



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 7 March, 2017

1. The House met at 11.32 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 2 March, 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 *Presiders International School*, Keffi, Nasarawa State;
 - (ii) Members of Students' Representative Council, *University of Ibadan*, Oyo State.
4. **Petitions**
 - (i) A petition from the family of Chijioke Ejebede, on the torture and eventual death of their son, Late Lance Corporal Benjamin Collins, while in detention with the Nigerian Army, was presented and laid by Hon. Uchechukwu Nnam-Obi (*Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni/Ahoada West Federal Constituency*);
 - (ii) A petition from Adigwe Chambers, on behalf of landholding families in Rumuji community, Emohua Local Government Area, Rivers State, on the attempt by Green Ville Oil and Gas Limited, to forcefully acquire their land, was presented and laid by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai (*Ndowa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*);
 - (iii) A petition from Turis Tanko Isa & Company (Legal Practitioners/Consultants), on behalf of Spider Network Consultancy Limited, on the refusal of AMCON to pay the professional fees for the services rendered, was presented and laid by Hon. Faruk Umar Abdullahi (*Birnin Kebbi/Bunza/Kalgo Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission Act, Cap. N117, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 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. 895) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission Act, Cap. N117, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 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. 895) be now read a Second Time (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barkinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Motion made and Question proposed, that the debate on the Bill be adjourned till Thursday, 9 March, 2017, to enable Members study the details of the Bill (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Debate adjourned till Thursday, 9 March, 2017.

6. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, Cap. I31, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Enhance and Strengthen the Commission's Efficiency, provide for Forfeiture to be made to the Original Sources of the Crimes and for Other Related Matters (HB. 819) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, Cap. I31, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Enhance and Strengthen the Commission's Efficiency, provide for Forfeiture to be made to the Original Sources of the Crimes and for Other Related Matters (HB. 819) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East 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 Anti-Corruption.

7. **Need for Federal Government's Intervention to Tackle Gully Erosion Challenges in Emu Town, Esan South East Local Government Area of Edo State**
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that it is an unassailable fact that the protection of lives and properties of citizens is the most important function of government;

Also notes that the Ecological Fund Office has, as one of its core mandates the reduction of ecological problems, such as erosion to the barest minimum;

Informed that in recent years, Emu town in Esan South East Local Government Area of Edo State has been consistently plagued with gully erosion which has destroyed properties worth millions of naira, led to the loss of over forty five lives and continues to endanger the lives and well-being of residents, some of whom have been forced to abandon the town due to the devastating effects of the gully erosion which has crippled agricultural and other economic activities

Concerned that if urgent action is not taken to address the issue, the people of Emu will continue to suffer the devastating consequences of the gully erosion which is worsening by the minute and threatening the very existence of the town;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ecological Fund Office to urgently intervene and save Emu town from complete destruction; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Environment and Habitat to ensure implementation (*Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun — Esan Northeast/Esan Southeast Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(IIR. 62/2017).

Motion referred to the Committee on Environment and Habitat, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

8. Call for Reconstruction/Rehabilitation of Oni and Ero Dams

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that water is vital for human existence and sustenance and forms an indispensable aspect of human life, without which survival is impossible;

Also notes that item 13C, Part II, Second Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 confers concurrent jurisdiction on both the States and the Federal Government on the provision of water for the citizens;

Observes that Oni River Dam in Efon Alaaye, Efon Local Government Area of Ekiti State is currently pumping far below its installed capacity while indigenes of Efon and surrounding towns and villages are left to source for water from streams and wells with its adverse implications on the health of the people;

Concerned that Ekiti State, which is an agrarian State with a large number of peasant farmers, suffers from inadequacy of pipe borne water;

Aware that Ero Dam in Ikun-Ekiti, Moba Local Government Area which occupies over eleven kilometres of landmass supplies water to only three Local Government Areas, whereas it has the capacity to supply the whole State if upgraded and maintained;

Believes that if these Dams are upgraded to their full capacity, it will enhance the development and sustenance of agricultural practice which is one of the goals of the present Administration.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Water Resources, and Appropriations to include the reconstruction/rehabilitation of the Oni and Ero River Dams in the 2017 budget to ensure the provision of pipe borne water for the people of Ekiti State (*Hon. Olamide Oni — Ijero/Ekiti West/Efon Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 63/2017).

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

9. Need to Investigate the Resettlement and Compensation Activities of the Federal Capital Territory

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the Federal Government adopted the relocation and compensation policy in order to resettle indigenous people from the Federal City Centre (FCC) to designated locations;

Also notes that the policy was aimed at decongesting the City Centre to allow for development of structures in the new Federal Capital Territory, FCT;

Concerned that since the adoption of the resettlement and compensation policies, not much have been achieved because the government could not resettle the indigenous population to marked areas and compensate them as agreed upon;

Also concerned that due to the delay, a lot of distortions have taken place across most of the areas and no compensation has been paid;

Worried that the recent efforts by the FCT administration to relocate villages of Garki, Apo and Akpajenya to Apo resettlement centre has been enmeshed in irregularities;

Also worried that the department of resettlement/ compensation allegedly abused the process by all caring land to people against ministerial procedures and denying the intended beneficiaries;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on FCT Area Councils and Ancillary Matters to investigate the entire process of resettlement and payment of compensation to the original inhabitants of the FCT and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Golu Timothy Simon — Paskshin/Kanke/Kanam Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Federal Government adopted the relocation and compensation policy in order to resettle indigenous people from the Federal City Centre (FCC) to designated locations;

Also noted that the policy was aimed at decongesting the City Centre to allow for development of structures in the new Federal Capital Territory, FCT;

Concerned that since the adoption of the resettlement and compensation policies, not much have been achieved because the government could not resettle the indigenous population to marked areas and compensate them as agreed upon;

Also concerned that due to the delay, a lot of distortions have taken place across most of the areas and no compensation has been paid;

Worried that the recent efforts by the FCT administration to relocate villages of Garki, Apo and Akpajenya to Apo resettlement centre has been enmeshed in irregularities.

Also worried that the department of resettlement/ compensation allegedly abused the process by allocating land to people against ministerial procedures and denying the intended beneficiaries;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on FCT Area Councils and Ancillary Matters to investigate the entire process of resettlement and payment of compensation to the original inhabitants of the FCT and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 64/2017**).

10. Menace of the Use of Mobile Phones while Driving

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the use of mobile phones while driving, whether it is hand held or hands free, is prohibited and punishable with a fine of four thousand Naira (N4,000) under the second schedule, item 33 of the Federal Road Safety Commission Act, Cap. F19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004;

Aware that despite the prohibition of the practice, the menace is still widespread and accounts for nearly thirty (30) percent of causes of road accidents in Nigeria out of which about twenty five (25) percent of the victims die;

Concerned that despite the concerted efforts of the Federal Road Safety Commission to contain the menace, it appears to have become a fad for drivers to use mobile phones while driving;

Convinced of the need for extra measures beyond the current efforts of the FRSC to contain the menace;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to, together with the media, both print and electronic, to sensitize drivers on the dangers of using mobile phones while driving; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Land and Transport to interface with the FRSC and other stakeholders to devise more workable measures to stamp out the menace, particularly by deploying technology to track down offenders and impose the prescribed punishment to serve as a deterrent and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Abdulraheem Olajide Jimoh — Lagos Mainland Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the use of mobile phones while driving, whether it is hand held or hands free, is prohibited and punishable with a fine of four thousand Naira (N4,000) under the second schedule, item 33 of the Federal Road Safety Commission Act, Cap. F19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004;

Aware that despite the prohibition of the practice, the menace is still widespread and accounts for nearly thirty (30) percent of causes of road accidents in Nigeria out of which about twenty five (25) percent of the victims die;

Concerned that despite the concerted efforts of the Federal Road Safety Commission to contain the menace, it appears to have become a fad for drivers to use mobile phones while driving;

Convinced of the need for extra measures beyond the current efforts of the FRSC to contain the menace;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to partner with the media, both print and electronic, to sensitize drivers on the dangers of using mobile phones while driving; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Land Transport to interface with the FRSC and other stakeholders to device more workable measures to stamp out the menace, particularly by deploying technology to track down offenders and impose the prescribed punishment to serve as a deterrent and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 65/2017**).

11. Need for a Clear Cut Policy Frame Work on Deregulation of Kerosene to Avert the Current Challenges faced by the Poor Masses in the Acquisition of Kerosene

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes with concern that the Dual Purpose Kerosene (DPK) that serves as a common domestic product for the average Nigerian has become a scarce commodity and even when available, remains unaffordable for the lower class who depend largely on it;

Also notes that the stark reality is that the effect of the rising price of kerosene is being felt by the average Nigerian who has to resort to liquefied petroleum Gas (LPG) for their cooking purposes, with retail prices of gas rising from ₦2,500 for 12.5kg to over ₦5,500.00;

Observes that kerosene, which is the only crude oil product accessible to poor Nigerians in the rural areas has become so expensive that a litre is now sold for between ₦400.00-₦450.00; thus forcing many households to resort to using charcoal, sand dust and wood for cooking with their hazardous effects;

Also observes that the scary prognosis from analysts is that it could get worse unless the Federal Government ends its economic flip flops and embraces a market driven, private sector led jobs and growth agenda and adopting a definite, clear cut policy direction on kerosene to alleviate the problems being faced by the poor masses;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to come up with a policy framework on the deregulation of kerosene as applied to diesel and PMS to avert the current challenges and scarcity; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to liaise with the Department of Petroleum Resources and the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to ensure that mechanism is put in place to make the product affordable (*Hon. Segun Alexander Adekola — Ekiti Southwest/Ikere/Ise/Orun Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted with concern that the Dual Purpose Kerosene (DPK) that serves as a common domestic product for the average Nigerian has become a scarce commodity and even when available, remains unaffordable for the lower class who depend largely on it;

Also noted that the stark reality is that the effect of the rising price of kerosene is being felt by the average Nigerian who has to resort to liquefied petroleum Gas (LPG) for their cooking purposes, with retail prices of gas rising from ₦2,500 for 12.5kg to over ₦5,500.00;

Observed that kerosene, which is the only crude oil product accessible to poor Nigerians in the rural areas has become so expensive that a litre is now sold for between ₦400.00-₦450.00; thus forcing many households to resort to using charcoal, sand dust and wood for cooking with their hazardous effects;

Also observed that the scary prognosis from analysts is that it could get worse unless the Federal Government ends its economic flip flops and embraces a market driven, private sector led jobs and growth agenda and adopting a definite, clear cut policy direction on kerosene to alleviate the problems being faced by the poor masses;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to come up with a policy framework on the deregulation of kerosene as applied to diesel and PMS to avert the current challenges and scarcity; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to liaise with the Department of Petroleum Resources and the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to ensure that mechanism is put in place to make the product affordable (HR. 66/2017).

12. Incessant Labour Disputes at the Federal Polytechnic, Auchi

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Observes that for some time now, there have been concerns at the Federal Polytechnic, Auchi over matters of promotions, welfare, payment of pensions, salaries and wages;

Notes that this has led to disruptions in academics pursuits and several closures of the school due to strike actions by the local chapter of the Academic Staff Union of Polytechnics (ASUP);

Aware that this situation is bringing untold hardships on the students who would have to either stay back in the school without receiving lectures or risk their lives traveling back to their homes only to be called back shortly and then to be asked again to return home as a result of another strike action;

Concerned that on 15 February, 2017, the entire staff of the Polytechnic embarked on another indefinite strike action and determined not to allow this ugly trend to continue any longer in the Polytechnic;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge Academic Staff Union of Polytechnics (ASUP), Auchi Polytechnic Chapter and the entire staff of the Federal Polytechnic, Auchi to call off the strike action in order to give room for dialogue; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services, and Labour, Employment and Productivity, to invite Principal Officers of the Academic Staff Union of Federal Polytechnic, Auchi, the Management Staff of Federal Polytechnic, Auchi, Student Union Leadership of the School and the relevant Departments of the Federal Ministry of Education, for discussion to ascertain the causes of the incessant disputes in the Polytechnic, recommend lasting solutions and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Johnson E. Oghuma — Etsako East/Etsako West/Etsako Central Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the Prayers and insert a new Prayer as follows:

“Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services, to invite Principal Officers of the Academic Staff Union of Federal Polytechnic, Auchi, the Management Staff of Federal Polytechnic, Auchi, Student Union Leadership of the School and the relevant Departments of the Federal Ministry of Education, for discussion to ascertain the causes of the incessant disputes in the Polytechnic, recommend lasting solutions and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action”
(Hon. Sani Mohammed Rano — Rano/Kibiya/Bunkure Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Observed that for some time now, there have been concerns at the Federal Polytechnic, Auchi over matters of promotions, welfare, payment of pensions, salaries and wages;

Noted that this has led to disruptions in academics pursuits and several closures of the school due to strike actions by the local chapter of the Academic Staff Union of Polytechnics (ASUP);

Aware that this situation is bringing untold hardships on the students who would have to either stay back in the school without receiving lectures or risk their lives traveling back to their homes only to be called back shortly and then to be asked again to return home as a result of another strike action;

Concerned that on 15 February, 2017, the entire staff of the Polytechnic embarked on another indefinite strike action and determined not to allow this ugly trend to continue any longer in the Polytechnic;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services, to invite Principal Officers of the Academic Staff Union of Federal Polytechnic, Auchi, the Management Staff of Federal Polytechnic, Auchi, Student Union Leadership of the School and the relevant Departments of the Federal Ministry of Education, for discussion to ascertain the causes of the incessant disputes in the Polytechnic, recommend lasting solutions and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (HR. 67/2017).

13. Gruesome Murder of Aba Residents and Need to Strengthen the Security Structure in Aba, Abia State

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Informed that practically the entire security structure in Aba, has collapsed and that the unfortunate turn of event has left the commercial city at the mercy of daredevil criminals, kidnappers and ritualists;

Aware that in the last couple of months, these undesirable elements who have infiltrated the city in large numbers have been ceaselessly unleashing mayhem and inflicting pains and untold sufferings on the people;

Concerned that on Friday, 24 February, 2017, Chief Kalu Mang Dieke was kidnaped and gruesomely murdered by suspected kidnappers with his body dismembered and damped around the notorious Oriji Uzor bridge and on that same day, one Elezue Ireke, a businessman was also abducted and his whereabouts is still unknown;

Recalls that on Monday, 27 February, 2017, eight (8) members of Abia State Vigilante Group were murdered in cold blood by suspected bandits who ambushed them along Aba-Owerri Road while they were returning from a town hall meeting in Umuahia;

Notes that Emmanuel Ejiofor, Henry Michael, Ikechukwu Ijioma, Johnson Uwa of Ihieorji Unit and Stanley Obi, Ifeanyi Azubuike, Azubuike Alozieiwe and Ikechukwu Osuigwe of Ogbor Hill Unit were murdered in cold blood on that same faithful day.

Also recalls that on 24 January, 2017, one Adamu Abdullahi was killed in his room at Pound Road by George's Inn, Aba while an Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) official, Chief Mba Abali Mba was kidnaped on 29 January, 2017 and his car has not been recovered till date;

Concerned that despite the visible presence of the Police, the Department of State Services, Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps, Nigerian Army and other Security agencies in Aba, the activities of these daredevil criminals are on the rise largely because they carry more sophisticated weapons, when compared to those of the security agents and there is also insufficient personnel, patrol vehicles and communication gadgets;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police, the Director-General of the Department of State Services, Commandant-General, Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps and the Nigerian Army to deploy more personnel to Aba to ensure the security of lives and property of the residents; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, and National Security and Intelligence to conduct an investigation into the proliferation of killings and kidnaping at Aba, and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Prestige Ossy —Aba North/Aba South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Informed that practically the entire security structure in Aba, has collapsed and that the unfortunate turn of event has left the commercial city at the mercy of daredevil criminals, kidnappers and ritualists;

Aware that in the last couple of months, these undesirable elements who have infiltrated the city in large numbers have been ceaselessly unleashing mayhem and inflicting pains and untold sufferings on the people;

Concerned that on Friday, 24 February, 2017, Chief Kalu Mang Dieke was kidnaped and gruesomely murdered by suspected kidnappers with his body dismembered and dumped around the notorious Oriji Uzor bridge and on that same day, one Elezue Ireke, a businessman was also abducted and his whereabouts is still unknown;

Recalled that on Monday, 27 February, 2017, eight (8) members of Abia State Vigilante Group were murdered in cold blood by suspected bandits who ambushed them along Aba-Owerri Road while they were returning from a town hall meeting in Umuahia;

Noted that Emmanuel Ejiofor, Henry Michael, Ikechukwu Ijioma, Johnson Uwa of Ihieorji Unit and Stanley Obi, Ifeanyi Azubuike, Azubuike Alozieiwe and Ikechukwu Osuigwe of Ogbor Hill Unit were murdered in cold blood on that same faithful day.

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Concerned that despite the visible presence of the Police, the Department of State Services, Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps, Nigerian Army and other Security agencies in Aba, the activities of these daredevil criminals are on the rise largely because they carry more sophisticated weapons, when compared to those of the security agents and there is also insufficient personnel, patrol vehicles and communication gadgets;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police, the Director-General of the Department of State Services, Commandant-General, Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps and the Nigerian Army to deploy more personnel to Aba to ensure the security of lives and property of the residents; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, and National Security and Intelligence to conduct an investigation into the proliferation of killings and kidnaping at Aba, and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (HR. 68/2017).

The House observed a minute silence in honour of the departed souls.

14. Need to Ascertain the Dumps and Take an Inventory of the Forfeited Assets in Possession of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC)
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Section 20 (1) of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission's Establishment Act, 2004, a person convicted of an offence shall forfeit to the Federal Government all the assets and properties which may or are the subject of interim order of the court;

Also notes that Section 26 of the Act provides that the Commission may seize any property subject to forfeiture after an attachment of such property;

Aware that acting under these provisions, the EFCC, since its establishment in 2003, has seized several movable and immovable properties and assets under interim orders of Courts in order to preserve the properties/assets and prevent them from being disposed of by the suspects while cases were being investigated or tried;

Also aware that the EFCC maintains dump sites in various parts of the country where it keeps the movable assets while immovable assets are sealed off by the Commission;

Further aware that several of these assets have been there for several years while some are already at various stages of decay, and convinced of the need to avoid this needless waste of recovered properties which would otherwise have yielded some much needed revenues to the national treasury;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Financial Crimes to carry out an audit of car dumps and inventory of other movable and immovable forfeited assets seized by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission to ascertain their conditions and current values and make recommendations to the House within six (6) weeks on how to prevent further decay and waste (*Hon. Babajimi Benson —Ikorodu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Leave out* all the words in the Prayer and *insert* a new Prayer as follows:
“mandate the Committee on Financial Crimes to carry out an audit of car dumps and inventory of other movable and immovable forfeited assets seized by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission to ascertain the legality of the seizure, their conditions and current values and make appropriate recommendations to the House within six (6) weeks on how to prevent further decay and waste” (*Hon. Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert* a new Prayer (ii) as follows:
“Urge all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), to comply with the Financial Regulations by maintaining Asset Registers” (*Hon. Chinda Kingsley — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that pursuant to Section 20 (1) of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission's Establishment Act, 2004, a person convicted of an offence shall forfeit to the Federal Government all the assets and properties which may or are the subject of interim order of the court;

Also noted that Section 26 of the Act provides that the Commission may seize any property subject to forfeiture after an attachment of such property;

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Also aware that the EFCC maintains dump sites in various parts of the country where it keeps the movable assets while immovable assets are sealed off by the Commission;

Further aware that several of these assets have been there for several years while some are already at various stages of decay, and convinced of the need to avoid this needless waste of recovered properties which would otherwise have yielded some much needed revenues to the national treasury;

Resolved to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Financial Crimes to carry out an audit of car dumps and inventory of other movable and immovable forfeited assets seized by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission to ascertain the legality of the seizure, their conditions and current values and make appropriate recommendations to the House within six (6) weeks on how to prevent further decay and waste;
- (ii) urge all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), to comply with the Financial Regulations by maintaining Asset Registers (**HR. 69/2017**).

15. Consideration of Reports**(i) Committee on Public Petitions:****Report on the Petition by Chinda Chidum:**

That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Chinda Chidum against Sterling Oil Exploration and Energy Production Company on wrongful termination of employment and approve the recommendations therein.

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(ii) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the Petition by Odoh Jude Ifeanyi:**

That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Odoh Jude Ifeanyi against Huawei Technologies Nigeria Limited on wrongful termination of appointment, unfavourable conditions of service and increasing cases of replacement of Nigerians with illegal Chinese Immigrants and approve the recommendations therein.

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(iii) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the Petition by Richard Termough Yough:**

That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Richard Termough Yough against the Council of Legal Education for wrongful termination of appointment and approve the recommendation therein.

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(iv) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the Petition by Mr Ije Ikenna Okemini Ije:**

That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Ije Ikenna Okemini Ije against the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on wrongful termination of appointment and approve the recommendations therein.

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(v) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the Petition by Aggrieved Trainees of Industrial Training Fund Model Skills Training Centre, Abuja:**

That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by aggrieved trainees of the Industrial Training Fund Model Skills Training Centre, Abuja against the Management of the Institution for non-graduation of the trainees after two years of graduation period of the Institution and approve the recommendations therein.

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(vi) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the Petition by Akinyemi Olusegun Abimbola:**

That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Akinyemi Olusegun Abimbola against the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) on alleged unlawful termination of appointment and approve the recommendation therein.

Order deferred by leave of the House.

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

Report on the Petition by Mr Emmanuel Ajayi and Others:

That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Emmanuel Ajayi and others against the Director General of National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA), Dr S. O. Mohammed on wrongful redeployment of the National Coordinator of Cooperative Information Network (COPINE), Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife and termination of appointment of some members of staff and approve the recommendations therein.

Order deferred by leave of the House.

16. **Adjournment**

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 8 March, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Jibril Umar Buba — Deputy House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.51 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker