



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 26 April, 2017

1. The House met at 11.23 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, 25 April, 2017.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Message**
Mr Speaker read the following messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

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**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

11th April, 2017

Rt. Hon. Yakubu Dogara
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

FORWARDING OF THE DRAFT NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BILL, 2016

I forward herewith, for your kind consideration and passage into law, the National Water Resources Bill, 2016.

The Bill as presented seeks to establish a regulatory framework for the Water Resources Sector in Nigeria.

It is my hope that the Hon. Members will kindly consider and expeditiously approve the passage of the Bill.

Please accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

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**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

21st April, 2017

Rt. Hon. Yakubu Dogara
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Rt Hon. Yakubu Dogara,

**RE: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
2016-2018 EXTERNAL BORROWING (ROLLING) PLAN**

I wish to refer to my earlier letter in respect of the above subject and to inform the Honourable Members that the China Eximbank has approved our request for a loan to execute the Lagos-Kano Railway Modernization Project (Lagos-Ibadan Segment) for a sum of \$1.231 billion. The Chinese have also informed us that approval of the Lagos- Kano Railway Modernization Project (Kano-Kaduna Segment) and Coastal Railway Project (Lagos-Calabar Segment) are imminent.

China Eximbank Supported Projects

(i)	Lagos-Kano Railway Modernization Project (Lagos-Ibadan Segment):	\$1.231 billion
(ii)	Lagos-Kano Railway Modernization Project (Kano-Kaduna Segment):	\$1.146 billion
(iii)	Coastal Railway Project (Lagos-Calabar Segment):	\$3.474 billion
	Total:	\$5.851 billion

As you are aware, the funds available under the China-Africa Fund are limited. and loan applications from all African Countries are funded based on first come, first served and therefore there is an urgent need for us to sign these loans as soon as they are approved or we may lose out in the event that we delay in signing the loan agreement. These loans form part of our overall rail

funding strategy. We are already in the process of completing the concession of the Port Harcourt to Maiduguri line to immediately link the Eastern part of the nation. We fully intend to source further concessional funding to ultimately upgrade this critical line to a high speed standard gauge line. These projects form part of our overall plan to resuscitate rail transport across the nation and thereby drive inclusive-growth.

Honourable Members may also recall my earlier request for the speedy clearance of some emergency projects earmarked for the North-East in the 2016-2018 Borrowing Plan. You would also recall that, my request was based on the need to consolidate the relative peace at that time. Since then, the situation as you are aware has changed dramatically and introduced even more urgency to the situation in the zone than ever before. While the capture and destruction of the strong hold of Boko Haram in Sambisa forest was, welcome news, the recent unfortunate incident of the bombing of an IDP camp by mistake, with loss of 'civilian lives' brings to the fore the need to resettle the people back to their homes quickly in order to avoid such incidents in the future. However, for us to be able to do this, there is need for urgent consideration of the identified projects which will enable us to start reconstruction and rehabilitation of the region in order to create jobs for the people and rehabilitate the schools to get the children off the streets and into schools. The World Bank has provided a sum of \$575 million to assist the FGN in these reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts as well as for procurement of vaccines and other ancillary facilities for national routine immunization to eradicate polio after the outbreak in the North - East in 2016. The projects earmarked for the emergency rehabilitation and reconstruction in the North East are as follows:

Previously Requested Emergency World Bank Supported Projects

(i)	<i>Polio Eradication Support and Routine Immunization Project:</i>	<i>\$125 million</i>
(ii)	<i>Community and Social Development Project:</i>	<i>\$75 million</i>
(iii)	<i>Nigeria States Health Programme; Investment Project:</i>	<i>\$125 million</i>
(iv)	<i>State Education Programme Investment Project:</i>	<i>\$100 million</i>
(v)	<i>Nigeria Youth Employment and Social Support Project:</i>	<i>\$100 million</i>
(vi)	<i>Fadama III Project:</i>	<i>\$100 million</i>
	<i>Total:</i>	<i>\$575 million</i>

I wish to also inform the Honourable Members that, our National Social Safety Net Programme which is intended to assist the poor and most vulnerable people in our societies nationwide started this January 2017 with the first cash transfer payments in eight (8) States. However, for us to expand the programme to all the states, we need additional resources in addition to our 2017 budgetary allocations. It is for this reason that I am requesting your early consideration of the proposed World Bank assisted \$500 million loan to help expand the assistance and support to the poor and most vulnerable especially in these difficult times.

