



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 15 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 Wednesday, 14 December, 2016.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Oaths of Allegiance and Membership**
The following Members-elect took and subscribed to the Oaths of Allegiance and Membership:

- (1) Pronen Maurice (*Khana/Gakana Federal Constituency*);
- (2) Mpigi Barinada (*Eleme/Tai/Oyigbo Federal Constituency*);
- (3) Chidi Frank Wihioke (*Ikwerre/Emohua Federal Constituency*);
- (4) Boma Goodhead (*Akuku Toru/Asari Toru Federal Constituency*);
- (5) Randolph Oruene Brown (*Degema/Bonny Federal Constituency*);
- (6) Awaji-Inombek Dagomie Abiante (*Opobo/Nkoro/Andoni Federal Constituency*); and
- (7) Gogo Bright Tamuno (*Okrika/Ogu-Bolo Federal Constituency*).

4. **Announcement**
Conference Committee on the Federal Capital Territory District Courts (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (HB. 7):

Mr Speaker named Members of the Conference Committee as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Muntari Dandutse | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (2) | Hon. Bode Ayorinde | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (3) | Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (4) | Hon. Onyenwufe Gabriel | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (5) | Hon. Asabe Vilita Bashir | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (6) | Hon. Bassey Ewa | — | <i>Member</i> |

5. Petitions

- (i) A petition from J. C. Ohanaedu Esq. & Co. (Legal Practitioners, Solicitors & Career Consultants), on behalf of Land Owners in Awa and Izombe communities of Oguta Local Government Area, Imo State, on the need to prevent ADAX Petroleum Development (Nig.) Limited from forcefully acquiring some lands in the communities, was presented and laid by Hon. Goodluck Opiah (*Ohaji/Egbema/Oguta/Oru West Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Alabi Majeed Olujinmi (*Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejigbo Federal Constituency*):
 - (a) Engr Ahmed Argungu Adamu, on the refusal by the Department of State Services (DSS), to issue him with a formal letter of disengagement from service;
 - (b) Ayanwale Patrick Oluyinka, on the delay in the issuance of National Identity Cards to qualified Nigerians living abroad, by the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC);
- (iii) A petition from Peter Kehinde Mogaji, on the deductions on his salary in 2007, by Management of the Federal Polytechnic, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, was presented and laid by Hon. Ajisafe Olowookere (*Akure North/Akure South Federal Constituency*); and
- (iv) A petition from F. A. Encawaji (*Icherene-Ugane*), on behalf of Martins S. Effang, on the environmental pollution arising from oil exploration activities of Exxon Mobil Corporation, was presented and laid by Hon. Kingsley Chinda (*Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Ports Authority Act, Cap. N126, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and to Establish the Nigerian Ports and Harbours Authority to Provide for Ownership, Management and Development of Ports and Harbours and for Other Related Matters (HB. 855) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Ports Authority Act, Cap. N126, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and to Establish the Nigerian Ports and Harbours Authority to Provide for Ownership, Management and Development of Ports and Harbours and for Other Related Matters (HB. 855) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Patrick Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South 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 Ports, Harbours and Waterways.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Make the Appointment of Service Chiefs Subject to Confirmation by the National Assembly, a Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff, a Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to, Among Other Things, Provide for Specific Duties for the Armed Forces Reserve in Order to Serve as a Rapid Response Mechanism with Capacity to Intervene in Emergency and Internal Security where the Nigerian Police is overwhelmed and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Retirement**

Age of Officers of the Nigerian Armed Forces and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HBs 70, 149, 411 and 802) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Make the Appointments of Service Chiefs Subject to Confirmation by the National Assembly, a Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff, a Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to, Among Other Things, Provide for Specific Duties for the Armed Forces Reserve in Order to Serve as a Rapid Response Mechanism with Capacity to Intervene in Emergency and Internal Security where the Nigerian Police is overwhelmed and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Retirement Age of Officers of the Nigerian Armed Forces and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HBs 70, 149, 411 and 802) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Raphael Nnanna Igbokwe — Abiazu Mbaise/Ezinihite 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 Committee on Defence.

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act, Cap. E4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to include Tertiary/Teaching Hospitals and for Related Matters (HB. 868) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act, Cap. E4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to include Tertiary/Teaching Hospitals and for Related Matters (HB. 868) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Betty Apiafi — Ahoada East/Abua/Odual 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 Tertiary Education services.

9. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (Establishment Act, Cap. N90, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 for the Purposes of Vesting in the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency the Additional Functions of Regulating the Use of Unmanned Aircrafts (DRONES) within the Nigerian Airspace and for Other Related Matters (HB. 787) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (Establishment Act, Cap. N90, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 for the Purposes of Vesting in the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency the Additional Functions of Regulating the Use of Unmanned Aircrafts (DRONES) within the Nigerian Airspace and for Other Related Matters (HB. 787) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Abiodun Dada Awoloye — Ibadan North 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 Aviation.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Examinations Council (NECO) Act, Cap. N37, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish a Steering Committee to be Vested with the Responsibility of Centralizing the Management of the Senior School Certificate Examinations (SSCE), the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations (UTME) and the National Business and Technical Examinations (NABTE), under a Single ICT Platform to Reduce the Costs of Taking the Examinations and for Other Related Matters (HB. 850) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Examinations Council (NECO) Act, Cap. N37, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish a Steering Committee to be Vested with the Responsibility of Centralizing the Management of the Senior School Certificate Examinations (SSCE), the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations (UTME) and the National Business and Technical Examinations (NABTE), under a Single ICT Platform to Reduce the Costs of Taking the Examinations and for Other Related Matters (HB. 850) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mohammed A. Mahmud — Agaie/Lapai 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 Basic Education Service.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Defence Industries Corporation (DICON) Act and Re-enact a National Business, Research and Development Centre to Coordinate Research and Development of Advanced Military Hardwares and Technologies for Defense and for Other Related Matters (HB. 853) — *Second Reading***

Order read, deferred by leave of the House.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Improved Aid Effectiveness, Accountability and Co-operation for Donor Recipient by Harmonizing and Aligning all Aid Deliveries to Nigeria with Nigeria National Development Strategies and for Other Related Matters (HB. 451) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Improved Aid Effectiveness, Accountability and Co-operation for Donor Recipient by Harmonizing and Aligning all Aid Deliveries to Nigeria with Nigeria National Development Strategies and for Other Related Matters (HB. 451) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ochiglegor Idagbo — Obaniliku/Obudu/Bakwarra 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 Aids, Loans and Debt Management.

