



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 13 July, 2017

1. The House met at 11.14 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, 12 July, 2017.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcement**
Visitors in the Gallery:
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:

- (i) Staff and Students of *Baptist High School*, Masaka, Karu, Nasarawa State;
- (ii) Staff and Students of *Rightsteps Montessori Academy*, Lokogoma, Abuja; and
- (iii) Staff and Students of *Brickhall School*, Kaura District, Abuja.

4. **Petitions**
 - (i) A petition from Michael Afilaka and two others, on behalf of Nigerian High Performance (Sports), on the non-payment of their salaries and other entitlements by the Federal Ministry of Sports and Youth Development, was presented and laid by Hon. Babajimi Benson (*Ikorodu Federal Constituency*);
 - (ii) A petition from Wari-Alabo Festus Brown and one other, on behalf of the Council of Wari-Alapu of the Buoye Omuso (Duawari) Brown Royal House of Finima — Grand Bonny, Bonny Local Government Area, Rivers State, on the use of officers of the Nigeria Police Force by Duma Jack Brown to harass them, was presented and laid by Hon. Randolph Brown Iwo Oruene (*Bonny/Degema Federal Constituency*);

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**(i) *Alleged Killing of 97 Nigerians by Cameroonian Gendarmes:***

Hon. Babatunde Gabriel Kolawole (*Akoko Southeast/Akoko Southwest Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

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

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Alleged Killing of 97 Nigerians by Cameroonian Gendarmes:

The House:

Notes that last week there were several media reports that 97 Nigerians were killed in Bakassi by Cameroonian Gendarmes because they could not afford ₦100,000 (Hundred Thousand Naira) levy on each fishing boat;

Also notes that this is in spite of the clauses in the Green Tree Agreement signed between Nigerian and Cameroonian Governments which protect our citizens in the ceded areas from harm;

Concerned that apart from this recent attacks, there have been reports of harassments, rape and killings of Nigerians by the Gendarmes over the years with the Nigerian government seemingly doing little or nothing to stop the attacks;

Also concerned that if nothing is done to stop this ugly development, other Nigerian lives would be at stake as the Gendarmes may continue to kill Nigerians at will without fear of recriminations;

Aware that though there are reports that the Federal Government has summoned the Cameroonian Ambassador over the killings, there is need for this House as the People's parliament to send a clear signal that we will not sit and watch while the lives of our citizens are wasted with impunity;

Resolves to:

- (i) strongly condemn the killing in clear and un-mistakable terms;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Foreign Affairs to (a) invite the Minister of Foreign Affairs to brief the House on efforts to stop such occurrences in the future (b) work out the compensations that must be paid to the affected families and (c) make it clear that such an action in future would be deemed a declaration of war; and
- (iii) observe a moment of silence for the departed souls (*Hon. Babatunde Gabriel Kolawole — Akoko South East/South West Federal Constituency*).

Debate

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Prayers (i) and (iii) (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that last week there were several media reports that 97 Nigerians were killed in Bakassi by Cameroonian Gendarmes because they could not afford ₦100,000 (Hundred Thousand Naira) levy on each fishing boat;

Also noted that this is in spite of the clauses in the Green Tree Agreement signed between Nigerian and Cameroonian Governments which protect our citizens in the ceded areas from harm;

Concerned that apart from this recent attacks, there have been reports of harassments, rape and killings of Nigerians by the Gendarmes over the years with the Nigerian government seemingly doing little or nothing to stop the attacks;

Also concerned that if nothing is done to stop this ugly development, other Nigerian lives would be at stake as the Gendarmes may continue to kill Nigerians at will without fear of recriminations;

Aware that though there are reports that the Federal Government has summoned the Cameroonian Ambassador over the killings, there is need for this House as the People's parliament to send a clear signal that we will not sit and watch while the lives of our citizens are wasted with impunity;

Resolved to Mandate the Committee on Foreign Affairs to:

- (a) invite the Minister of Foreign Affairs to brief the House on efforts to stop such occurrences in the future;
- (b) work out the compensations that must be paid to the affected families; and
- (c) make it clear that such an action in future would be deemed a declaration of war (HR. 46/2017).

(ii) *Inclusion of Anambra State Amongst Beneficiaries of Federal Executive Council Approved Flooding Relief Funds:*

Hon. Obinna Chidoka (*Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

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

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Inclusion of Anambra State Amongst Beneficiaries of Federal Executive Council Approved Flooding Relief Funds:

The House:

Notes that the heavy rainfall that occurred over the weekend led to severe flooding in several communities in Anambra State, including Obosi, Nkpor, Ogidi, Awka and Ogbaru and that residents of the affected areas, including women, children, the sick and vulnerable were displaced and rendered homeless;

Also notes that the flooding disaster in Anambra State was widely reported by the news media, including the electronic media, with images and video clips of the affected areas;

Further notes with delight that the Federal Executive Council has given approval and directed release of sum of ₦1.6 Billion to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), for onward distribution to 16 States affected by flooding, to cushion the effects of the flooding disaster on the residents of the States;

Sadden that Anambra State was omitted from the list of beneficiaries of the flooding relief funds, despite the wide publicity of the unfortunate flooding incidence in Anambra State;

Concerned that the exclusion of Anambra State as one of the beneficiaries of the flooding relief fund is capable of creating disaffection amongst the people of Anambra State, and in particular the good people of Idemili North and South Federal Constituency;

Determined to ensure that Anambra is included on the list of beneficiaries of the flood disaster relief fund, assuage any disaffection amongst the people;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Federal Government to direct the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to extend the flood disaster relief fund to the people of Anambra State;
- (ii) also call on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to pay urgent working visit to Anambra State (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Debate

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In Prayer (i), immediately after the words “on the”, *leave out* the words “Federal Government” and *insert* the the words “Executive Arm of Government” (*Hon. Chris Azubogu — Nnewi North/Nnewi South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert* a new Prayer (iii) as follows:
“Invite the Minister of Finance, to brief the Committee on Finance, on the details of the funds approved for release by the Federal Executive Council” (*Hon. Aliyu Ahman-Pategi Bahago — Edu/Moro/Pategi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

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Resolved to:

- (i) call on the Executive Arm of Government to direct the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to extend the flood disaster relief fund to the people of Anambra State;
- (ii) also call on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to pay urgent working visit to Anambra State; and
- (iii) invite the Minister of Finance, to brief the Committee on Finance, on the details of the funds approved for release by the Federal Executive Council (**HR. 47/2017**).

6. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Nigeria Customs Service Bill, 2017 (HB. 1074).
- (2) Federal Roads Authority Bill, 2017 (HB. 1075).

7. Presentation of Reports

(i) Committee on Justice:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Justice, on a Bill for an Act to Make it Mandatory for the National Assembly to Scrutinise and Approve Statutory Instrument before it becomes enforceable and for Related Matters (HB. 13)" (*Hon. Nsiegbe Blessing Ibiba — Port Harcourt II Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) **Committee on Justice:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Justice, on a Bill for an Act to make Provision for a Standard Scale of Fines and Financial Penalties Imposed by Courts, Tribunals and Other Statutory Instruments and for Related Matters (HB. 642)" (Hon. Nsiegbe Blessing Ibiba — Port Harcourt II Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) **Committee on Electoral and Political Party Matters:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Electoral and Political Party Matters, on a Bill for an Act to Further Amend the Electoral Act, No. 6 of 2010 and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 165, HB. 174, HB. 220, HB. 429, HB. 468, HB. 484, HB. 809 and HB. 966)" (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Assembly Budget and Research Office which shall provide the National Assembly with Objective, Timely and Non-Partisan Analysis Needed for Economic and Budget Decisions and for Other Related Matters (HB. 377) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Assembly Budget and Research Office which shall provide the National Assembly with Objective, Timely and Non-Partisan Analysis Needed for Economic and Budget Decisions and for Other Related Matters (HB. 377) be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act, 2011 and Re-enact the Money Laundering (Prevention and Prohibition) Act to Provide Measures for the Prevention and Prohibition of Money Laundering in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 390 and HB. 410) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act, 2011 and Re-enact the Money Laundering (Prevention and Prohibition) Act to Provide Measures for the Prevention and Prohibition of Money Laundering in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 390 and HB. 410) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East 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 Financial Crimes.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration to provide, among other things, for its Functions and other Matters Relating to Educational Planning and Administration in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1030) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration to provide, among other things, for its Functions and other Matters Relating to Educational Planning and Administration in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1030) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade 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 Tertiary Education and Services.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Cotton, Textile and Garment (CTG) Development Council to Provide for the Promotion and Facilitation of Cotton Production, Marketing and Standardization, Investment in Cotton Value Chain, Textiles and Garments as a Panacea to Achieving Self-Sufficiency in Cotton, Textiles and Garment Industry in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1003) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Cotton, Textile and Garment (CTG) Development Council to Provide for the Promotion and Facilitation of Cotton Production, Marketing and Standardization, Investment in Cotton Value Chain, Textiles and Garments as a Panacea to Achieving Self-Sufficiency in Cotton, Textiles and Garment Industry in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1003) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Abubakar Husaini Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi 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 Industry.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Affirm the Rights of a Citizen of Nigeria to Full Consideration for Public Appointments and for Related Matters (HB. 1000) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Affirm the Rights of a Citizen of Nigeria to Full Consideration for Public Appointments and for Related Matters (HB. 1000) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Mojeed Alabi — Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejibo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Negatived.

13. **Need to Cover the Open Drains and Culverts on Highways in Abuja to Reduce Accidents**
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes the existence of many open drains and culverts on major highways in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja which poses great risk and danger to pedestrians and motorists, particularly at night and during rainfalls when visibility is reduced;

Aware that some of the major highways where those open drains and culverts are commonly found include the Lugbe-Airport Road; the Abuja-Kubwa Expressway; the Abuja-Nyanya Road, A.Y.A - Kubwa Express Road, among others;

Also aware that while there are set global standards for road and drainage construction, the practice of leaving drains and culverts uncovered on major highways as we have in FCT, Abuja falls short of current global standards and international best practices;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing and the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) to urgently take steps and ensure that all open drains and culverts on the highways in the FCT, Abuja are covered; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, Federal Capital Territory, and Legislative Compliance to report the level of compliance within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Kingsley Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 48/2017).

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

14. Call on the Federal Government to Establish a Polytechnic in Oyo State

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

15. Call for Dualization of Ilorin-Abuja Highway and Construction of a Rail Line

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Aware that all the states of the Federation that border the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja have direct dualized road access to the capital city, except Kwara which though not directly bordering it is still relatively close;

Notes that access to the capital city from Kwara is mainly through Bida in Niger State and Lokoja in Kogi State, both of which entail seven hours of commuting which can significantly be cut down to about two and half hours if a road is constructed from Ilorin through Okeoyi - Patigi - Kpada - Baro-Giri/Airport junction in the capital city and it will also reduce the huge traffic competing for access on the Ilorin-Jebba-Mokwa segment of the Ibadan-Kaduna highway;

Also notes that the new route will create a vital and alternate gateway in times of emergency as it happened when the Niger bridge at Lokoja was flooded in 2012;

Further notes the desirability of construction of a rail line along the proposed route to fit into the ongoing national rail network which will link the capital city with Lagos port through Ilorin and the Baro Inland Port and will significantly impact on costs and valuable time currently being spent on road travels and also ease the movement of goods;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Federal Ministry of Works, Housing and Power to initiate a design for the construction of a highway through Ilorin-Okeoyi-Patigi-Kpada-Baro-Giri/Airport road, Abuja and include it in the 2018 budget proposal;

- (ii) also call on the Federal Ministry of Transportation to initiate a design for a rail line along the same route for inclusion in the same budget circle; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works, and Land Transport to ensure implementation and report back in eight weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Aliyu Ahman-Pategi Bahago — Edu/Moro/Pategi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 49/2017).

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

16. Illegal Concession of some Public Enterprises through the Approval of the Federal Executive Council in Violation of the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act, 1999
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the National Council on Privatization is the only Federal Government body empowered by Section 11 of the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act, 1999 to approve the Privatisation and Commercialization of Public Enterprises;

Also notes that before the expiration of its four-year tenure two years ago, the National Council on privatization, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 2 and 3 of the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act, 1999 proposed the commercialization of the under listed public Enterprises by concession:

- (i) the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja,
- (ii) the Murtala Mohammed International Airport, Lagos,
- (iii) the Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport, Kano,
- (iv) the Port Harcourt International Airport, and
- (v) the Nigerian Railway Corporation;

Aware that in the absence of a formally Constituted and inaugurated National Council of Privatization, the Federal Executive Council in violation of the provisions of Section 11 of the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act, 1999 approved the concession of the Nigerian Railway Corporation narrow gauge lines to GE of United States of America and also the concession of four National Airports, namely: Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja, Murtala Mohammed International, Airport, Lagos, Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport, Kano and the Port Harcourt International Airport;

Further aware that the House Committee on Privatization and Commercialization of the 8th Assembly investigated the attempt by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), to engage investors to rehabilitate the 3 NNPC Refineries situated at Kaduna, Warri and Port Harcourt without the involvement of the Bureau of Public Enterprise or approval of the National Council of Privatization in violation of the provisions of the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act, 1999 and directed that the process be halted until the formal constitution and inauguration of the National Council of Privatization for due process to be followed;

Worried that despite the Resolution of the House, the Federal Executive Council has without the National Council of Privatization and Bureau of Public Enterprise or compliance with due process, continued to make decisions on Privatization and Commercialization of public enterprises;

Concerned that non-adherence to provisions of the Act of parliament by the Federal Executive Council is tantamount to executive lawlessness and impunity and the continued approvals for the concession of public enterprises in violation of section 11 of the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act, 1999 if not checked, will result in loss of investors' confidence in the Federal Government's Privatization Programme and encourage corruption and lack of transparency;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to ensure that any further Concession, Privatization and Commercialization of Public Enterprises is in strict adherence to the provisions of the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act, 1999;
- (ii) also urge the Executive Arm of Government to stop every process of Concession, privatization and commercialization of any public enterprise that was initiated without the approval of a formally constituted and inaugurated National Council of Privatization; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Privatization and Commercialization to investigate the legality of the approval of the Federal Executive Council to engage AGIP for the rehabilitation and operation of Warri Refinery, concession of the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) narrow gauge lines to GE of USA and the Federal Ministry of Aviation processes for the concession of the (4) National Airports, i.e. Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja, Murtala Mohammed International Airport, Lagos, Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport, Kano and Port Harcourt International Airport and make recommendations to the House within two weeks (*Hon. Mark Terser Gbillah — Gwer East/Gwer West Federal Constituency and 2 others*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (iv) as follows:

"Urge the Executive Arm of Government to review the earlier Concessions to ascertain the level of compliance to the previous agreements before any new ones" (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the National Council on Privatization is the only Federal Government body empowered by Section 11 of the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act, 1999 to approve the Privatisation and Commercialization of Public Enterprises;

Also noted that before the expiration of its four-year tenure two years ago, the National Council on privatization, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 2 and 3 of the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act, 1999 proposed the commercialization of the under listed public Enterprises by concession:

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Aware that in the absence of a formally Constituted and inaugurated National Council of Privatization, the Federal Executive Council in violation of the provisions of Section 11 of the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act, 1999 approved the concession of the Nigerian Railway Corporation narrow gauge lines to GE of United States of America and also the concession of four National Airports, namely: Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja, Murtala Mohammed International Airport, Lagos, Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport, Kano and the Port Harcourt International Airport;

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Worried that despite the Resolution of the House, the Federal Executive Council has without the NCP and BPE or compliance with due process, continued to make decisions on Privatization and Commercialization of public enterprises;

Concerned that non-adherence to provisions of the Act of parliament by the Federal Executive Council is tantamount to executive lawlessness and impunity and the continued approvals for the concession of public enterprises in violation of section 11 of the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act, 1999 if not checked, will result in loss of investors' confidence in the Federal Government's Privatization Programme and encourage corruption and lack of transparency;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to ensure that any further Concession, Privatization and Commercialization of Public Enterprises is in strict adherence to the provisions of the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act, 1999;
- (ii) also urge the Executive Arm of Government to stop every process of Concession, privatization and commercialization of any public enterprise that was initiated without the approval of a formally constituted and inaugurated National Council of Privatization;
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- (iv) further urge the Executive Arm of Government to review the earlier ~~Concessions~~ to ascertain the level of compliance to the previous agreements before any new ones (HR. 502017).

17. Call for Removal of Abandoned Shipwrecks from the Waterways

Motion made and Question proposed; .

The House:

Notes that Nigeria derives immense benefits from its maritime industry which is a major source of revenue from import and export activities at the sea ports and waterways which is also a means of transportation and livelihood for those living in the coastal States who do not have direct access to their communities by land;

Aware that the waterways have been polluted and are now dumping ground for abandoned shipwrecks as can be seen in the situation of upper and lower reaches of Bonny estuary in Rivers State where no fewer than thirty (30) shipwrecks were abandoned, thus constituting risks for both artisanal and commercial users and resulting, among others, in Nigeria losing lots of communities, beaches and mangroves owing to erosion activities caused by the tidal influence occasioned by blockage of the waterways by abandoned shipwrecks;

Also aware that in the last five (5) years, no fewer than 318 wreckages have occurred, over 49 boat mishaps recorded with an average of 214 people losing their lives between Bonny estuary and its adjoining creeks and tributaries;

Concerned that the existence of agencies like the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) and Nigerian Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) that are saddled with the responsibility of managing the waterways have not deterred the abandonment of shipwrecks on the waterways;

Also concerned that the funds released in 2013 for the removal of the shipwrecks may not have been effectively utilized as the menace is increasing by the day;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to take steps to ensure that all shipwrecks in the waterways are removed without further delay to enhance safety and speedy activities in the Nation's Maritime operations as well as reduce potential risks of loss of lives, properties, and communities, thereby enhancing revenue generation from the maritime sector;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Maritime Safety, Education and Administration, and Ports, Harbours and Waterways to investigate the issue of shipwrecks, sweeping of the waterways and the management of funds released for that purpose in 2013 and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Randolph Iwo Oruene Brown — Degema/Bonny Federal Constituency and 2 Others*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Nigeria derives immense benefits from its maritime industry which is a major source of revenue from import and export activities at the sea ports and waterways which is also a means of transportation and livelihood for those living in the coastal States who do not have direct access to their communities by land;

Aware that the waterways have been polluted and are now dumping ground for abandoned shipwrecks as can be seen in the situation of upper and lower reaches of Bonny estuary in Rivers State where no fewer than thirty (30) shipwrecks were abandoned, thus constituting risks for both artisanal and commercial users and resulting, among others, in Nigeria losing lots of communities, beaches and

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18. Need to Investigate the Activities of Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria Concerning the Renewal of Nursing License

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes the vital roles of nurses in the health care delivery process and for any Nurse to practice, he or she must be licensed by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria which is a parastatal of the Federal Ministry of Health saddled with such responsibility under the Nursing and Midwifery (Registration, etc.) Act, Cap. N143, Laws of Federation of Nigeria, 2004;

Also notes that there are many nurses practicing in both private and public health institutions whose licenses have expired and have not been removed or who have never been licensed to practice at all;

Concerned about allegations of delay by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria in the renewal process of licenses of nurses some of which last for over a year. When it is known that it is illegal for an unlicensed nurse to treat or offer services to a patient in any health care facility under any guise;

Also concerned that patients are at risk of being treated by uncertified nursing practitioners, leading to unpleasant health consequences, complications and even death in some instances;

Cognizant of the urgent need to take a critical look at the process of renewal of licenses and evaluation of the practice of nursing in Nigeria with a view to restoring the globally acceptable standard while ensuring quality delivery in our health institutions;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to investigate the activities of the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria in the area of issuance and renewal of nursing licenses with a view to ensuring due and speedy process and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Oladele Olatunbosun George — Irepo/Orelope/Olorunsogo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the vital roles of nurses in the health care delivery process and for any Nurse to practice, he or she must be licensed by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria which is a parastatal of the Federal Ministry of Health saddled with such responsibility under the Nursing and Midwifery (Registration, etc.) Act, Cap. N143, Laws of Federation of Nigeria, 2004;

Also noted that there are many nurses practicing in both private and public health institutions whose licenses have expired and have not been removed or who have never been licensed to practice at all;

Concerned about allegations of delay by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria in the renewal process of licenses of nurses some of which last for over a year. When it is known that it is illegal for an unlicensed nurse to treat or offer services to a patient in any health care facility under any guise;

Also concerned that patients are at risk of being treated by uncertified nursing practitioners, leading to unpleasant health consequences, complications and even death in some instances;

Cognizant of the urgent need to take a critical look at the process of renewal of licenses and evaluation of the practice of nursing in Nigeria with a view to restoring the globally acceptable standard while ensuring quality delivery in our health institutions;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to investigate the activities of the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria in the area of issuance and renewal of nursing licenses with a view to ensuring due and speedy process and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (HR. 52/2017).

19. Need to Curb Incidents of Damage to Cars by Gravels Falling from Over-Filled Truck

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

20. Call for Rehabilitation and Integration of the 115 Chibok School Girls Released by the Boko Haram Insurgents

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

21. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 18 July, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.56 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker