



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 3 May, 2017

1. The House met at 11.17 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings**

Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 2 May, 2017.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Petitions**

- (i) A petition from Baba Shehu Abdullahi and 179 staff of Hadejia-Jama'are River Basin Authority, on the termination of their appointments and non-payment of their retirement benefits, was presented and laid by Hon. Nasiru Baballe Ila (*Tarauni Federal Constituency*); and
- (ii) A petition from Duoyaro Levi Banje, on the termination of his appointment from the service of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), was presented and laid by Hon. Yunusa A. Abubakar (*Yamatu/Deba Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

4. **Consolidation of Bills**

- (i) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Postal Service Act, Cap. N127, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make NIPOST Publicly Accountable and Postal Services more Reliable and for Other Related Matters (HB. 788), and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Postal Service Department Act, Cap. N127, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Provide for the Payment of all Monies Received by the Department into the Federation Account in Accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 906) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

- (ii) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Universities of Technology, Kaduna, Lagos and Enugu to Provide Training and Teaching Instruction in every aspect of Education and such Other Fields of Applied Learning Relevant

to the Needs of the Development of Education in Nigeria, Matters of Administration and Discipline of Students and for Other Related Matters (HB.990), and a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Education, Zaria to Provide Training and Teaching Instruction in every aspect of Education and such Other Fields of Applied Learning Relevant to the Needs of the Development of Education in Nigeria, Matters of Administration and Discipline of Students and for Other Related Matters (HB. 991) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

5. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Electoral Act No. 6, 2010 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 1013) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

6. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Merchandise Marks Act, Cap. M10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, Amend the Trade Marks Act, Cap. T13, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and make new Provisions with respect to Trade Marks in place thereof and for Other Related Matters (HB. 664) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

7. **Need to Address the High Rate of HIV Infections at the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Camps in the North East Zone**

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that recent records from the Borno State Agency for the Control of HIV/AIDS (BOSACA) shows that 512 new cases of HIV infections were recorded at the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camps in the State;

Also notes that official records had earlier shown that no fewer than 5,000 IDPs in 27 camps in the State are currently living with the virus;

Aware that the insurgency by the Boko Haram sect was the biggest threat to health care services across the North-East Zone in that assessment, results showed that none of the 27 camps were providing HIV/AIDS awareness campaign, anti-retroviral refills and continuous HIV counseling or testing, as a result of which only a portion of those infected with the virus can access treatment while only 32 out of the 90 antiretroviral centres are still operational in the State;

Also aware that the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response (SPHERE) recommends the provision of anti-retroviral drugs to either internally displaced people or refugees as a minimum standard for health services in crisis situations;

Concerned that the rate of sexual abuse and exploitation at the camps by unscrupulous camp officials in the form of sex for "money", "food" and "freedom of movement" in and out of the camps and rape being perpetrated by members of the host communities and older IDPs are largely responsible for the high rate of sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) and HIV infections and AIDS ravaging the camps;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees and Initiatives on North-East Zone (IDPs), and Healthcare Services to assess the problems and make appropriate recommendations on ways to ameliorate them and report back in four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Nafada/Dukku Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

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

“Urge the Executive Vice Chairman of the Presidential Committee on North East Initiatives to submit to the relevant Committees, a well articulated plan to address the numerous issues of the North East” (*Hon. Betty Apiafi — Ahoada East/Abua/Odual Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

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

“Also urge the Presidential Committee on North East Initiatives (PCNI) to provide anti-retroviral drugs to all the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camps in the North East” (*Hon. Adamu Kamale — Michika/Madagali Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that recent records from the Borno State Agency for the Control of HIV/AIDS (BOSACA) shows that 512 new cases of HIV infections were recorded at the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camps in the State;

Also noted that official records had earlier shown that no fewer than 5,000 IDPs in 27 camps in the State are currently living with the virus;

Aware that the insurgency by the Boko Haram sect was the biggest threat to health care services across the North-East Zone in that assessment results showed that none of the 27 camps were providing HIV/AIDS awareness campaign, anti-retroviral refills and continuous HIV counseling or testing, as a result of which only a portion of those infected with the virus can access treatment while only 32 out of the 90 anti-retroviral centres are still operational in the State;

Also aware that the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response (SPHERE) recommends the provision of anti-retroviral drugs to either internally displaced people or refugees as a minimum standard for health services in crisis situations;

Concerned that the rate of sexual abuse and exploitation at the camps by unscrupulous camp officials in the form of sex for "money", "food" and "freedom of movement" in and out of the camps and rape being perpetrated by members of the host communities and older IDPs are largely responsible for the high rate of sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) and HIV infections and AIDS ravaging the camps;

Resolved to:

(i) mandate the Committees on Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees and Initiatives on North-East Zone (IDPs), and Healthcare Services to assess the problems and make appropriate recommendations on ways to ameliorate them and report back in four (4) weeks for further legislative action;

- (ii) urge the Executive Vice Chairman of the Presidential Committee on North East Initiatives to submit to the relevant Committees, a well articulated plan to address the numerous issues of the North East; and
- (iii) also urge the Presidential Committee on North East Initiatives (PCNI) to provide anti-retroviral drugs to all the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camps in the North East (HR. 179/2017).

8. **Call for Halt to the Harassment and Extortion of Motorists by the Police on the Matter of Renewal of Vehicle Tinted Glass Permit**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

9. **Consideration of Report**

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Ahmadu Bello University (Transitional Provisions) Act, Cap. A14, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 260) (Committee of the Whole):

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

10. **Adjournment**

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 4 May, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 11.57 a.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker

CORRIGENDA

- 1. In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 23 March, 2017, No. 79, page 1,710, *leave out* item 24.
- 2. In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 11 April, 2017, No. 86, page 1,942, *leave out* the title “A Bill for an act to Amend the Wages Boards and Industrial Councils Act, Cap. W1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 282)” and wherever it may occur and *insert* the title “A Bill for an Act to Amend the Weight and Measures Act, Cap. W3, LFN, 2004 to Review Upwards the Fines Stipulated for Offences under the Act and Other Related Matters (HB. 265)”.