13. **Devastating Gully Erosion in Tudun Magayaki Area of Tudun Wada Ward in Sokoto-North and South Federal Constituency of Sokoto State**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that gully erosion has been the foremost problem confronting the Tudun Magayaki Ward in Sokoto State as the people live in constant fear once the rainy season begins given their experiences of loss of lives and destruction of properties worth millions of Naira;

Also notes that the increase in the gully erosion had resulted in many residents being rendered homeless as a result of the washing away of their houses, thus forcing them to relocate to the urban areas;

Recalls that in 2009, about 300m drains out of the 1,350m stretch were constructed as part of the constituency project but these have now constituted a serious threat to the uncompleted portion;

Aware that field assessments carried out by the Tudun Magayaki Community Development Association aimed at seeking the intervention of the Ecological Fund Office showed that the problem is now beyond both the local council and the State Government, hence the need for the intervention of the federal government;

Also aware that the gully developed as a result of steeply topography collecting the entire township water without a well-defined channel and when there is heavy rain, it creates rills which later form "V" and "U" shaped trenches at the site of the gully erosion;

Further aware that the eroded parts of the site become widened when there is heavy rain storm due to the absence of proper discharge channel for the township storm water which adds to the increase in flooding during the rainy season that has been having devastating effects on the people over the years;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Environment to intervene and ensure the inclusion of contract for the control of gully erosion in Tudun Magayaki Community of Sokoto South Local Government Area in the 2017 budget proposal;
- (ii) also urge the Ecological Fund Office to attend to the application of Tudun Magayaki Community Development Association with the urgency of the problem at hand; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Environment and Habitat and Appropriations to ensure implementation (*Hon. Hassan Bala Abubakar — Sokoto North/Sokoto South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 255/2016).

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

14. **Urgent Need for Rehabilitation of Kontagora-Rijau-Zuru-Gummi-Kajiji Federal Road**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the deplorable state of the Kontagora-Rijau-Zuru-Gummi-Kajiji Road which connects Sokoto, Kebbi, Zamfara and Niger States down to the South West zone and is the major commercial route through which goods are being transported from Sokoto to Lagos and its environs;

Concerned that the failed sections of the road have paralyzed economic activities along these areas, thus causing delay in the transportation of perishable goods;

Aware that accidents are daily occurrence as a result of truck drivers maneuvering through the bad portions on the highway leading to their falling down or there being a head on collision which results in loss of lives and damage to properties;

Also concerned that armed robbers have taken advantage of the deplorable state of the road to wreak havoc on innocent Nigerians, raping and killing commuters at will;

Further concerned that all efforts to get the Federal Government to repair the road have not yielded any results and the States affected could only do little within their meager resources to save the once viable route from becoming completely impassable;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Inspector General of Police to ensure constant patrolling of the road to reduce the activities of the men of the underworld; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works and Appropriations to include the reconstruction of the Kontogora - Rijau - Zuru - Gummi - Kajiji Road in the 2017 budget proposals and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Mu'azu Lawal — Gummi/Bukkuyum Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 256/2016).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and Appropriations, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

15. **Urgent Need for Reconstruction of Gwaram-Basirka-Darazo Road**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the 90 kms Gwaram-Basirka-Darazo Road links Kano, Jigawa, Bauchi, Gombe and Adamawa States and is important for the movement of people, goods and services in the area;

Aware that the Gwaram-Basirka-Darazo stretch of the road was constructed about thirty years ago by the Jigawa State Government which has also been maintaining it;

Also notes that the road has suffered neglect over time and is almost becoming impassable due to its bad state as it takes over 4 hours to drive through the 90 km road;

Concerned that the bad state of the road is causing a lot of fatal accidents leading to loss of lives and destruction of properties worth millions of Naira and it has also become a den of robbers both at day and at night;

Observes that a complete reconstruction of the road will boost the socio-economic activities and significantly enhance the well-being of the people of the affected States and those plying the road;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to include the reconstruction of the road in the 2017 Budget proposal;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to, as a matter of urgency, repair the bad portions of the road to ease the hardships of the people; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works and Appropriations to ensure implementation (*Hon. Yaguda Hassan Kila — Gwaram Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 257/2016).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and Appropriations, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

16. **Call for Rehabilitation of Ilorin-Mokwa-Birnin Gwari-Kaduna Highway**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Ilorin-Jebba-Mokwa-Birnin-Gwari-Kaduna highway is in a serious state of disrepair as most parts of the road are ridden with potholes, thus making it a source of agony and a death trap for motorists;

Concerned that the failure to complete the Minna-Suleja dual carriage way which has been under construction for many years has not helped the situation;

Also concerned that due to the deteriorating state of the road and abandonment of the rehabilitation works, travelers have had to divert to the Mokwa-Bida, Minna-Suleja and Bida-Minna roads with attendant loss of time and risks to their lives from marauders who waylay travelers on those roads;

Further concerned that as a result of the diversion, the Mokwa - Bida, Minna - Suleja and Bida - Minna Roads which are being rehabilitated by the Government of Niger State are being over stretched and could also collapse if urgent actions are not taken to remedy the situation;

Worried that the Ilorin-Jebba-Mokwa-Birnin-Gwari-Kaduna highway which has remained the major access road between the North and South of Nigeria has not been given the priority attention it deserves;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to ensure the completion of rehabilitation works on the highways; and

- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to ensure implementation and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Ahmed Abu — Edati/Lavun/Mokwa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(H.R. 258/2016).

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

17. Collapse of a Church Building in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes with sadness the unfortunate incident at Uyo, Akwa Ibom State on 10 December, 2016 when the Reigners Bible Church Complex collapsed, killing no fewer than 50 people, thereby throwing the people of Akwa Ibom State and indeed the whole country into mourning;

Concerned about the incessant collapse of buildings which end in fatalities, recalling the case of the Synagogue Church of all Nations two years ago when a six story guest house collapsed, killing 145 persons, 84 of whom were from South Africa;

Worried that such incidents are still occurring because no engineer, architect or contractor has been convicted for complicity in the collapse of a building in the past;

Believes that approvals and nature of engineering works on high-rise buildings meant to accommodate many people at any given time must be thoroughly screened by the relevant regulatory authorities with a view to ensuring that requisite standards are not compromised;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence for those who lost their lives in the collapsed building;
- (ii) send a delegation to condole with the Government and people of Akwa Ibom State;
- (iii) commend Governor Udom Emmanuel of Akwa Ibom State, Personnel of the Nigeria Police Force, the Federal Road Safety Commission and other public spirited individuals for their efforts in the rescue of persons trapped in the collapsed building; and
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Works and Housing to investigate the incident and make appropriate recommendations within six weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Francis Charles Uduyok — Ikot Abasi/Mkpat Enin/Eastern Obolo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Prayer (iv) (Hon. Raphael Nnanna Igbokwe — Ahiazu Mbaise/Ezinihite Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted with sadness the unfortunate incident at Uyo, Akwa Ibom State on 10 December, 2016 when the Reigners Bible Church Complex collapsed, killing no fewer than 50 people, thereby throwing the people of Akwa Ibom State and indeed the whole country into mourning;

Concerned about the incessant collapse of buildings which end in fatalities, recalling the case of the Synagogue Church of all Nations two years ago when a six story guest house collapsed, killing 115 persons, 84 of whom were from South Africa;

Worried that such incidents are still occurring because no engineer, architect or contractor has been convicted for complicity in the collapse of a building in the past;

Believed that approvals and nature of engineering works on high-rise buildings meant to accommodate many people at any given time must be thoroughly screened by the relevant regulatory authorities with a view to ensuring that requisite standards are not compromised;

Resolved to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of those who lost their lives in the collapsed building;
- (ii) send a delegation to condole with the Government and people of Akwa Ibom State; and
- (iii) commend Governor Udom Emmanuel of Akwa Ibom State, personnel of the Nigeria Police Force, the Federal Road Safety Commission and other public spirited individuals for their efforts in the rescue of persons trapped in the collapsed building (HR. 259/2016).

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

18. **Call for Reconstruction of Jere-Kwoi-Kafanchan-Madakiya-Zonkwa-Kachia Ring Road**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Jere-Kwoi-Kafanchan-Madakiya - Zonkwa - Kachia Ring Road and the Kafanchan - Manchok - Jos Road were constructed several years ago to facilitate the socio-economic activities of the people of Kaduna, Plateau and the North Eastern States as well as other Nigerians who ply the ever busy highways;

Also notes that the above roads are strategic links between Kaduna and North Central/North East zones of the country such as Abuja, Plateau, Nasarawa, Bauchi, Gombe, Taraba, etc.;

Worried that the highways which were constructed primarily to enhance the socio-economic wellbeing of the people are now badly damaged at different points, thereby providing opportunities for kidnappers, robbers and miscreants to cause havoc on unsuspecting commuters;

Concerned that if urgent steps are not taken to rehabilitate the roads that are serving as dependable alternative to the Kaduna-Jos-Abuja highway, travelers will continue to suffer untold hardships, loss of lives and wastage of man-hours;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to include the reconstruction of the Highways in the 2017 budget estimates; and

- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works and Appropriations to ensure implementation (*Hon Sunday Marshall Katung — Jaba/Zangon Kafa Federal Constituency and 15 others*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 260/2016).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and Appropriations, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

19. Need to Investigate the Non-Compliance with Due Process in the Issuance of Offshore Safety Permits by the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) in Connivance with a Limited Liability Company

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) is a department under the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources (FMPR) with the primary responsibility of ensuring compliance with petroleum laws, regulations and guidelines in the Oil and Gas Industry;

Aware that the DPR has delegated part of its duties to a Limited Liability Company by saddling it with the responsibility of issuing out Offshore Safety Permits (OSP) and other licenses to all Exploration and Production Companies, Service Companies and Downstream Companies;

Also aware that revenues that accrue from these activities are trusted into a foreign account in the United State of America, with the said Company as one of the signatories;

Further aware that there was outright subversion of due process in contracting out this function, as there was no compliance with the Public Procurement Act, 2007;

Concerned that this act is being perpetrated by a Government Agency that so much premium is placed on, taking into consideration the serious financial straits the country is facing;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the revenue leakages and activities of the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) and report back within 8 weeks (*Hon. Onyenwufe Gabriel — Ayamelum/Oyi Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) is a department under the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources (FMPR) with the primary responsibility of ensuring compliance with petroleum laws, regulations and guidelines in the Oil and Gas Industry;

Aware that the DPR has delegated part of its duties to a Limited Liability Company by saddling it with the responsibility of issuing out Offshore Safety Permits (OSP) and other licenses to all Exploration and Production Companies, Service Companies and Downstream Companies;

Also aware that revenues that accrue from these activities are trusted into a foreign account in the United State of America, with the said Company as one of the signatories;

Further aware that there was outright subversion of due process in contracting out this function, as there was no compliance with the Public Procurement Act, 2007;

Concerned that this act is being perpetrated by a Government Agency that so much premium is placed on, taking into consideration the serious financial straits the country is facing;

Resolved to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the revenue leakages and activities of the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) and report back within 8 weeks (HR. 261/2016).

20. Need to Investigate the Disconnection of Electricity to Communities in Akoko North-East/North West Federal Constituency of Ondo State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes with great concern the permanent disconnection of electricity to Ikare, Ugbe, Auga, Iboropa, Ise, Akunu, Ikakumo, Ogbagi, Irun, Arigidi, Ikaram, Ese, Okeagbe, Oyin and Afinin Akoko North-East/North West Federal Constituency of Ondo State by the Benin Electricity Distribution Company (BEDC);

Aware that these communities, which consist of urban and rural dwellers with a population of almost One million people, have been in permanent darkness for a period ranging from six (6) months to two (2) years, thus paralyzing economic activities in those areas;

Cognizant that some unscrupulous staff of the Benin Electricity Distribution Company (BEDC) exploit the situation to demand for gratification from the people for reconnection and equally demand for payment for electricity not consumed by the people;

Concerned that if the situation is not urgently addressed, vandals and economic saboteurs may compound the problem by vandalizing transformers, cables and other equipment;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Power to investigate the matter with a view to ensuring that the affected communities are reconnected to the national grid, and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Olemija Stephen Friday — Akoko North-East/North West Federal Constituency*)

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted with great concern the permanent disconnection of electricity to Ikare, Ugbe, Auga, Iboropa, Ise, Akunu, Ikakumo, Ogbagi, Irun, Arigidi, Ikaram, Ese, Okeagbe, Oyin and Afinin Akoko North-East/North West Federal Constituency of Ondo State by the Benin Electricity Distribution Company (BEDC);

Aware that these communities, which consist of urban and rural dwellers with a population of almost One million people, have been in permanent darkness for a period ranging from six (6) months to two (2) years, thus paralyzing economic activities in those areas;

Cognizant that some unscrupulous staff of the Benin Electricity Distribution Company (BEDC) exploit the situation to demand for gratification from the people for reconnection and equally demand for payment for electricity not consumed by the people;

Concerned that if the situation is not urgently addressed, vandals and economic saboteurs may compound the problem by vandalizing transformers, cables and other equipment;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Power to investigate the matter with a view to ensuring that the affected communities are reconnected to the national grid, and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (H.R. 262/2016).

21. **Need to Investigate the Recurring Electrical Accidents in the Power Sector**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that since the concession of various projects in the Power Sector to private interests, the rate of electricity related accidents resulting in deaths has increased;

Also notes that the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) put the figure of deaths due to electrical accidents in the last two years at 655, apart from those who sustained injuries;

Informed that since the privatization of the Power Sector to the Distribution Companies (DISCOs), absolute neglect of extant safety considerations, rules and maintenance procedures has been the order of the day, hence the increasing rate of death in electrical accidents in contrast with the previous years;

Concerned that the refusal of the DISCOs to invest in working tools, personal safety and protective equipment could lead to more fatal consequences;

Also concerned about the impunity with which these DISCOs disregard labour laws and their safety provisions by subjecting their employees to dehumanizing working conditions without any protection against work related hazards;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Power, Labour, Employment and Productivity to investigate the causes of these incessant electrical accidents and allegations of unsafe practices by the various Distribution Companies (DISCOs), Generation Companies (GENCOs) and Transmission Companies with a view to bringing an end to the unhealthy trend and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Joseph Eghogho Edionwele — Esan Central/Esan West/Igueben Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that since the concession of various projects in the Power Sector to private interests, the rate of electricity related accidents resulting in deaths has increased;

Also noted that the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) put the figure of deaths due to electrical accidents in the last two years at 655, apart from those who sustained injuries;

Informed that since the privatization of the Power Sector to the Distribution Companies (DISCOs), absolute neglect of extant safety considerations, rules and maintenance procedures has been the order of the day, hence the increasing rate of death in electrical accidents in contrast with the previous years;

Concerned that the refusal of the DISCOs to invest in working tools, personal safety and protective equipment could lead to more fatal consequences;

Also concerned about the impunity with which these DISCOs disregard labour laws and their safety provisions by subjecting their employees to dehumanizing working conditions without any protection against work related hazards;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Power, Labour, Employment and Productivity to investigate the causes of these incessant electrical accidents and allegations of unsafe practices by the various Distribution Companies (DISCOs), Generation Companies (GENCOs) and Transmission Companies with a view to bringing an end to the unhealthy trend and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (HR. 263/2016).

22. **Need to Check Unwholesome Operations of Multinational Industries in Ewekoro Local Government Area of Ogun State**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Ewekoro Local Government Area of Ogun State is rich in mineral resources such as limestone and clay and as a result, is host to several cement manufacturing plants and metal mining and production industries, including Lafarge Cement, Wapeo Plc, Purechem Cement Industries Nigeria Limited and Dolphin Steels Nigeria Limited;

Also notes that in recent years, rapid expansion programmes by these industries have led to intensification of their mining and production operations, for example in 2011, Lafarge opened its 2.2 million metric tons capacity facility known as the Ewekoro II Plant, which is twice the capacity of the existing Ewekoro Plant with six 15 Mega Watt Units which is equal to 9 Mega Watt installed capacity with dual firing system that can use both gas and liquid fuel;

Further notes that Purechem Industries have expanded from a trading firm to a manufacturer of cement, chemicals, metal packaging, etc, while Dolphin Steels, a mining/metal industry is engaged in blasting and other production and mining operations;

Aware that in 2012, the Department of Geography and Planning Services, Adekunle Ajasin University, Ondo State, conducted an assessment of health and environmental challenges of cement factories on Ewekoro Community residents and found extensive incidents of land, air and noise pollution over and above the recommended minimum limits of "the "noxious impact for an area";

Concerned that the environmental degradation, deforestation and conversion of agricultural lands and communities into quarry sites for drilling, blasting and excavation of limestone have taken a heavy socio-economic toll on the lives of the residents in terms of contamination of cement dust emissions, exposure to polluted water bodies and noise pollution with their inherent health hazards and implications as is evidenced in the prevalence of respiratory diseases such as asthma, tuberculosis, bronchitis, heart diseases and skin cancer which have been empirically proven to be linked to exposure to silica;

Also concerned about several studies confirming the debilitating impact of cement manufacturing on the environment and the adverse effects on the lives of the residents and building sand also the damaged roads due to increase in the number of haulage vehicles plying the route and the ensuing traffic congestion resulting in loss of man hours;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Solid Minerals Development and Environment and Habitat to urgently conduct a forensic investigation into the mining operations, production, safety concerns, health and environmental considerations in the operations of these multinational industrial plants and report back within six weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka – Ife/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Agreed to:

The House:

Noted that Ewekoro Local Government Area of Ogun State is rich in mineral resources such as limestone and clay and as a result, is host to several cement manufacturing plants and metal mining and production industries, including Lafarge Cement, Wapeo Plc, Purechem Cement Industries Nigeria Limited and Dolphin Steels Nigeria Limited;

Also noted that in recent years, rapid expansion programmes by these industries have led to intensification of their mining and production operations, for example in 2011, Lafarge opened its 2.2 million metric tons capacity facility known as the Ewekoro II Plant, which is twice the capacity of the existing Ewekoro Plant with six 15 Mega Watt Units which is equal to 9 Mega Watt installed capacity with dual firing system that can use both gas and liquid fuel;

Further noted that Purechem Industries have expanded from a trading firm to a manufacturer of cement, chemicals, metal packaging, etc, while Dolphin Steels, a mining/metal industry is engaged in blasting and other production and mining operations;

Aware that in 2012, the Department of Geography and Planning Services, Adekunle Ajasin University, Ondo State, conducted an assessment of health and environmental challenges of cement factories on Ewekoro Community residents and found extensive incidents of land, air and noise pollution over and above the recommended minimum limits of the "noxious impact for an area";

Concerned that the environmental degradation, deforestation and conversion of agricultural lands and communities into quarry sites for drilling, blasting and excavation of limestone have taken a heavy socio-economic toll on the lives of the residents in terms of inhalation of cement dust emissions, exposure to polluted water bodies and noise pollution with their inherent health hazards and implications as is evidenced in the prevalence of respiratory diseases such as asthma, tuberculosis, bronchitis, heart diseases and skin cancer which have been empirically proven to be linked to exposure to silica;

Also concerned about several studies confirming the debilitating impact of cement manufacturing on the environment and the adverse effects on the lives of the residents and building sand also the damaged roads due to increase in the number of haulage vehicles plying the route and the ensuing traffic congestion resulting in loss of man hours;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Solid Minerals Development and Environment and Habitat to urgently conduct a forensic investigation into the mining operations, production, safety concerns, health and environmental considerations in the operations of these multinational industrial plants and report back within six weeks for further legislative action (HR. 264/2016).

23. **Need to Curb the Rising Crises of Illegal Immigrants and Human Trafficking from Nigeria and Other Sub-Saharan African Countries to Italy and Other Countries of the European Union**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Aware that Section 14 (2) (b) of the 1999 Constitution states that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government;

Also aware that by Section 4 (1) (a) of the Immigration Act, 2015, every passenger who enters or leaves Nigeria by any means shall satisfy the immigration officer that he is a holder of a valid travel document;

Concerned that while the United Nations reported that migration across the Mediterranean sea has reached epic proportions, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) observed that about 170,100 migrants arrived Italy by sea in 2014;

Also concerned about the report of the United Nations Commission for Human Rights (UNCHR) that illegal crossings from Libya to Italy increased by 38% in 2015 and further 43% in 2016;

Further concerned that majority of those migrants arriving in Italy in the recent time are from the Sub-Saharan Africa, mainly Nigerians, Gambians and Senegalese;

Equally concerned that for those numbers of migrants successfully arriving Italy, even many more lose their lives in the course of the very dangerous trips across the Sahara Desert while others drown in the Mediterranean sea, with some reports putting the chances of a migrant arriving Italy alive as low as 10% while the females are subjected to all forms of degradation and abuse;

Worried that these migrants, even when they manage to arrive Europe alive are not automatically eligible for protection and are not qualified for European Union's relocation and redistribution program, unlike Syrians, Somalians, Afghans and Eritreans fleeing wars and persecution, thus making their initial applications for asylum very unlikely to succeed and thereby condemning most of them to legal limbo without any money, documents and having poor communication skills or understanding of the local language;

Dismayed that the Federal Ministry of Interior has little or no effective border surveillance and patrol policy to restrain those misguided and misdirected Nigerians from embarking on such illegal, dehumanizing and risky misadventures;

Also worried that African Leaders are paying lip service to this absurd loss of "the soul of a continent" not only to a new slavery while the European leaders are deliberately tightening the noose on the hapless African migrants in order to provide economic space for their own poor, economic migrants from Eastern Europe and the war torn countries like Syria and Eritrea, etc.;

Further worried that Nigeria, from where most of the migrants emanate, has not only failed to provide for the security and welfare of its young citizens who form a critical productive resource for the country but has also failed to educate them on the vagaries and risks of embarking on such hazardous and illegal trips or diplomatically engaging the transit countries on how to restrain or protect the migrants from passing through these 'corridors to hell' or with the receiving countries on the security and welfare of the migrants when they get hired into this stateless status;

Alarmed that this avoidable humanitarian crises, if unchecked will not only diminish the respect of Nigeria and Nigerians as a nation and a people but also condemn those unfortunate and misguided Nigerians to a life of indignity and modern slavery;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the youths to be wary of sweet talking but unscrupulous human traffickers promising them non-existent jobs beyond our shores and also urge parents, community and church leaders to champion massive enlightenment campaigns against this modern slavery;
- (ii) further urge the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), the Federal Ministries of Youth Development, Women Affairs, Information and Culture, Interior and Foreign Affairs to rise up to the challenges posed by this development;
- (iii) call on the Federal Government to develop a plan to mobilize both the citizenry and indeed African and other leaders in both the transit and receiving countries in the fight against this malaise while rehabilitating and resettling victims at all stages;
- (iv) also call on the 8th Assembly to champion a new Parliamentary Initiative to abolish this "modern slavery" by mobilizing resources within Nigeria and beyond against this at the levels of the sending, transit and receiving countries as well as co-ordinate the enactment of relevant legislations at the national and supra national levels; and
- (v) mandate the Committee on Human Rights to conduct an oversight of the action plan of the Federal Government to curtail the incidents of illegal migration to Europe and report back within twelve (12) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Patrick Asadi, Nsukka Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Agreed to.

The House:

Aware that Section 14 (2) (b) of the 1999 Constitution states that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government;

Also aware that by Section 4 (1) (a) of the Immigration Act, 2015, every traveller who enters or leaves Nigeria by any means shall satisfy the immigration officer that he is a holder of a valid travel document;

Concerned that while the United Nations reported that migration across the Mediterranean sea has reached epic proportions, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) observed that about 170,100 migrants arrived Italy by sea in 2014;

Also concerned about the report of the United Nations Commission for Human Rights (UNCHR) that illegal crossings from Libya to Italy increased by 38% in 2015 and further 43% in 2016;

Further concerned that majority of those migrants arriving in Italy in the recent time are from the Sub-Saharan Africa, mainly Nigerians, Gambians and Senegalese;

Equally concerned that for those numbers of migrants successfully arriving Italy, even many more lose their lives in the course of the very dangerous trips across the Sahara Desert while others drown in the Mediterranean sea, with some reports putting the chances of a migrant arriving Italy alive as low as 10% while the females are subjected to all forms of degradation and abuse;

Worried that these migrants, even when they manage to arrive Europe alive are not automatically eligible for protection and are not qualified for European Union's relocation and redistribution program, unlike Syrians, Somalians, Afghans and Eritreans fleeing wars and persecution, thus making their initial applications for asylum very unlikely to succeed and thereby condemning most of them to legal limbo without any money, documents and having poor communication skills or understanding of the local language;

Dismayed that the Federal Ministry of Interior has little or no effective border surveillance and patrol policy to restrain those misguided and misdirected Nigerians from embarking on such illegal, dehumanizing and risky misadventures;

Also worried that African Leaders are paying lip service to this absurd loss of "the soul of a continent" not only to a new slavery while the European leaders are deliberately tightening the noose on the hapless African migrants in order to provide economic space for their own poor, economic migrants from Eastern Europe and the war torn countries like Syria and Eritrea, etc.;

Further worried that Nigeria, from where most of the migrants emanate, has not only failed to provide for the security and welfare of its young citizens who form a critical productive resource for the country but has also failed to educate them on the vagaries and risks of embarking on such hazardous and illegal trips or diplomatically engaging the transit countries on how to restrain or protect the migrants from passing through these 'corridors to hell' or with the receiving countries on the security and welfare of the migrants when they get lured into this stateless status;

Alarmed that this avoidable humanitarian crises, if unchecked will not only diminish the respect of Nigeria and Nigerians as a nation and a people but also condemn those unfortunate and misguided Nigerians to a life of indignity and modern slavery;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the youths to be wary of sweet talking but unscrupulous human traffickers promising them non-existent jobs beyond our shores and also urge parents, community and church leaders to champion massive enlightenment campaigns against this modern slavery;
- (ii) further urge the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), the Federal Ministries of Youth Development, Women Affairs, Information and Culture, Interior and Foreign Affairs to rise up to the challenges posed by this development;
- (iii) call on the Federal Government to develop a plan to mobilize both the citizenry and indeed African and other leaders in both the transit and receiving countries in the fight against this malaise while rehabilitating and resettling victims at all stages;
- (iv) also call on the 8th National Assembly to champion a new Parliamentary Initiative to abolish this "modern slavery" by mobilizing resources within Nigeria and beyond against this at the levels of the sending, transit and receiving countries as well as co-ordinate the enactment of relevant legislations at the national and supra national levels; and

The House:

Recalled that the Super Falcons of Nigeria won the Africa Women's Cup of Nations Championship on December 3, 2016 for a record eight time after defeating the National Team of Cameroon, the host nation, in the final;

Aware that the players and officials are being owed backlog of allowances by the Nigerian Football Federation;

Also aware of the reported disclosure by the Hon. Minister of Youths and Sports, Mr Solomon Dalong that the victory of the Super Falcons was unexpected, a mindset that may have led to the failure to make proper arrangements for the payment of the allowances of the players and the officials;

Cognizant that the players have refused to vacate their hotel rooms until they were paid all their due entitlements, despite urgings by the Nigerian Football Federation and officials of the Ministry;

Believing that the refusal of the team to hearken to the pleas of the football officials must have been informed by past actions, inactions, failures and inability of the Nigerian Football Federation and the Sports Ministry to keep to their promises and assurances in similar situations in the past;

Resolved to:

- (i) commend, with a standing ovation, the Super Falcons for the superlative performance of the team at the just concluded Africa Women's Cup of Nations Championship in Cameroon where they won the Cup for an unprecedented eight time;
- (ii) condemn the non-payment of the allowances of the players and officials and urge the Nigeria Football Federation to pay, without further delay, the backlog of unpaid allowances; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Sports to ensure implementation and report back within Four (4) weeks for further legislative action (H.R. 266/2016).

The House rose in a standing ovation in honour of the victorious Super Falcons.

25. **Need to Avert the Impending Strike Action by the National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG)**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the report in the Vanguard Newspaper of 5 December, 2016 in which the National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG) issued notice of its intention to embark upon a three (3) day strike action in the first week of January 2017;

Aware that NUPENG stated that the strike action would be a precursor to a nationwide strike action if the Federal Government fails to intervene in the lingering disputes between the NUPENG and some multinational companies operating in the oil and gas industry;

Concerned about the disruptive effects of such a strike action and the attendant hardships it will bring on the people if not averted;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Labour, Employment and Productivity, Petroleum Resources (Upstream), and Petroleum Resources (Downstream), to mediate in the matter with a view to averting the threatened strike action and report back within two (2) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the report in the Vanguard Newspaper of 5 December, 2016 in which the National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG) issued notice of its intention to embark upon a three (3) day strike action in the first week of January 2017;

Aware that NUPENG stated that the strike action would be a precursor to a nationwide strike action if the Federal Government fails to intervene in the lingering disputes between the NUPENG and some multinational companies operating in the oil and gas industry;

Concerned about the disruptive effects of such a strike action and the attendant hardships it will bring on the people if not averted;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Labour, Employment and Productivity, Petroleum Resources (Upstream), and Petroleum Resources (Downstream), to mediate in the matter with a view to averting the threatened strike action and report back within two (2) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 267/2016**).

26. Call for an end to the Practice of Commuters Hanging on Moving Trains

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

27. Urgent Need to Ascertain the Status of Recovered Looted Funds in Furtherance of Transparency and Accountability in Nigeria

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

28. Consideration of Reports

(i) Committee on Healthcare Services:

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Healthcare Services on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control, the Total Sum of ₦10,634,353,111.00 (Ten Billion, Six Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Three Hundred and Fifty-Three Thousand, One Hundred and Eleven Naira) only, out of which the sum of ₦6,906,795,811.00 (Six Billion, Nine Hundred and Six Million, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eleven Naira) only, is for Total Overhead Costs, and ₦3,727,557,300.00 (Three Billion, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Seven Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, Three Hundred Naira) only, is for Capital Expenditure for the Year Ending on 31 December, 2016 (HB. 741) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihitte Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE FROM THE STATUTORY REVENUE FUND OF THE NATIONAL AGENCY FOR FOOD AND DRUGS ADMINISTRATION AND CONTROL THE TOTAL SUM OF ₦10,634,353,111.00 (TEN BILLION, SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOUR MILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVEN NAIRA) ONLY (HB. 741) FOR THE YEAR ENDING ON 31 DECEMBER, 2016:

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Issue and appropriation of ₦10,634,353,111.00 (Ten Billion, Six Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Three Hundred and Fifty-Three Thousand, One Hundred and Eleven Naira) only, from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control for the year ending on the 31 December, 2016.

- (i) The Director General of the Agency shall by warrant pay out of the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Agency during the year ending on 31 December, 2016, the sums specified by the warrants not exceeding in the aggregate ₦10,634,353,111.00 (Ten Billion, Six Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Three Hundred and Fifty-Three Thousand, One Hundred and Eleven Naira) only from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control for 2016.
- (ii) The amount mentioned in subsection (i) shall be appropriated to heads of expenditures as indicated in the schedule to this Bill.
- (iii) No part of the amount above mentioned shall be released from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control after the end of the year mentioned in the Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihitte Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Release of Fund from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control.

All amounts appropriated under this Bill shall be released from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control only for the purposes specified in the Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihitte Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 2 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: Virement.

In the event that the implementation of any of the projects intended to be undertaken under this Bill cannot be completed without virement, such virement shall only be effected with the prior approval of the National Assembly (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihitte Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 3 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 4: Release of Funds for implementation.**

The Director General/Chief Executive of the Agency shall ensure that Funds appropriated under this Bill are released as and when due, provided that no funds for any Quarter of the Fiscal year shall be deferred without prior waiver from the National Assembly (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihite Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 4 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 5: Quarterly Report.**

The Director General/Chief Executive of the Agency and the Directorate of Treasury, National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control shall immediately upon the coming into force of this Bill furnish the National Assembly, on a Quarterly basis, the status of the records of the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control and statutory account (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihite Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 5 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 6: Waiver not to incur expenditure.**

Where due to revenue short-fall, amount appropriated under this Bill cannot be funded, the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control shall seek from the National Assembly a waiver not to incur such (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihite Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 6 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 7: Due Process Certification.**

The Department of Government charged with the responsibility of certifying that due processes have been complied with in the processing of implementation of projects shall ensure that all processes of approval are completed within the specified period as provided for in the Public Procurement Act (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihite Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 7 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 8: Interpretation.**

For the Purpose of this Bill, the term:

"Agency" means the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihite Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Agency" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Schedule" includes the detailed estimates of expenditure attached hereto (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihite Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Schedule" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 8 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 9: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihitte Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 9 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE

**SUMMARY OF NATIONAL AGENCY FOR FOOD AND DRUGS
ADMINISTRATION AND CONTROL BUDGET 2016**

A. Overhead Costs	20,000,000.00
Local Travel and Transport: Training	570,996,400.00
Local Travel and Transport (Inspection Activities)	611,000,000.00
International Travel and Transport (GMP)	95,106,240.00
Electricity Charges	5,000,000.00
Telephone Charges	54,002,000.00
Internet Access Charges	1,000,000.00
Water Rates	5,000,004.00
Sewage Charges	301,726,880.00
Office Stationeries/Computer Consumables	3,000,200.00
Magazines and Periodicals	70,000,000.00
Printing of Non-Security Documents	1,000,000.00
Printing of Security Documents	102,147,600.00
Laboratory Chemicals/Glass Wares	80,528,940.00
Maintenance of Motor Vehicles/ Transport Equipment	10,000,000.00
Maintenance of Office Furniture	264,597,840.00
Maintenance of Office Building	32,000,000.00
Maintenance of Office Equipment	12,000,320.00
Maintenance of Computers/IT Equipment	49,023,000.00
Maintenance of Plants/Generators	10,000,100.00
Clearing and Forwarding Expenses	34,462,708.00
Repair and Maintenance of Laboratory Equipment	183,600,000.00
Security services	26,722,215.00
Office Rent	215,319,360.00
Operational Expenses /Federal Task Force	200,000,080.00
Cleaning and Fumigation Services	35,000,000.00
Financial Consulting	5,000,000.00
Legal Services	25,000,000.00
Engineering Services	8,000,000.00
Surveying Services	36,476,568.00
Motor Vehicle Fuel Cost	633,750,072.00
Remittance to CRF (25%)	439,200,000.00
Plant/Generator Fuel Cost	400,000,000.00
Productivity Allowance	100,000,000.00
Insurance Premium	5,950,000.00
Meetings, Workshops and Conferences	20,000,000.00
Hospitality, Refreshment and Meal	18,200,000.00
Honorarium and Sitting Allowance	868,733,280.00
Publicity and Advertisements	2,000,000.00
Animal House	18,750,000.00
Postages and Courier Services	

Staff Welfare	89,992,000.00
Establishment of NAFDAC desk in LGA	5,000,000.00
Recruitment and Appointment (Service Wide)	15,600,000.00
Discipline and Appeal (Service Wide)	5,000,000.00
Promotion (Service Wide)	15,000,000.00
Annual Budget Expenses and Administration	10,000,000.00
Donations	10,000,000.00
2016 National Food Safety Week	5,000,000.00
2016 Conference on Nigeria Total Diet Study	5,000,000.00
FGN/NAFDAC/UNICEF Nutrition Programme	82,000,000.00
Interns/NYSC	290,000,004.00
Advocacy/Awareness on use of Fake and Counterfeit	
Drugs in Six Geopolitical Zones	400,000,000.00
Total Overhead Costs	6,906,795,811.00

Question,

That the expenditure of Six Billion, Nine Hundred and Six Million, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eleven Naira (N6,906,795,811.00) only, for the purposes set out under the Overhead Costs for National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) (NCC) stand part of the Revenue Expenditure for 2016 (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehin Mbano/Ihite Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*) — *Agreed to.*

B. Capital Projects

Provision of mobile laboratories and accessories	900,000,000.00
Provision of laboratory equipment	80,000,000.00
NAFDAC HQ Laboratory Building — Construction and Others)	201,964,050.00
Provision of Motor Vehicles	101,540,000.00
Provision of Office Equipment, Furniture and Fitting and Power	
Generating Plant	49,807,000.00
Provision of NAFDAC Information Systems and Computer Sets	79,600,000.00
Construction of NAFDAC Laboratory—Mbaka Benue State (Phase 1)	205,347,984.00
Construction of NAFDAC Laboratory Building Abeokuta,	
Ogun State-Phase 1	239,912,059.00
Construction of Office Block, Warehouse, Perimeter Fence and	
Gate House at Illela	15,226,756.00
Construction of Perimeter Fence, Office Block and	
Warehouse in Benin, Edo State — Phase 1	120,000,000.00
Consultancy Services for Construction of Perimeter Fence,	
Office Block and Warehouse in Benin, Edo State	30,000,000.00
Construction of Office Block, Warehouse, Perimeter Fence and Gate	
House at Kamba — Kebbi State	15,893,734.00
Construction of NAFDAC PID Office at Murtala Mohammed	
Int'l Airport NAHCO, Ikeja, Lagos	119,815,795.00
Rehabilitation of NAFDAC Lab Calabar	31,845,746.00
Construction of Perimeter Fence, Office Block and Warehouse at	
Owerri, Imo State — Phase 1	214,926,200.00
Construction of Perimeter Fence, Office Block and Warehouse at	
Osogbo, Osun State — Phase 1	110,000,000.00
Consultancy Service for the Construction Perimeter Fence,	
Office Block and Warehouse at Owerri, Imo State	15,000,000.00
Construction of Office Block, Warehouse, Perimeter Fence and	
Gate House — Jibiya, Katsina State	16,726,756.00
Construction of NAFDAC laboratory Building, Umuokeh	
Obowo, Imo State — Phase 1	154,926,200.00
Rehabilitation of NAFDAC Training School, Kaduna, Kaduna State	20,000,000.00
Construction of Office Block, Warehouse, Perimeter Fence and	

Gate House at Maigatari — Jigawa State	16,726,756.00
Rehabilitation of NAFDAC Birnin Kebbi Office — Kebbi State	26,477,000.00
Redesigning and furnishing of NAFDAC Lab Maiduguri Borno State	15,989,100.00
Construction of Perimeter Fence at Asaba- Delta State	10,916,438.00
Construction of Perimeter Fence at Abakiliki — Ebonyi State	10,094,400.00
Construction of Perimeter Fence at Enugu	10,094,400.00
Construction of perimeter fence at Kwara	10,094,400.00
Consultancy service NAFDAC Laboratory Training School, Antyu Mbaka, Benue State	33,545,174.00
Management and supervision for NAFDAC Laboratory Building, Abeokuta, Ogun State	14,507,332.00
Consultancy service stage 1 and 2 NAFDAC Headquarters/Laboratory Building Kyami — Abuja	45,000,000.00
Consultancy service stage 3 NAFDAC Headquarters/Laboratory Building Kyami — Abuja	10,000,000.00
Outstanding financial obligation	801,580,020.00
Total Capital Projects	3,727,557,300.00

Question.

That the expenditure of Three Billion, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Seven Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, Three Hundred Naira (N3,727,557,300.00) only, for the purposes set out under the Capital Projects for National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) (NCC) stand part of the Revenue Expenditure for 2016 (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihite Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*) — *Agreed to.*

Grand Total**10, 634,353,111.00***Main Question.*

That the expenditure of Ten Billion, Six Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Three Hundred and Fifty-Three Thousand, One Hundred and Eleven Naira (N10,634,353,111.00) only, for the purposes set out under the Overhead Costs and Capital Projects for National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) (NCC) stand part of the Revenue Expenditure for 2016 (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihite Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*) — *Agreed to.*

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control, the Total Sum of N10,634,353,111.00 (Ten Billion, Six Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Three Hundred and Fifty-Three Thousand, One Hundred and Eleven Naira) only, out of which the sum of N6,906,795,811.00 (Six Billion, Nine Hundred and Six Million, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eleven Naira) only, is for Total Overhead Costs, and N3,727,557,300.00 (Three Billion, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Seven Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, Three Hundred Naira) only, is for Capital Expenditure for the Year Ending on 31 December, 2016 (H.B. 741) (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihite Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*) — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Healthcare Services on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control, the Total Sum of N10,634,353,111.00 (Ten Billion, Six Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Three Hundred and Fifty-Three Thousand, One Hundred and Eleven Naira) only, out of which the sum of N6,906,795,811.00 (Six Billion, Nine Hundred and Six Million, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Five

Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eleven Naira) only, is for Total Overhead Costs, and ₦3,727,557,300.00 (Three Billion, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Seven Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, Three Hundred Naira) only, is for Capital Expenditure for the Year Ending on 31 December, 2016 (HB. 741) and approved Clauses 1- 9, the Schedule, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(ii) Committee on Banking and Currency:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Banking and Currency on a Bill for an Act to Authorise the Issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Central Bank of Nigeria the Total sum of ₦420,787,701,850.00 (Four Hundred and Twenty Billion, Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven Million, Seven Hundred and One Thousand and Eight Hundred and Fifty Naira) only, out of which the sum of ₦419,672,000,320.00 (Four Hundred and Nineteen Billion, Six Hundred and Seventy-Two Million and Three Hundred and Twenty Naira) only, is for Recurrent Expenditure, while the excess of Revenue over Expenditure stood at ₦1,115,701,530.00 (One Billion, One Hundred and Fifteen Million, Seven Hundred and One Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty Naira) only, is for the Year Ending on 31 December, 2016 (HB. 753) and approve the Recommendation therein" (*Hon. Jones Oyereri — Nkwere/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AUTHORISE THE ISSUE FROM THE STATUTORY REVENUE FUND OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA THE TOTAL SUM OF ₦420,787,701,850.00 (FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY BILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SEVEN MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND ONE THOUSAND AND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY NAIRA) ONLY, OUT OF WHICH THE SUM OF ₦419,672,000,320.00 (FOUR HUNDRED AND NINETEEN BILLION, SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO MILLION AND THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR RECURRENT EXPENDITURE, WHILE THE EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE STOOD AT ₦1,115,701,530.00 (ONE BILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR THE YEAR ENDING ON 31 DECEMBER, 2016 (HB. 753):

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Issue and appropriation of ₦420,787,701,850.00 (Four Hundred and Twenty Billion, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Seven Million, Seven Hundred and One Thousand and Eight Hundred and Fifty Naira) only, from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Central Bank of Nigeria for the year ending on 31 December, 2016.

- (i) The Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria shall by warrant pay out of the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Bank during the year ending on the 31 December, 2016, the sums specified by the warrants not exceeding in the aggregate ₦420,787,701,850.00 (Four Hundred and Twenty Billion, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Seven Million, Seven Hundred and One Thousand and Eight Hundred and Fifty Naira) only, from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Central Bank of Nigeria for 2016.

- (ii) The amount mentioned in subsection (i) shall be appropriated to heads of expenditures as indicated in the schedule to this Bill.
- (iii) No part of the amount above mentioned shall be released from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Central Bank of Nigeria after the end of the year mentioned in the Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Jones Onyereri — Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Release of Fund from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Central Bank of Nigeria.

All amounts appropriated under this Bill shall be released from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Central Bank of Nigeria only for the purposes specified in the Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Jones Onyereri — Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 2 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: Virement.

In the event that the implementation of any of the projects intended to be undertaken under this Bill cannot be completed without virement, such virement shall only be effected with the prior approval of the National Assembly (*Hon. Jones Onyereri — Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 3 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: Release of Funds for implementation.

The Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria shall ensure that Funds appropriated under this Bill are released as and when due, provided that no funds for any Quarter of the Fiscal year shall be deferred without prior waiver from the National Assembly (*Hon. Jones Onyereri — Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 4 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 5: Quarterly Report.

The Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria and the Directorate of Treasury, Central Bank of Nigeria shall immediately upon the coming into force of this Bill furnish the National Assembly, on a Quarterly basis, the status of the records of the Central Bank of Nigeria and statutory account (*Hon. Jones Onyereri — Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 5 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 6: Waiver not to incur expenditure.

Where due to revenue short-fall, amount appropriated under this Bill cannot be funded, the Central Bank of Nigeria shall seek from the National Assembly a waiver not to incur such (*Hon. Jones Onyereri — Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 6 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 7: Due Process Certification.**

The Department of Government charged with the responsibility of certifying that due processes have been complied with in the processing of implementation of projects shall ensure that all processes of approval are completed within the specified period as provided for in the Public Procurement Act (*Hon. Jones Onyereri — Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 7 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 8: Interpretation.**

For the Purpose of this Bill, the term:

"Schedule" includes the detailed estimates of expenditure attached hereto (*Hon. Jones Onyereri — Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Schedule" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 8 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 9: Short Title.**

This Bill may be cited as the Central Bank of Nigeria Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Jones Onyereri — Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 9 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE**SUMMARY OF CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA BUDGET 2016**

A.	General Administrative Expenses	125,298,000,000.00
B.	Operational Expenses	283,511,000,000.00
C.	Depreciation on Fixed Assets	10,863,000,000.00
D.	Excess of Income over Recurrent Expenditure	1,115,701,530.00
Total Expenditure		419,672,000,320.00

Question,

That the expenditure of Four Hundred and Nineteen Billion, Six Hundred and Seventy-Two Million and Three Hundred and Twenty Naira (₦419,672,000,320.00) only, for the purposes set out under the Total Expenditure for the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) stand part of the Revenue Expenditure for 2016 (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihitte Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*) — *Agreed to.*

Grand Total	420,787,701,850.00
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Main Question.

That the expenditure of Four Hundred and Twenty Billion, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Seven Million, Seven Hundred and One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty Naira (₦420,787,701,850.00) only, for the purposes set out under the Expenditure for the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) stand part of the Revenue Expenditure for 2016 (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihite Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*) — *Agreed to.*

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Authorise the Issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Central Bank of Nigeria the Total sum of ₦420,787,701,850.00 (Four Hundred and Twenty Billion, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Seven Million, Seven Hundred and One Thousand and Eight Hundred and Fifty Naira) only, out of which the sum of ₦419,672,000,320.00 (Four Hundred and Nineteen Billion, Six Hundred and Seventy-Two Million and Three Hundred and Twenty Naira) only, is for Recurrent Expenditure, while the excess of Revenue over Expenditure stood at ₦1,115,701,530.00 (One Billion, One Hundred and Fifteen Million, Seven Hundred and One Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty Naira) only, is for the Year Ending on 31 December, 2016 (HB. 753) (*Hon. Jones Onyereri — Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Banking and Currency on a Bill for an Act to Authorise the Issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Central Bank of Nigeria the Total sum of ₦420,787,701,850.00 (Four Hundred and Twenty Billion, Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven Million, Seven Hundred and One Thousand and Eight Hundred and Fifty Naira) only, out of which the sum of ₦419,672,000,320.00 (Four Hundred and Nineteen Billion, Six Hundred and Seventy-Two Million and Three Hundred and Twenty Naira) only, is for Recurrent Expenditure, while the excess of Revenue over Expenditure stood at ₦1,115,701,530.00 (One Billion, One Hundred and Fifteen Million, Seven Hundred and One Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty Naira) only, is for the Year Ending on 31 December, 2016 (HB. 753) and approved Clauses 1- 9, the Schedule, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

29. *Adjournment*

That this House do adjourn the First Sitting till 4.10 p.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 4.02 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 8 December, 2016, page 884 under *Corrigendum*, leave out the words "Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC)" and insert the words "Niger Delta Ministry Affairs".