



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 19 July, 2017

1. The House met at 11.16 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 18 July, 2017.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
3. **Announcement**
Visitors in the Gallery:
Mr Deputy Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:
 - (i) Staff and Students of *Mezyas Global School*, Kokona Local Government Area, Nasarawa State; and
 - (ii) Staff and Students of *L.E.A. Primary School*, Kayarda, Kuje, Abuja.
4. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**
 - (i) **Military Incursion in Letugbene Community, Ekeremor Local Government Area of Bayelsa State:**
Hon. Frederick Yietiemone Agbedi (*Sagbama/Ekeremor 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.

Military Incursion in Letugbene Community, Ekeremor Local Governemnt Area of Bayelsa State:

The House:

Aware that Section 217 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) creates the Nigerian Armed Forces for the purpose of:

- (a) defending Nigeria from external aggression,
- (b) maintaining its territorial integrity and securing its borders from violation on land, sea, or air,
- (c) suppress insurrection and act in aid of civil authorities to restore order when called upon to do so by the President but subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by an Act of the National Assembly and other internationally prescribed rules of civil engagement,
- (d) perform such other functions as may be prescribed by an act of the National Assembly;

Also aware that as a result of the problem of pipeline vandalism in the Niger Delta region, the late President Umaru Yar'Adua Administration commissioned a Joint Military Task Force known as Operation Polo Shield (now Operation Delta Save) which was stationed to protect oil installations, personnel and curb the menace of pipeline vandalism in the region;

Informed that a very condemnable criminal act took place on or about the 12th day of July, 2017 where some unknown persons attacked a Joint Military checkpoint in Ogbobagbene Community in Burutu Local Government Area of Delta State, wherein a Soldier was killed, and arms and ammunition carted away;

Also informed that as a result of the incident in Ogbubagbene Community, the Joint Military Task Force invaded Letugbene Community in the Ekeremor Local Government Area of Bayelsa State wherein several houses were set ablaze, indigenes including women and children beaten and wounded resulting in the indigenes running into the forest for safety: Up till this very moment, the where about of one Mr Abraham Ajasco, Mrs Rebecca Warenumu and her 8 months old baby are still unknown;

Convinced that there is an urgent need for the prompt and immediate cessation of the actions of the Military Joint Task Force in Letugbene and any other community in Ekeremor Local Government Local Government Area of Bayelsa State to avert further loss of lives and property.

Also convinced that a globally respected Armed Forces such as the Nigerian Army, cannot afford to exhibit such uncivilized acts even in the face of the provocative and mindless killing of a member of the Nigerian Army: Rather, the Military High Command should have engaged their very efficient defence intelligence agencies to conduct thorough investigation and apply surgical precision raids to bring these miscreants to justice;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased;
- (ii) urge the Chief of Defence Staff to order the immediate halt of this indiscriminate counter attack on innocent and law-abiding citizens of the area and proceed to fish out the perpetrators; and

- (iii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials in terms of medical and social needs of the victims and the affected area (Hon. Frederick Yietiemone Agbedi — Sagbama/Ekeremor Federal Constituency).

Debate

Agreed to.

The House:

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- (b) maintaining its territorial integrity and securing its borders from violation on land, sea, or air,
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Convinced that there is an urgent need for the prompt and immediate cessation of the actions of the Military Joint Task Force in Letugbene and any other community in Ekeremor Local Government Local Government Area of Bayelsa State to avert further loss of lives and property.

Also convinced that a globally respected Armed Forces such as the Nigerian Army, cannot afford to exhibit such uncivilized acts even in the face of the provocative and mindless killing of a member of the Nigerian Army: Rather, the Military High Command should have engaged their very efficient defence intelligence agencies to conduct thorough investigation and apply surgical precision raids to bring these miscreants to justice;

Resolved to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased;

- (ii) urge the Chief of Defence Staff to order the immediate halt of this indiscriminate counter attack on innocent and law-abiding citizens of the area and proceed to fish out the perpetrators; and
- (iii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials in terms of medical and social needs of the victims and the affected area (HR. 53/2017).

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

(ii) ***The Gruesome Murder of a Mother and Her Son in Burutu Federal Constituency:***
Hon. Julius G. Pondi (*Burutu 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.

The Gruesome Murder of a Mother and Her Son in Burutu Federal Constituency:

The House:

Notes with grief and is alarmed at the gruesome killing of a woman, Mrs Anitorofa and her son, Mr Doutimi on Monday, 3 July, 2017 in their home at Ayakoromo, Burutu Federal Constituency by persons who are yet to be identified;

Regrets that the latest killing is coming at a time when the Federal Government is working assiduously to improve on the effectiveness of the security architecture in our coastal communities of Niger Delta region;

Also notes that the son of the late Mrs Anitorofa, at the time of his assassination, was a student of the Delta State Polytechnic, Oghara, whose education was being sponsored by his mother, who was also murdered along with him on that fateful day;

Observes that at this moment, the police and other security agencies to which the incident had been reported were yet to apprehend the gunmen who mindlessly killed mother and son;

Believes that since democracy is not synonymous with impunity and liberal insecurity but with the rule of law, the Nigerian State has a duty to protect and defend its citizens at all times, and whenever there are infringements, it is also incumbent on the State to bring to swift justice, those who kill and violate the rights of others;

Convinced that any unjust and unwarranted injury done to any Nigerian in any part of the country without the due process of law is also injury done to the collective dignity and psyche of other Nigerians;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemn the heinous killing of Mrs Anitorofa and her son, Mr Doutimi of Burutu Federal Constituency and condole with the families of the deceased;
- (ii) observe a minute of silence for the souls of the departed;

- (iii) implore the Inspector General of Police (IGP) to order and institute an immediate investigation into the killing, and swiftly apprehend and prosecute the culprits in consonance with the efficiency that has now lately begun to define the effectiveness and efficiency of the Nigerian Police under the leadership of IGP, Ibrahim Idris (*Hon. Julius G. Pondi — Burutu Federal Constituency*).

Debate

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted with grief and is alarmed at the gruesome killing of a woman, Mrs Anitorofa and her son, Mr Doutimi on Monday, 3 July, 2017 in their home at Ayakoromo, Burutu Federal Constituency by persons who are yet to be identified;

Regretted that the latest killing is coming at a time when the Federal Government is working assiduously to improve on the effectiveness of the security architecture in our coastal communities of Niger Delta region;

Also noted that the son of the late Mrs Anitorofa, at the time of his assassination, was a student of the Delta State Polytechnic, Oghara, whose education was being sponsored by his mother, who was also murdered along with him on that fateful day;

Observed that at this moment, the police and other security agencies to which the incident had been reported were yet to apprehend the gunmen who mindlessly killed mother and son;

Believed that since democracy is not synonymous with impunity and liberal insecurity but with the rule of law, the Nigerian State has a duty to protect and defend its citizens at all times, and whenever there are infringements, it is also incumbent on the State to bring to swift justice, those who kill and violate the rights of others;

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- (ii) observe a minute of silence for the souls of the departed;
- (iii) implore the Inspector General of Police (IGP) to order and institute an immediate investigation into the killing, and swiftly apprehend and prosecute the culprits in consonance with the efficiency that has now lately begun to define the effectiveness and efficiency of the Nigerian Police under the leadership of IGP, Ibrahim Idris (**HR. 54/2017**).

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

5. Presentation of Bill

Nigerian Football Federation Bill, (HB. 1076) 2017 was read the *First Time*.

6. Presentation of Reports**(i) Committee on Agricultural Production and Services:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Fisheries Society of Nigeria charged with the Responsibility for Registration and Disciplining of Members of the Profession and for Related Matters (HB. 595)" (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Committee on Maritime Safety, Education and Administration:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Maritime Safety, Education and Administration on the Compendium of a Retreat for Legislators, Regulators and Operators in the Shipping Industry held in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State between 21 - 24 May, 2017 (Pursuant to Order Eighteen, Rule 66 (2) of the Standing Orders of the House)" (Hon. Mohammed Umaru Bago — Chanchaga Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

7. A Bill for an Act to Make Provision for Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between Nigeria and Other Foreign States and for Related Matters (HB.1060) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to make Provision for Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between Nigeria and Other Foreign States and for Related Matters (HB.1060) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

8. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Customs and Excise Management Act, Cap. C45, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Other Customs and Excise Laws, to Establish the Nigeria Customs Service Commission, Reform the Administration and Management of Customs and Excise in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.1074) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Customs and Excise Management Act, Cap. C45, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Other Customs and Excise Laws, to Establish the Nigeria Customs Service Commission, Reform the Administration and Management of Customs and Excise in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.1074) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2002, the Federal Highways Act, 1971 and the Control of Advertisement (Federal Highways) Act, 1986 and to Establish the Federal Roads Authority to Provide for the Ownership, Regulation, Management and Development of Federal Roads Network and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB.1075) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2002, the Federal Highways Act, 1971 and the Control of Advertisement (Federal Highways) Act, 1986 and to Establish the Federal Roads Authority to Provide for the Ownership, Regulation, Management and Development of Federal Roads Network and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB.1075) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

10. **A Bill for An Act to Make Provision for the Prohibition and Punishment of Sexual Harassment of Students in Educational Institutions and for Other Related Matters (HB. 843) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do resume debate on a Bill for An Act to make Provision for the Prohibition and Punishment of Sexual Harassment of Students in Educational Institutions and for Other Related Matters (HB. 843) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Resumed debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Projects Monitoring and Evaluation Template to Provide for Effective and full Implementation, Supervision and Feedback Mechanism on Capital and Recurrent Expenditure based on Budgetary Allocations and for Related Matters (HB. 997) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Projects Monitoring and Evaluation Template to Provide for Effective and full Implementation, Supervision and Feedback Mechanism on Capital and Recurrent Expenditure based on Budgetary Allocations and for Related Matters (HB. 997) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Debate adjourned to enable the Committee on Rules and Business examine the provisions of the Bill vis-a-vis other extant laws.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, Cap. C39, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Penalties Provided for Offences under the Act and give Members of the Public Power to Arrest Offenders under the Act and for Other Related Matters (HB. 222) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, Cap. C39, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Penalties Provided for Offences under the Act and give Members of the Public Power to Arrest Offenders under the Act and for Other Related Matters (HB. 222) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West 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 Justice.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of a National Renal Centre to be charged with the Responsibility of Research in Cure, Prevention and Management of Kidney Diseases and for Related Matters (HB.1049) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of a National Renal Centre to be charged with the Responsibility of Research in Cure, Prevention and Management of Kidney Diseases and for Related Matters (HB.1049) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Bede Eke Uchenna — Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala 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 Health Institutions.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria Act, Cap. I11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to increase the Fines and make an Appeal lie from the Disciplinary Tribunal to the High Court and for Related Matters (HB. 608) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

15. **Procedure on Delegated Legislations: Pursuant to Order One, Rule 1 (2) of the Standing Orders of the House**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

16. **Need to Revisit the Contract for Bonny Ring Road and Bridge Project**

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that Bonny island has over thirty-one (31) communities and fishing settlements but the absence of access road to neighbouring villages makes communication and movement tedious and the costs of living and operating businesses very high;

Also notes that in 2009, the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), in realization of the need to connect the island to the neighbouring villages, awarded a contract for the construction of Bonny ring road and bridge at a sum of Eleven Billion, Two Hundred and Four Million, One Hundred and Sixty-Eight Thousand, Twenty-Three Naira, Ten Kobo (₦11,204,168,023.10);

Aware that the contract, which was awarded to Jafac Motors and Jafac Investments Ltd, was abandoned over five (5) years ago after only twenty percent (20%) of the work was done;

Concerned about the abandonment- of the Road project that was billed to connect Bonny island to the neighbouring communities, boost commercial activities in the area and reduce criminal activities on the waterways;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission to determine the cause of the abandonment of the contract and ensure its re-award to a firm that will speedily execute the project and report back in eight (8) weeks for further legislative action; and
- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Brown Randolph Iwo Oruene — Degema/Bonny Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 55/2017).

Motion referred to the Committees on Niger Delta Development Commission, and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

17. Call for Provision of Infrastructure at the Federal Polytechnic, Ukana, Akwa Ibom State
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Recalls that the Federal Polytechnic, Ukana, Akwa Ibom State was established in June 2014 to aid the technological innovation and value oriented training to meet the manpower requirements necessary for the development of the Nation and for the betterment of the citizenry;

Aware that a citadel of learning like a Polytechnic requires an infrastructural standards that must be put in place in order to make it functional and conducive for learning;

Also aware that since its establishment, the Ukana Polytechnic is still operating from its temporary campus that is bereft of basic infrastructure such as administrative blocks, access roads, workshops, laboratories, library, books etc, while its permanent campus has been under construction since 2014;

Cognizant that the Polytechnic is fast growing in population and those basic infrastructure must be put in place urgently to provide for a conducive academic environment;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Education to ensure that basic infrastructure are provided at the Federal Polytechnic, Ukana, Akwa-Ibom State to enhance quality learning; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to ensure that provision is made in the 2018 Budget for carrying out the above (*Hon. Emmanuel S. Akpan — Ikot Ekpene/Essien/Essien Udium/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 56/2017).

Motion referred to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

18. Call to Commence the Second Phase of the Rehabilitation of Enugu-Onitsha Expressway in Anambra State

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Aware that the Federal Government, in the 2016 budget, appropriated the sum of five billion, four hundred million Naira (₦5.4 billion) for the reconstruction/rehabilitation of Enugu-Onitsha Expressway after several years of neglect and abandonment and commenced the said road rehabilitation from the Enugu section of the expressway, and also appropriated about seven billion, five hundred million Naira (₦7.5 billion) only in the 2017 Appropriation Act for the project;

Informed that the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, in conjunction with the House Committee on Works, embarked on a joint inspection and assessment of the expressway on December 10, 2016 and confirmed that it is in a complete state of disrepair and constitutes a nightmare to motorists and therefore requires urgent attention, particularly the Odumodu junction-Umunya-Nteje to Awkuzu junction axis which witnesses accidents almost on a daily basis with the attendant loss of lives;

Cognizant that the funds appropriated in the 2017 budget for the reconstruction works can support the ongoing rehabilitation of the expressway both from the Enugu section and the second phase from Onitsha section simultaneously, in order to reduce the extreme hardship being experienced by commuters, end accidents on this vital Expressway which connects the South East, the South South and the South West geopolitical zones of the country;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to, as a matter of urgency, commence the second phase of the ongoing rehabilitation of Enugu - Onitsha expressway, particularly from Odumodu junction-Umunya-Nteje to Awkuzu junction in Anambra State; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to ensure compliance and report back in eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Tony Nwoye — Anambra East/Anambra West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Motion withdrawn by leave of the House.

19. Need for Review of the Public Financial Management System and Supreme Audit Institution
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes the parlous state of the public financial management system that manifests in near daily media reports of theft and conversion of whopping sums of public funds by public office holders despite the fight against corruption and the ceaseless clamour for change and national rebirth;

Also notes the Report of the Nigerian Extractive Industries Transparency Initiatives (NEITI) that dividends of \$15.8 billion that accrued to the Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas (NLNG) between 2000 and 2014 were yet to be remitted to the Federation Account in brazen violation of sections 80 (1) and 162 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999;

Observes that the country has degenerated to a level of official mismanagement and recklessness that ministries, departments and agencies operate for several years without internal or external audit reports and review despite the plethora of public financial management legislations, including the Fiscal Responsibility and Public Procurement Acts that have not made any tangible impact on the public accounting malaise;

Acknowledges that the introduction of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) is a welcome development, but it needs a review to curtail some of its operational problems and also be subjected to periodic audit since the rate of commission and other terms of contract with private firms are shrouded in secrecy;

Aware that the constitutional exclusion of the jurisdiction of the Auditor - General of the Federation over audit of accounts of government statutory corporations, commissions, authorities, agencies including all persons and bodies established by Acts of the National Assembly vide section 85(3) of the Constitution is tantamount to constitutional safeguard against accountability, transparency and fiscal responsibility in the public accounting affairs;

Also aware that NEITI is a private transparency initiative targeted at the extractive industry and as such, a complementary mechanism that cannot supplant the constitutional, administrative and legal certainty of a country's supreme audit institution;

Cognizant that public administration anchored on periodic publication of monthly, quarterly and yearly financial returns that are subject to timely internal and external audits is the only practical solution to the mindless looting of public treasury which can only be achieved through diligent reform of the public service generally and the supreme audit institution in particular;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Public Accounts, Finance, and National Planning and Economic Development to undertake a holistic scrutiny of the public finance management institutions, especially the Office of the Auditor-General of the Federation and report back within six (6) weeks on ways to reduce if not eliminate the mindless looting of the nation's treasury (*Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun — Esan Northeast/Esan Southeast Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Debate adjourned to enable the sponsor make further consultations.

20. **Call on the Federal Government to Redeem its Promise to Reward the 1983 Flying Eagles Team for its Historic Achievement**
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Recalls that the 1983 Flying Eagles team was the first Nigerian national football team to qualify for any Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA) organized football tournament;

Also recalls that the team emerged as African Champions in the Under-20 World Cup qualifying series in the African zone to represent Africa in the FIFA organized Under-20 World Cup in Mexico in 1983;

Further recalls that before that feat was achieved, several national football teams, including the Super Eagles had attempted to qualify but failed;

Notes that successive Federal Administrations have paid only lip service to rewarding the team or fulfilling the promise to award scholarship to every player in the team;

Also notes that the National Lottery Commission, which was established to fund the nation's sportsmen and women has not lived up to expectations in this regard;

Desirous of rewarding the surviving members of the team and establish a template for the reward of sportsmen and sportswomen who win laurels for the country in international competitions and tournaments;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to redeem its promise to award scholarships in any academic institution of choice in this financial year to the members of the Flying Eagles team of 1983 that qualified Nigeria for the under-20 World Cup in Mexico;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to, as an alternative, reward any player who is Late or not interested in academic pursuits by monetizing the award, giving them national honours or honouring them as it deems fit in concrete terms; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Sports to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports to ensure implementation and report back in six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen — Zaria Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Recalled that the 1983 Flying Eagles team was the first Nigerian national football team to qualify for any Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA) organized football tournament;

Also recalled that the team emerged as African Champions in the Under-20 World Cup qualifying series in the African zone to represent Africa in the FIFA organized Under-20 World Cup in Mexico in 1983;

Further recalled that before that feat was achieved, several national football teams, including the Super Eagles had attempted to qualify but failed;

Noted that successive Federal Administrations have paid only lip service to rewarding the team or fulfilling the promise to award scholarship to every player in the team;

Also noted that the National Lottery Commission, which was established to fund the nation's sportsmen and women has not lived up to expectations in this regard;

Desirous of rewarding the surviving members of the team and establish a template for the reward of sportsmen and sportswomen who win laurels for the country in international competitions and tournaments;

Resolved to:

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- (iii) mandate the Committee on Sports to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports to ensure implementation and report back in six (6) weeks for further legislative action (HR. 57/2017).

21. Consideration of Reports

That items 15 and 16 on the Order Paper be deferred to another legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 6 (2) (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

*Agreed to.***22. Adjournment**

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 20 July, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.38 p.m.

Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun
Deputy Speaker