Additional Emergency World Bank Supported Project

(i)	<i>Social Inclusion and Welfare Advancement Project:</i>	<i>\$500 million</i>
	<i>Total:</i>	<i>\$500 million</i>

Given the current state of our economy and the need to urgently address some of our infrastructure deficiencies in order to quickly improve the livelihood of our people, it has become imperative that we work together in an expeditious way to get our economy out of recession and back to growth. Honourable Members, an expeditious consideration and approval of this request will go a long way in bringing stability to the North East and improvement in our infrastructure and by extension a general improvement in the economy and livelihood of our people.

In view of the above, the Honourable Members are invited to urgently consider and approve all the above projects totaling a sum of \$6.926 billion to enable us commence the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the North - East, provide for the poor and most vulnerable people and commence the rail projects in earnest. I believe your early approval would lead to a quick recovery of our economy and return it to a path of growth.

Please accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

Request referred to the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management.

4. Announcement

(a) Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Speaker recognized the presence of Students' Union Government, Bayero University, Kano, Kano State.

(b) Bereavement:

Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Ishaku Jibrin (*Edati/Lavun/Mokwa Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of a former member, Hon. Isah Saidu (*Edati/Lavun/Mokwa Federal Constituency, 1999 - 2007*), on Tuesday, 4 April, 2017.

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

(c) Ad-hoc Committee on the Need to Check the Excesses of Security Agencies with Regards to Invasion of Residencies of Law Abiding Citizens:

Mr Speaker announced members of the *Ad-hoc* Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno	—	Chairman
(2)	Hon. Toby Okechukwu	—	Member
(3)	Hon. Suleiman Aminu Goro	—	Member
(4)	Hon. Kingsley Chinda	—	Member
(5)	Hon. Tijjani Yusuf	—	Member
(6)	Hon. Sadiq Abubakar	—	Member
(7)	Hon. Abiodun Olasupo	—	Member
(8)	Hon. Munir Dan'Agundi	—	Member
(9)	Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai	—	Member
(10)	Hon. Mark Terser Gbillah	—	Member
(11)	Hon. Odeneye Kehinde	—	Member

5. Petitions

- (i) A petition from Mr Michael Olukorede Odumosu, on the discontinuance of his pension payment by the Nigerian Immigration Service authorities, was presented and laid by Hon. Odeneye Kehinde Olusegun (*Ijebu-Ode/Ijebu North East/Odogbolu Federal Constituency*);

- (ii) A petition from Raymond Ibiamu, on the failure of the Nigerian Army to grant his request for Voluntary Discharge from Service and for stopping his salary, was presented and laid by Hon. Abiante Awaji-Inombek Dagomie (*Andoni-Opobo/Nkoro Federal Constituency*);
- (iii) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Solomon B. Maren (*Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*):
 - (a) Onubolu Emmanuel and 2 others, on behalf of Umusadege-Ogbe community, Kwale, Delta State on the alleged breach of Section 6, 28 (2) and 29 (a), (b) and (c) of the Nigeria Oil and Gas Industry Content Act, 2010 by Platform Petroleum Limited;
 - (b) Rayfield Associates (Attorneys-at-Law), on behalf of Hon. Prince Chibudun Nwoche, OFR, on an alleged assassination attempt and robbery at his office in Port Harcourt, Rivers State;
 - (c) Anthony Erugha Esq. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Frank Memde, on allegations of threat to his life and asking for justice;
 - (d) Enogar Marine Trans-Services Limited, on allegations of corruption and fraud against Delta Energy Generation Company Limited (DELGECO);
 - (e) Aret Paul and Associates (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Rasheed Uwemedino, on the defrauding of Suiming Electrical Limited of the sum of US\$99,890 (ninety-nine thousand, eight hundred and ninety United States Dollars) by Rizhao 3-Turn Import and Export Company Limited; and
 - (f) Lewali Nigeria Limited, on the termination of the contracts awarded to Messrs Lawani Nigeria Limited and Linn Engineering Services Limited, by the Nigeria Agip Oil Company (NAOC).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

(i) *Need to Prevent the Erosion of the Doctrine of the Principle of Separation of Powers in our Democracy:*

Hon. Leo Ogor (*Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to consider and approve it as one of urgent public importance.

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

Matter to stand over till next legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 4 (3).

(ii) *Assassination attempt on the life of Senator Dino Melaye:*

Hon. Herman Hembe (*Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to consider and approve it as one of urgent public importance.

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

Matter to stand over till next legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 4 (3).

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

Agreed to.

(iii) ***Electrocution of Football Fans at a Viewing Centre in Nyakassang Community in Calabar Municipality, Cross River State:***

Hon. Ntufam Eta Mbora (*Calabar Municipal/Odukpani Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to consider and approve it as one of urgent public importance.

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

Matter to stand over till next legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 4 (3).

7. Presentation and First Reading of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Nigerian Technical Aid Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1014).
- (2) Directorate of Technical Cooperation in Africa (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1015).
- (3) New Partnership for Africa's Development Commission Bill, 2017 (HB. 1016).
- (4) Pharmaceutical Technologists and Pharmacy Technicians Regulatory Board of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1017).
- (5) Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy Bill, 2017 (HB. 1018).
- (6) Erosion Control and Prevention Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1019).

8. Consolidation of Bills

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission (Establishment) Act, No. 22 of 2007 to Provide for the Payment of all Monies Received by the Commission into the Federation Account in accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 932), and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission (Establishment) Act, 2007 to Provide for the Establishment of a Paramedic Corps of the Federal Road Safety Commission and for Other Related Matters (HB. 939) be now consolidated” (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

9. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Agricultural Quarantine Service and for Other Related Matters (HB. 866) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Agricultural Quarantine Service and for Other Related Matters (HB. 866) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Jibril Umar Buba — Deputy House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time, and passed.

10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the School Year (Variation) Act, Cap. S2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Streamline School Year for Schools and Colleges in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 799) — Second Reading

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Law Officers Act, Cap. L8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Appointment of Law Officers and their Entitlements to Practice in the Courts of Nigeria as well as the Limit to the Powers of the Solicitor-General of the Federation and for Other Related Matters (HB. 681) — *Second Reading*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

12. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Equitable, Beneficial, Efficient and Sustainable Development, Management, Use and Conservation of Nigeria's Surface and Groundwater Resources, to Establish Institutional Arrangements for Nigeria's Water Resources Sector, to Regulate the Water Resources Sector and for other Related Matters (HB. 713) — *Second Reading*

Order read; withdrawn by leave of the House.

13. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Statutory Corporations Pensionable Officers (Retiring Age Limit) Act, Cap. S13, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 691) — *Second Reading*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

14. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Marine Development Bank with Power, among Other Things, to carry on the Business of Marine Credit Insurance and for Other Related Matters (HB. 572) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Marine Development Bank with Power, among Other Things, to carry on the Business of Marine Credit Insurance and for Other Related Matters (HB. 572) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Garba Gololo — Gamawa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Banking and Currency, Insurance and Actuarial Matters, and Maritime Safety, Education and Administration.

15. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. T5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Change of Name of the Council from Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria to Teachers Regulation Council of Nigeria, Regulating and Enforcing Compliance in both Public and Private Schools with the Minimum Standard Requirement for Teachers among Other Things and for Other Related Matters (HB. 936 and HB. 953) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. T5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Change of Name of the Council from Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria to Teachers Regulation Council of Nigeria, Regulating and Enforcing Compliance in both Public and Private Schools with the Minimum Standard Requirement for Teachers among Other Things and for Other Related Matters (HB. 936 and HB. 953) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Olamide Johnson Oni — Ijero/Ekiti West/Efon 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 Basic Education Services.

16. **Motion made and Question proposed**, “That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 6 (2) to enable it consider the motion on the *Need to Check the Excesses of Security Agents with Regard to Invasion of Residences of Law Abiding Citizens*, forthwith” (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Need to Check the Excesses of Security Agents with Regard to Invasion of Residences of Law Abiding Citizens:

The House:

Notes that on 20 April, 2017, some security agents invaded the Abuja residence of Senator Danjuma Goje, the Chairman Senate Committee on Appropriations, which amounted to a gross violation of his fundamental human rights;

Also notes that the security agents destroyed doors, bags, ceiling and soak-away and carted away documents, including Reports of the 2017 Appropriation Bill which was scheduled to be laid before both chambers of the National Assembly during the week;

Concerned by the way and manner security agents, in the course of their duties, invade the privacy of Nigerian citizens with impunity and without regard to law and due process, thus portraying the Federal Government as lawless to discerning observers and commentators, both at home and abroad;

Also concerned that the gestapo manner in which the security agents invade private residences, in the course of carrying out their duties, is causing apprehension in the minds of citizens and unless steps are taken to halt these extra legal actions, the nation may descend into a near fascist state;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemn the invasion of the residence of Distinguished Senator Danjuma Goje by security agents in total disregard of his constitutionally guaranteed right to the privacy of his residence;
- (ii) call on the Inspector General of Police to return all the documents relating to the 2017 Appropriation Bill carted away from the residence not later than tomorrow, Thursday, 27 April, 2017, so that the passage of the 2017 Appropriation Bill is not jeopardized by the unlawful action of the security agents; and
- (iii) set-up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to invite the Inspector-General of Police to appear before it to explain what warranted the invasion and the laws that backed the Force to carry out such operations and report back in two weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Abubakar Yunusa Ahmad — Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on 20 April, 2017, some security agents invaded the Abuja residence of Senator Danjuma Goje, the Chairman Senate Committee on Appropriations, which amounted to a gross violation of his fundamental human rights;

Also noted that the security agents destroyed doors, bags, ceiling and soak-away and carted away documents, including Reports of the 2017 Appropriation Bill which was scheduled to be laid before both chambers of the National Assembly during the week;

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- (iii) set-up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to invite the Inspector-General of Police to appear before it to explain what warranted the invasion and the laws that backed the Force to carry out such operations and report back in two weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 166/2017**).

17. Call on the Federal Government to Construct an Earth Dam at Kakun in Miga Local Government Area of Jigawa State

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes the determination of the Federal Government to reverse the current economic recession through greater emphasis on increased agricultural production, hence the need to provide an enabling environment for farmers to thrive given the various challenges facing them, such as inadequate funds amid increased cost of acquiring farm implements, among other costs;

Concerned that the Federal and States Governments have failed in their responsibilities to grow the agricultural sector and thus reduce over dependence on oil exports for economic growth;

Cognizant that the construction of an earth dam at Kakun will provide irrigation farming and boost agricultural production in Miga, Jahun and Taura Local Government Areas, thus improving the economy of Jigawa State and Nigeria as a whole;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to construct an Earth Dam at Kakun town to provide irrigation across Miga, Jahun and Taura Local Government Areas of Jigawa State; and

- (ii) mandate the Committees on Water Resources and Agricultural Production and Services to liaise with the Federal Ministries of Agriculture and Water Resources to ensure implementation and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Saïdu Miga — Jahun/Miga Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 167/2017).

Motion referred to the Committees on Water Resources, and Agricultural Production and Services, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

18. Need to Investigate the Delay in the Issuance of National Identity Cards by the National Identity Management Commission

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that in August 2014, the Federal Government adopted the global practice of citizen's identity verification by inaugurating the National Identity Card Scheme to be managed by the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) which was vested with power to provide identity cards for Nigerians to, among other things, aid population records;

Aware that despite efforts by the government and huge sums invested in the project, over 85% of about 8 million Nigerians who have registered for the exercise have not been issued the identity cards after years of having registered and even the identity cards issued by the NIMC are allegedly not being recognized by Banks and other financial institutions for the purpose of identification;

Concerned that the delay in issuing identity cards to Nigerians whose biometric data have been captured by NIMC is causing Nigerians to lose faith in the exercise, which has also been marred by allegations of sharp practices and constructive abandonment by officers of the NIMC, which have negatively affected the smooth running of the project;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Population to investigate the issues militating against the success of the National Identity Card Scheme and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Lovette Ederin Idisi — Ethiopie East/Ethiopie West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that in August 2014, the Federal Government adopted the global practice of citizen's identity verification by inaugurating the National Identity Card Scheme to be managed by the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) which was vested with power to provide identity cards for Nigerians to, among other things, aid population records;

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Concerned that the delay in issuing identity cards to Nigerians whose biometric data have been captured by NIMC is causing Nigerians to lose faith in the exercise, which has also been marred by allegations of sharp practices and constructive abandonment by officers of the NIMC, which have negatively affected the smooth running of the project;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Population to investigate the issues militating against the success of the National Identity Card Scheme and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 168/2017**).

19. Need to Investigate the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) over the ₦43bn Recovered from a Residential Apartment at Osborne Road, Ikoyi, Lagos

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes the recent announcement by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) of the discovery of \$42 million, £47,000 and ₦23 million, totaling about ₦43 billion at a luxury apartment at Osborne Road, Ikoyi, Lagos allegedly belonging to the former Chairman of the People's Democratic Party and also former Governor of Bauchi State;

Aware that there have been counter claims on the actual ownership of the money suspected to be proceeds of crime or intended for money laundering or electioneering purposes;

Also aware that the Director General of the National Intelligence Agency (NIA), Amb. Ayodele Oke claimed that the money belongs to the NIA and was approved by the previous administration for covert operations of the NIA;

Cognizant of the need for a thorough investigation of the matter in order to ascertain the source of the money given the claims on its ownership and purpose and also the damaging effects it is having on the anti corruption drive of the government;

Resolves to:

Set-up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the source and actual ownership of the money and report back in two weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Babatunde Gabriel Kolawole — Akoko South West/Akoko East Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in the Prayer and *insert* as follows:

“Mandate the Committee on National Security and Intelligence to investigate the source and actual ownership of the money and report back in three weeks for further legislative action” (*Hon. Saheed Akinade Fijabi — Ibadan Southwest/Ibadan Northwest Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the recent announcement by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) of the discovery of \$42 million, £47,000 and ₦23 million, totaling about ₦43 billion at a luxury apartment at Osborne Road Ikoyi, Lagos allegedly belonging to the former Chairman of the People's Democratic Party and also former Governor of Bauchi State;

Aware that there have been counter claims on the actual ownership of the money suspected to be proceeds of crime or intended for money laundering or electioneering purposes;

Also aware that the Director General of the National Intelligence Agency (NIA), Amb. Ayodele Oke claimed that the money belongs to the NIA and was approved by the previous administration for covert operations of the NIA;

Cognizant of the need for a thorough investigation of the matter in order to ascertain the source of the money given the claims on its ownership and purpose and also the damaging effects it is having on the anti corruption drive of the government;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on National Security and Intelligence to investigate the source and actual ownership of the money and report back in three weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 169/2017**).

20. Need to Compensate Victims of Gas Pipeline Explosion at Evekwu in Emohua Local Government Area of Rivers State

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, a gas pipeline explosion occurred at Evekwu, causing pandemonium in the surrounding communities and also resulted in loss of lives and injuries to many other people as they fled for their lives;

Also notes that as at Tuesday, February 28, 2017, the death toll arising from the incident had risen amid increasing cases of various illnesses, especially respiratory issues as a result of the release of poisonous gas into the environment;

Concerned that since the unfortunate incident, the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) and the Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas (NLNG), who are the owners of the pipelines have not responded in any way to the incident or made any effort to clean up the area;

Convinced of the unjust and inhumane actions of the companies concerned in abandoning the affected communities which suffered severe damages resulting from the explosion;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the victims;
- (ii) also urge the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC), the Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas (NLNG) and the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) to urgently commence remediation processes to prevent further explosions of gas pipelines in the country;
- (iii) further urge the NNPC, NAOC, NLNG and DPR to compensate victims of the pipeline explosion; and

- (iv) mandate the Committees on Petroleum Resources (Upstream), Petroleum Resources (Downstream), and Gas Resources to ensure implementation and report back in six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Chidi Frank Wihioke — Ikwerre/Emoha Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, a gas pipeline explosion occurred at Evekwu, causing pandemonium in the surrounding communities and also resulted in loss of lives and injuries to many other people as they fled for their lives;

Also noted that as at Tuesday, February 28, 2017, the death toll arising from the incident had risen amid increasing cases of various illnesses, especially respiratory issues as a result of the release of poisonous gas into the environment;

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- (iii) further urge the NNPC, NAOC, NLNG and DPR to compensate victims of the pipeline explosion; and
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Petroleum Resources (Upstream), Petroleum Resources (Downstream), and Gas Resources to ensure implementation and report back in six (6) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 170/2017**).

21. Need to Ascertain the Total Amount of Stamp Duty Charges Collected by the Nigerian Postal Service (NIPOST)

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian Postal Service is responsible for collection of Stamp Duty Charges and the amount collected is expected to be paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation;

Recalls that in January 2016, the Federal Government issued a circular to banks and other financial institutions to commence the collection of ₦50 per transaction from their customers as Stamp Duty for money received through electronic transfers, cash or cheques;

Also recalls a directive that each bank should open an account designated as NIPOST Stamp Duty Account into which all charges collected should be paid and subsequently transferred every month to the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), NIPOST Stamp Duty Collection Account, while other financial institutions were instructed to remit their collections to any deposit money bank of their choice;

Aware that the introduction of the charges resulted in protests by Nigerians who demanded for clarification on the policy, but the Federal Government assured of transparency, accountability and effective communication in the execution of the policy, but since the introduction of the charge, no information has been disseminated by the Nigerian Postal Service (NIPOST) on the total amount that has so far been collected;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Telecommunications to liaise with the Nigerian Postal Service to ascertain the total account collected so far as Stamp Duty Charges and where the money has been deposited and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Odeneye Kehinde Olusegun — Ijebu-Ode/Ijebu North East/Odogbolu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Nigerian Postal Service is responsible for collection of Stamp Duty Charges and the amount collected is expected to be paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation;

Recalled that in January 2016, the Federal Government issued a circular to banks and other financial institutions to commence the collection of ₦50 per transaction from their customers as Stamp Duty for money received through electronic transfers, cash or cheques;

Also recalled a directive that each bank should open an account designated as NIPOST Stamp Duty Account into which all charges collected should be paid and subsequently transferred every month to the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), NIPOST Stamp Duty Collection Account, while other financial institutions were instructed to remit their collections to any deposit money bank of their choice;

Aware that the introduction of the charges resulted in protests by Nigerians who demanded for clarification on the policy, but the Federal Government assured of transparency, accountability and effective communication in the execution of the policy, but since the introduction of the charge, no information has been disseminated by the Nigerian Postal Service (NIPOST) on the total amount that has so far been collected;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Telecommunications to liaise with the Nigerian Postal Service to ascertain the total account collected so far as Stamp Duty Charges and where the money has been deposited and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 171/2017**).

22. Consideration of Reports

- (i) *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.

- (ii) *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) (Committee of the Whole):*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

- (iii) *Committee on Public Petitions:*

Report on the Petition by Alfa Onum:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Alfa Onum against the Nigerian Customs Service on his unlawful retirement from Service and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Bede Eke Uchenna — Aboh Mbaize/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

"Urge the Comptroller General of Customs to re-instate CSC Alfa Onum to the Service with effect from 23 November, 2011 when he was given a letter compulsory retirement" (Hon. Bede Eke Uchenna — Aboh Mbaize/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"That CSC Alfa Onum should make the entire relevant documents needed for computation of his entitlements and benefits available to the Nigeria Customs Service" (Hon. Bede Eke Uchenna — Aboh Mbaize/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

"That if no action is taken 3 months after this Resolution, the petitioner should report back to the House for further legislative action" (Hon. Bede Eke Uchenna — Aboh Mbaize/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Alfa Onum against the Nigerian Customs Service on his unlawful retirement from Service and approved Recommendations (i) - (iii) of the Report.

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

(iv) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Mr Odoh Daniel O.:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Odoh Daniel against the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) on the unlawful termination of his appointment and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Bede Eke Uchenna — Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

"Urge the Federal Road Safety Commission to reinstate Mr Odoh Daniel O. to the service of the FRSC and pay him all his salary arrears, including entitlements and benefits, with effect from 20 September, 2015, the date of termination of his appointment" (*Hon. Bede Eke Uchenna — Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceeding.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Odoh Daniel against the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) on the unlawful termination of his appointment and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

(v) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Stella Chinyere Udu and Co. on behalf of Mr Festus Ijerhe:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Stella Chinyere Udu and Co. against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) on behalf of Mr Festus Ijerhe on alleged wrongful termination of his appointment and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Bede Eke Uchenna — Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

“Urge the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to commit the termination of the appointment of Mr Festus Ijerhe to retirement, and pay all his arrears of salaries and gratuity” (*Hon. Bede Eke Uchenna — Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceeding.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Stella Chinyere Udu and Co. against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) on behalf of Mr Festus Ijerhe on alleged wrongful termination of his appointment and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

(vi) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the Petition by Anthony Agbonlahor and Associates:**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Anthony Agbonlahor and Associates against the Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas Company (NLNG) for victimization, breach of contract and damage of business reputation and approve the recommendation therein” (*Hon. Bede Eke Uchenna — Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

“That in view of the withdrawal letter sent to the Committee by the petitioner, the Committee recommends the withdrawal of the petition” (*Hon. Bede Eke Uchenna — Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Chairman to report proceeding.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Anthony Agbonlahor and Associates against the Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas Company (NLNG) for victimization, breach of contract and damage of business reputation and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

(vii) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Egang Agabi and Co. on behalf of Chief Festus Oduenyi:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Egang Agabi and Co. on behalf of Chief Festus Oduenyi against the Nigeria Customs Service for the conversion of textile goods in the sum of ₦96,460,000.00 (nine-six million, four hundred and sixty thousand Naira) only and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Bede Eke Uchenna — Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

"Urge the Nigeria Customs Service to either release the goods, which were unjustly seized" (*Hon. Bede Eke Uchenna — Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"Pay Chief Festus Oduenyi, the equivalent in monetary terms, which is the sum of ₦96,460,000.00 (ninety-six million, four hundred and sixty thousand Naira) only with immediate effect" (*Hon. Bede Eke Uchenna — Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Egang Agabi and Co. on behalf of Chief Festus Oduenyi against the Nigeria Customs Service for the conversion of textile goods in the sum of ₦96,460,000.00 (nine-six million, four hundred and sixty thousand Naira) only and approved Recommendations (i) and (ii) of the Report.

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

23. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 27 April, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim — Furore/Song Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.16 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker