



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 28 March, 2017

1. The House met at 11.20 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 23 March, 2017.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcement**

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

Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:

- (i) Staff and Students of *Solid Foundation Academy*, Akwanga, Nasarawa State;
- (ii) Staff and Students of *Glory Land Baptist Academy*, FHA, Lugbe, Abuja; and
- (iii) Staff and Students of *Abigail School*, Asokoro Abuja.

(b) **Notification of Vacancy in the Seat of Dutsi/Mashi Federal Constituency:**

Mr Speaker notified Members as follows:



SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Honourable Members

**NOTIFICATION OF VACANCY IN THE SEAT OF MASHI/DUTSI,
HELD BY HON. BELLO SANI MASHI**

I write to notify Honourable Members of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Section 68 (1) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, that the Seat of Mashi/Dutsi Federal Constituency of Katsina State held by Hon. Bello Sani Mashi has become vacant.

2. This vacancy is as a result of his death on 15 February, 2017 which was announced in the House Plenary on 21 February, 2017. He was a member of All Progressives Congress (APC).

3. This notification is in fulfillment of Section 68 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, and for the records.

(Signed)

Rt Hon. Dogara Yakubu
Speaker

(c) **Dissolution of Ad-hoc Committees:**

Mr Speaker recalled his earlier announcement of Thursday, 23 March, 2017, on the dissolution of some *Ad-hoc* Committees set up before the establishment of Standing Committees of the House, and emphasized that the measure was not punitive, rather it was to formally dissolve the Committees, whether or not they had submitted their reports.

4. **Petition**

A petition from Abanobi Martin Ike, on the termination of his appointment, and non-payment of his entitlements and benefits by the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), was presented and laid by Hon. Chukwuka Onyema (*Ogbaru Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. **Presentation of Report**

Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream):

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream) on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Deep Offshore and Inland Basin Production Sharing Contracts and for Other Related Matters (HB.708).

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

6. **A Bill for an Act to Impose Tax on Goods and Services Consumed in Hotels, Restaurants, Entertainment and Event Centres within the Federal Capital Territory and for Other Related Matters (HB. 937) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Impose Tax on Goods and Services Consumed in Hotels, Restaurants, Entertainment and Event Centres within the Federal Capital Territory and for Other Related Matters (HB. 937) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Iorwase Herman Hembe — Vandekiya/Konshisha Federal Constituency*).

Bill withdrawn by leave of the House.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Electoral Act, 2010 to make the Electoral Process full proof by making the Card Reader the Credible Means of Voters Accreditation and Voting and provide for strict Compliance with Election Guidelines and Manual so as to Enhance Transparency and Efficiency in the Conduct of Free, Fair and Credible Elections, a Bill for an Act to Amend Sections 33 and 36 of the Electoral Act, 2010 to Provide for Death of a Presidential or Gubernatorial Candidate during an on-going Election, a Bill for an Act to Amend the Electoral Act, Cap. E6, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Incorporate Diaspora Voting in the Presidential Election in the Nigerian Electoral Act, 2010 and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Provisions of the Electoral Act, No. 6 of 2010 to Provide a Time Line for the Submission of Lists of Candidates, Criteria for Substitution of Candidates, Disclosure of Sources of Funds Contributed for Political Parties and to Empower the Commission to Uphold Party Primaries**

where there is a Change in the Results and for Other Related Matters (HB. 484, HB. 806, HB. 809 and HB. 966) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Electoral Act, 2010 to make the Electoral Process full proof by making the Card Reader the Credible Means of Voters Accreditation and Voting and provide for strict Compliance with Election Guidelines and Manual so as to Enhance Transparency and Efficiency in the Conduct of Free, Fair and Credible Elections, a Bill for an Act to Amend Sections 33 and 36 of the Electoral Act, 2010 to Provide for Death of a Presidential or Gubernatorial Candidate during an on-going Election, a Bill for an Act to Amend the Electoral Act, Cap. E6, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Incorporate Diaspora Voting in the Presidential Election in the Nigerian Electoral Act, 2010 and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Provisions of the Electoral Act, No. 6 of 2010 to Provide a Time Line for the Submission of Lists of Candidates, Criteria for Substitution of Candidates, Disclosure of Sources of Funds Contributed for Political Parties and to Empower the Commission to Uphold Party Primaries where there is a Change in the Results and for Other Related Matters (HB. 484, HB. 806, HB. 809 and HB.966) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada 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 Committees on Electoral and Political Matters, and Justice.

8. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Youth Development Commission and a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Youths Welfare Scheme Fund to Manage and Co-ordinate Youths Welfare Services to Reduce Challenges in Governance and Security in the Country and for Other Related Matters (HB. 122 and HB.558) — *Second Reading*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

9. A Bill for an Act to Validate the Revised Edition of the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2010 till date and for Connected Purposes (HB. 935) — *Second Reading*

Bill withdrawn by leave of the House.

10. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Council of Radiology and Radiation Medicine to Provide for the Control and Practice of the Profession of Radiology, Radiation Medicine, Nuclear Medicine, Radiotherapy, Radiography, Medical Physics and Technology and for Other Related Matters (HB. 924) — *Second Reading*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

11. Need for Construction of Uklakwo/Odagwa and Owaza to Ngwayekwe Road
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that Uklakwo/Odagwa and Owaza to Ngwayekwe Road, which was constructed in 1960, is a natural boundary on Imo River between Etche Local Government Area of Rivers State and Okwa West Local Government Area of Abia State, but it has now become dilapidated;

Concerned that due to the deplorable state of the road, the two sister States have almost been cut off as it is the only route from Etche in Rivers State to access Okwa West in Abia State;

Cognizant that these communities accommodate a total of sixty-five (65) oil wells that contribute to the sustenance of the country;

Also concerned that the deplorable state of the road has resulted in a halt in economic activities along the affected areas, thus causing restiveness among the youths who have resorted to robbery and other criminal activities to survive and this is also raising the spectre of marginalization of the people of the area in the allocation of projects;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to urgently commence work on the road; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on NDDC to ensure implementation (*Hon. Jerome Amadi Eke — Eiche/Omuma Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 121/2017).

Motion referred to the Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

12. **Call for Construction of Gadar Maiwa-Batu-Rafin Ciyawa-DogonruwaYadagunganme -Burra Road in Bauchi State to Sumaila Road in Kano State**

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the paramount need to construct the above mentioned Road to link several Communities of Gadar Maiwa-Batu-Rafin Ciyawa-Dogonruwa Yadagunganme -Burra of Bauchi State to Sumaila Road in Kano State cannot be overemphasized;

Also notes that the road had remained un-tarred and un-motorable for a longtime, which has made inhabitants of those communities, who have close cultural ties and language, bear untold hardships due to the activities of kidnappers and insurgents;

Aware that there is an unrelenting drive by the present administration to revive agriculture nation-wide and therefore there is need to construct the road to provide access to those agrarian Communities to enable them transport their farm produce to their various places of residence and local markets;

Also aware that the inhabitants of these Communities have also suffered losses of lives, cash, cattle and properties, and pregnant women in times of emergency suffer while being conveyed to hospitals for examination and delivery due to the dilapidated nature of the road;

Cognizant that the construction of the road will ease the sufferings of the people, enhance smooth communications and engender peace and good relationships amongst those communities;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to embark upon construction of the Gadar Maiwa-Batu-Rafin Ciyawa-Dogonruwa Yadagunganme -Burra of Bauchi State to Sumaila Road of Kano State;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, and Appropriations to ensure that the construction of the road is appropriated for in the 2017 budget proposal; and

- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure adherence (*Hon. Salisu Zakari Ningi — Ningi/Warji Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 122/2017).

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

13. Need to Investigate the Non-Remittance of ₦5.6 billion by the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Aware that the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria was established to provide long-term credit facilities to Mortgage Institutions and to encourage development of Mortgage Institutions at the rural, local, state and federal levels;

Notes that the Bank is empowered through the National Housing Fund to; among other things, facilitate the mobilization of funds for provision of houses for Nigerians;

Observes that between 2011 and 2015, the Bank generated a total revenue of ₦44.073 billion, with ₦13.17 billion of it having been generated in 2015, but the Bank defaulted in the remittance of the Value Added Tax (VAT) collections of ₦2.2 billion to the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS);

Also observes that during the period under review, the Bank also defaulted in remittance of Withholding Tax deductions to the Federal Inland Revenue Service to the tune of ₦3.4 billion;

Concerned that due to poor management by successive Managements of the Bank, there had been unimaginable high volume of non-performance of 70% of the Bank's risk assets and loans, thus resulting in sharp erosion of its Capital Structure and the National Housing Fund deposits;

Also concerned that the mismanagement of the Bank has led to huge administrative expenditure to the extent that its annual average of staff maintenance is ₦4 billion, while Directors fees and expenses are on the average of ₦200 million annually;

Cognizant that Section 40 of the Federal Inland Revenue Service Act specifies a penalty of 10% on withheld or unremitted tax by any defaulter after 30 days from the date of default;

Also cognizant of the need to recover the un-remitted sum of ₦5.6 Billion from the Bank for injection into the economy;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Finance, Housing and Urban Development and Regional Planning to investigate the allegations and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Aware that the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria was established to provide long-term credit facilities to Mortgage Institutions and to encourage development of Mortgage Institutions at the rural, local, state and federal levels;

Noted that the Bank is empowered through the National Housing Fund to, among other things, facilitate the mobilization of funds for provision of houses for Nigerians;

Observed that between 2011 and 2015, the Bank generated a total revenue of ₦44.073 billion, with ₦13.17 billion of it having been generated in 2015, but the Bank defaulted in the remittance of the Value Added Tax (VAT) collections of ₦2.2 billion to the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS);

Also observed that during the period under review, the Bank also defaulted in remittance of Withholding Tax deductions to the Federal Inland Revenue Service to the tune of ₦3.4 billion;

Concerned that due to poor management by successive Managements of the Bank, there had been unimaginable high volume of non-performance of 70% of the Bank's risk assets and loans, thus resulting in sharp erosion of its Capital Structure and the National Housing Fund deposits;

Also concerned that the mismanagement of the Bank has led to huge administrative expenditure to the extent that its annual average of staff maintenance is ₦4 billion, while Directors fees and expenses are on the average of ₦200 million annually;

Cognizant that Section 40 of the Federal Inland Revenue Service Act specifies a penalty of 10% on withheld or unremitted tax by any defaulter after 30 days from the date of default;

Also cognizant of the need to recover the un-remitted sum of ₦5.6 Billion from the Bank for injection into the economy;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Finance, Housing and Urban Development and Regional Planning to investigate the allegations and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (HR. 123/2017).

14. Need to Stop the Commercialization of the Nigerian Navy by Shorefac Consortium Limited and Others for the Purpose of Crude Oil and Liquefied Natural Gas Diversion to Global Destinations which Undermine Nigerian's National Security

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that on 21 February, 2017, Shorefac Consortium Limited made a proposal of a business model to the Ministry of Defence that would deliver 100 fast boats to the Nigerian Navy, together with an offer of maintenance support, all at no cost to the Government;

Also notes that Shorefac Consortium, in order to recoup its investments, would become a commercial partner to the Nigerian Navy in commercializing the Maritime Services Department of the Navy which would then be expected to provide security services at a cost to International Oil Companies and other owners and operators of offshore assets;

Cognizant that Shorefac Consortium Limited has strong international affiliations, therefore engaging such a company to collaborate with a key arm of the nation's Armed Forces will amount to commercializing its core constitutional role and cause undue exposure of the country to foreign interference;

Aware that funding of the Armed Forces is the priority of the Federal Government, which must shield them from all manners of commercial ventures that could put the country's security at risk;

Concerned that commercialization of any sector of the Armed Forces would bring about profiteering that is devoid of allegiance to national causes, and ultimately erode the core military values of order and discipline as personnel would begin to compete to be part of the lucrative commercial business;

Also concerned that the commercialization venture may be a sinister plot to indulge in the illegal diversion of Nigeria's Crude Oil and Liquefied Natural Gas to other destinations while using the Nigerian Navy as a legitimate front;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ministry of Defence to stop all further actions on the commercialization of the Nigerian Navy; and
- (ii) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the arrangement for a business model between the Ministry of Defence, the Nigerian Navy and Shorefac Consortium Ltd and others on the commercialization of the Nigerian Navy and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Ehiozuwa Johnson Agbonayinma — Egor/Ikpoba/Okha Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in Prayer (ii) and *insert* the following:

"Mandate the Committees on Navy, and Defence to invite the Nigerian Navy, to brief the Committees on this new business model, to establish the merits and the demerits of the arrangement, and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action" (*Hon. Nwawuba Henry Ndochukwu — Mbaitoli/Ikeduru Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on 21 February, 2017, Shorefac Consortium Limited made a proposal of a business model to the Ministry of Defence that would deliver 100 fast boats to the Nigerian Navy, together with an offer of maintenance support, all at no cost to the Government;

Also noted that Shorefac Consortium, in order to recoup its investments, would become a commercial partner to the Nigerian Navy in commercializing the Maritime Services Department of the Navy which would then be expected to provide security services at a cost to International Oil Companies and other owners and operators of offshore assets;

Cognizant that Shorefac Consortium Limited has strong international affiliations, therefore engaging such a company to collaborate with a key arm of the nation's Armed Forces will amount to commercializing its core constitutional role and cause undue exposure of the country to foreign interference;

Aware that funding of the Armed Forces is the priority of the Federal Government, which must shield them from all manners of commercial ventures that could put the country's security at risk;

Concerned that commercialization of any sector of the Armed Forces would bring about profiteering that is devoid of allegiance to national causes, and ultimately erode the core military values of order and discipline as personnel would begin to compete to be part of the lucrative commercial business;

Also concerned that the commercialization venture may be a sinister plot to indulge in the illegal diversion of Nigeria's Crude Oil and Liquefied Natural Gas to other destinations while using the Nigerian Navy as a legitimate front;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Ministry of Defence to stop all further actions on the commercialization of the Nigerian Navy; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Navy, and Defence to invite the Nigerian Navy, to brief the Committees on this new business model, to establish the merits and the demerits of the arrangement, and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 124/2017**).

15. Need for Effective Pension Verification Exercises in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the annual verification exercises for pensioners are necessary to determine the number of pensioners in the country;

Aware that the exercises may take pensioners more than one day to conclude and may require them having to sleep outside their area of residence;

Concerned that most pensioners are elderly, thus traveling long distances and having to undergo such stress where they may not have relations to stay with, may be too much burden on them;

Also concerned that this practice has resulted in the death of some pensioners who struggle to survive the harsh conditions of being far from home with meagre resources during the exercises;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Pensions to liaise with the National Pension Commission to work out the possibility of bringing verification points to Senatorial District Headquarters so as to reduce, to the barest minimum, loss of lives and undue stress on Nigeria's senior citizens (*Hon. Johnson E. Oghuma — Etsako East/Etsako West/Etsako Central Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the annual verification exercises for pensioners are necessary to determine the number of pensioners in the country;

Aware that the exercises may take pensioners more than one day to conclude and may require them having to sleep outside their area of residence;

Concerned that most pensioners are elderly, thus traveling long distances and having to undergo such stress where they may not have relations to stay with, may be too much burden on them;

Also concerned that this practice has resulted in the death of some pensioners who struggle to survive the harsh conditions of being far from home with meagre resources during the exercises;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Pensions to liaise with the National Pension Commission to work out the possibility of bringing verification points to Senatorial District Headquarters so as to reduce, to the barest minimum, loss of lives and undue stress on Nigeria's senior citizens (HR. 125/2017).

16. **Need to Adhere Strictly to the Principle of Federal Character in the Proposed Recruitment into the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC)**
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Aware of the planned recruitment of ten thousand (10,000) personnel into the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps based on a statement credited to the Corps spokesman, Emmanuel Okeh;

Cognizant of section 3 (6) of the 1999 Constitution which states that there shall be seven hundred and seventy-four local government areas in Nigeria as shown in the 2nd Column of Part I of the First Schedule to the Constitution and six area councils in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) as shown in Part II of that Schedule;

Also cognizant of section 4 (2) which states that the National Assembly shall have power to make laws for the peace, order and good government of the federation or any part thereof with respect to any matter included in the exclusive legislative list set out in Part I of the Second Schedule to the Constitution";

Also aware of section 14 (3) which states that the composition of the government or any of its agencies and the conduct of its affairs shall be carried out in such manner as to reflect the Federal Character of Nigeria and the need to promote national unity and also to command national loyalty thereby ensuring that there shall be no predominance of persons from a few states or from a few ethnic group or other sectional groups in that government or in any of its agencies;

Resolves to:

- (i) *urge the Commandant General of the NSCDC to ensure that the recruitment of ten thousand (10,000) personnel shall be based on allotment of 12 slots to each of the 774 local government areas and 6 area councils of the FCT;*
- (ii) *mandate the Committees on Interior, Federal Character, and Legislative Compliance to monitor compliance and report back in four (4) weeks for further legislative action (Hon. Olusupo Abiodun Adeola — Iseyin/Itesiwaju/Kajola/Iwajowa Federal Constituency).*

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In Prayer (i), immediately after the words "allotment of", leave out all other words, and insert the words "36 States and Federal Capital Territory " (Hon. Diri Douye — Yenagoa/Kolokuma/Opokuma Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

Question on the Motion — Agreed to.

The House:

Aware of the planned recruitment of ten thousand (10,000) personnel into the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps based on a statement credited to the Corps spokesman, Emmanuel Okeh;

Cognizant of section 3 (6) of the 1999 Constitution which states that there shall be seven hundred and seventy-four local government areas in Nigeria as shown in the 2nd Column of Part I of the First Schedule to the Constitution and six area councils in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) as shown in Part II of that Schedule;

Also cognizant of section 4 (2) which states that the National Assembly shall have power to make laws for the peace, order and good government of the federation or any part thereof with respect to any matter included in the exclusive legislative list set out in Part I of the Second Schedule to the Constitution";

Also aware of section 14 (3) which states that the composition of the government or any of its agencies and the conduct of its affairs shall be carried out in such manner as to reflect the Federal Character of Nigeria and the need to promote national unity and also to command national loyalty thereby ensuring that there shall be no predominance of persons from a few states or from a few ethnic group or other sectional groups in that government or in any of its agencies;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Commandant General of the NSCDC to ensure that the recruitment of ten thousand (10,000) personnel shall be based on allotment of 12 slots to each of the 774 local government areas and 6 area councils of the FCT;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Interior, Federal Character, and Legislative Compliance to monitor compliance and report back in four (4) weeks for further legislative action (HR. 126/2017).

17. Consideration of Reports

- (i) A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure Act, Cap. N3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB.206) (Committee of the Whole)

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

- (ii) *Committee on Justice:*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider 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) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa 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)

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)

Debate.

Consideration of Bill deferred, in view of the Executive Bill currently before the National Assembly on the same subject matter.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole deferred the consideration of 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).

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

(iii) Committee on Justice:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider 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) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa 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)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT, CAP. M7,
LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO INCREASE AMOUNT PAID AS
PENALTY AND FOR OTHER CONNECTED MATTERS THERETO

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Amendment of the Principal Act.

The Matrimonial Causes Act, Cap. M7, LFN 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Amendment of section 31, Third Schedule.

Section 31, Third Schedule of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the figures "₦1,500.00" for the words "five Kobo", wherever the words appear in the section (Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: Amendment of section 32 (1), Third Schedule of the Principal Act.
Section 32 (1) (c), Third Schedule of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the figures "₦50,000.00" for the words "two hundred Naira" (Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: Amendment of section 33, Third Schedule of the Principal Act.
Section 33, Third Schedule of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the figures "₦50,000.00" for the words "two hundred Naira" (Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 5: Citation.
This Bill shall be cited as the Matrimonial Causes Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency).

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

Long Title:

A Bill for An Act to Amend the Matrimonial Causes Act, Cap. M7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Increase Amount paid as Penalty and for Other Connected Matters Thereto (Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(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 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) and approved Clauses 1 - 5, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

18. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 29 March, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Jibril Umar Buba — Deputy House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.53 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker