes that in Nigeria, the burden of care squarely rests on family members, despite the provisions of Section 14 (2) (b) of the 1999 Constitution which categorically states that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of the Government;

Further observes that in countless families, local communities and in city centers across Nigeria, there are growing numbers of the elderly living in extreme poverty, facing core concerns of hunger, trauma, lack of continuum of healthcare services and facilities resulting in severe fatality at the end;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal and State Governments to put in place mechanisms for the establishment of welfare centres with healthcare facilities for the elderly, rehabilitate the existing ones, make provisions for the ageing population in 2017 budget and give subvention to privately owned care homes; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Special Duties and Governmental Affairs to ensure implementations (*Hon. Albert Adeogun Abiodun — Ife Central/Ife East/Ife North/Ife South Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in Prayer (ii) and insert as follows instead thereof:

"Mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation" (Hon. Orker- Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the United Nations General Assembly Resolution Number 45/106 of December 14, 1990 recognises the complexity and rapidity of the ageing of the world's population and the need to have a common basis and frame of reference for the protection and promotion of the rights of the elderly and thus set October 1 of every years as the International Day of Ageism;

Also noted that twenty six (26) years after the passing of this resolution, Nigeria being a member of the United Nations has failed to make significant improvements in the welfare and medical care of the ageing population;

Further noted that the National Assembly, in partnership with the University of Abuja had, on 31 October, 2016 launched an awareness campaign with the theme "TAKE A STAND WITH AGEISM", in consonance with the UN theme for Ageism worldwide;

Observed that Nigeria has the largest number of elderly people over 60 years of age, South of the Sahara because people now live longer but concerned that there is no incentive in place by the government by way of institutional policies and legislation or even implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action on Ageing, to which it is a signatory;

Concerned about Nigeria's failure to comply with Resolution 45/106 which mandated members nations to provide resources for the provision of food, clothing, shelter medicaments, hospitalization and financial security for the elderly;

Aware of the persistent neglect of the ageing population who are abused physically and psychologically by family member and other care givers with some of them having challenges of poverty and diseases of old age such as Stroke, Depression, Dementia, Alzheimer and Parkinson among other;

Also aware of recent United Nation's report that Nigeria is one of the worst countries in the world to grow old, coupled with a recently released information by the National Human Rights Commission (HHRC) that more than three million aged people die annually in Nigeria as a result of societal neglect;

Also observed that in Nigeria, the burden of care squarely rests on family members, despite the provisions of Section 14 (2) (b) of the 1999 Constitution which categorically states that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of the Government;

Further observed that in countless families, local communities and in city centers across Nigeria, there are growing numbers of the elderly living in extreme poverty, facing core concerns of hunger,

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal and State Governments to put in place mechanisms for the establishment of welfare, centres with healthcare facilities for the elderly, rehabilitate the existing ones, make provisions for the ageing population in 2017 budget and give subvention to privately owned care homes; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation (HR. 29/2017).

12. Need for Government Medical Institutions to Save the Lives of Victims of Gun-Shot before Demanding for Police Report

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes the frequent incidents of gun attacks on innocent citizens to which the Police and other security agencies have not been able to proffer solutions;

Also notes the unconscionable attitudes of medical personnel in Government Medical Institutions towards victims of gun-shots who are brought to the hospitals for treatment but are rejected on the ground that they did not present Police reports;

Cognizant that most deaths resulting from this unsavoury disposition of medical personnel are preventable if those victims are given immediate medical attention to save their lives before being requested to bring Police reports or inviting the Police to investigate the incidents;

Concerned that more lives of innocent citizens will continue to be lost if this disposition is not reversed;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Nigeria Police Force to reverse any directive it may have issued to Medical Institutions not to attend to victims of gun-shots without the presentation of Police report;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Health to direct Government Medical Institutions to provide life-saving treatments to victims of gun-shot before demanding for Police report; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Health Institutions, Healthcare Services and Police Affairs, to ensure implementation and report to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Afe Olowookere — Akure North/Akure South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the frequent incidents of gun attacks on innocent citizens to which the Police and other security agencies have not been able to proffer solutions;

Also noted the unconscionable attitudes of medical personnel in Government Medical Institutions towards victims of gun-shots who are brought to the hospitals for treatment but are rejected on the ground that they did not present Police reports;

Cognizant that most deaths resulting from this unsavoury disposition of medical personnel are preventable if those victims are given immediate medical attention to save their lives before being requested to bring Police reports or inviting the Police to investigate the incidents;

Concerned that more lives of innocent citizens will continue to be lost if this disposition is not reversed;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Nigeria Police Force to reverse any directive it may have issued to Medical Institutions not to attend to victims of gun-shots without the presentation of Police report;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Health to direct Government Medical Institutions to provide life-saving treatments to victims of gun-shot before demanding for Police report; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Health Institutions, Healthcare Services and Police Affairs, to ensure implementation and report to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (HR. 30/2017).

13. Consideration of Report

Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA):

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) on the Investigation into the Unilateral, Arbitrary and Unauthorized Creation of Positions of Acting Executive Directors in FERMA and its Operational Activities from 2015 till date and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — 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):

"That since the appointments of Acting Executive Directors of FERMA by the Acting Managing Director, Engr Peter Ibu did not follow due process in compliance with the FERMA Act, 2002 (as amended) the officers so appointed should revert to the *status quo ante*" (Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"That the Acting Managing Director be cautioned for creating the positions of Executive Directors and appointing officers into the positions in violation of Sections 2 (2) and 11 of FERMA Act, 2002 (as amended)" (Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In line 1, *leave out* the word "cautioned" and *insert* the word "reprimanded" (Hon. Muhammed Sani Abdu — Alkeleri/Kirfi Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Recommendation (ii) as amended, stand part of the Report — Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

"That all the Acting Executive Directors should refund all monies received in that capacity from 7th September, 2015 till date (if any) to the coffers of FERMA since their appointments were illegal and violated the FERMA Act, 2002" (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):

"That FERMA should provide requisite records on how the sum of N3,232,882,974.01 handed over to Engr Peter Ibu by the former Managing Director of the Agency, Engr G. C. Amuchi was expended since no clear statement was found from the documents submitted to the Committee by FERMA" (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — 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 Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), on the Investigation into the Unilateral, Arbitrary and Unauthorized Creation of Positions of Acting Executive Directors in FERMA and its Operational Activities from 2015 till date and approved Recommendation (i), approved Recommendation (ii) as amended, and approved Recommendations (iii) and (iv) of the Report.

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

14. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 26 January, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.53 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker