



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 11 April, 2017

1. The House met at 11.15 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, 6 April, 2017.
The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
3. **Oaths of Allegiance and Membership**
A Member-elect, Ben Nwankwo (*Orumba North/Orumba South Federal Constituency*) took and subscribed the Oaths of allegiance and membership as prescribed by law.
4. **Announcement**
 - (i) **Fact-Finding Committee on the Ile-Ife Communal Disturbances:**
Mr Speaker announced membership of the Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Muhammed Sani Zoro	—	Chairman
(2)	Hon. Albert Adeogun	—	Member
(3)	Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki	—	Member
(4)	Hon. Emmanuel Udende	—	Member
(5)	Hon. Mohammed Sani Abdu	—	Member
(6)	Hon. Onyenwife Gabriel	—	Member
(7)	Hon. Igariwey Enwo	—	Member
(8)	Hon. Johnbull Shekarau	—	Member
 - (ii) **Conference of States Parties to the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs):**
Mr Speaker announced that Nigeria has been elected as the First Vice President of the Conference of States Parties to the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). He congratulated Hon. Muhammed Sani Zoro for representing Nigeria and National Assembly at the Conference.
5. **Petitions**
 - (i) A petition from Babatola Faseru, on behalf of National Cashew Association of Nigeria, on the need to guard against encroachment of their farm gates by foreigners, was presented and laid by Hon. Hassan Saleh (*Ado/Ogbadiboh/Okpokwu Federal Constituency*);

- (ii) A petition from Godson Ukpervo and three others, on the termination of their appointments by the Executive Secretary of Pension Transition Arrangement Directorate (PTAD), was presented and laid by Hon. Olajide Olatubosun (*Atisbo/Saki East/Saki West Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

- (i) ***Outbreak of Epidemic Leading to the Death of 3 (three) Students and many Hospitalized in Queens College, Yaba, Lagos:***

Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila (*Surulere I 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.

Outbreak of Epidemic Leading to the Death of 3 (Three) Students and Many Hospitalized in Queens College, Yaba, Lagos:

The House:

Notes sadly with utmost disappointment media reports in respect of the outbreak of epidemic in Queens College, Yaba, Lagos leaving over 1,222 affected and three dead;

Also notes the reports which attributed the outbreak of the epidemic to contamination of the water sources in the school with various pathogens, and general, poor hygiene environment, and that the deaths' of the students namely: Vivian Osuinyi, Bithia Itulua and now Peace Sodipo on the 15th, 22nd and 1st of February, 2017 respectively are traceable to their exposure to the unhealthy and unhygienic environment of the school;

Aware that the health crisis in the school has been in the news since the school resumed from the Christmas and new year holiday in January 2017, and despite this obvious health crisis, the Management of the School failed to take appropriate steps to safeguard the students, instead they concealed the facts claiming there was no outbreak of epidemic or death recorded in the school;

Also aware that the case of Praise Sodipo, one of the students who has been in the intensive care unit until she died on the 31st of March, 2017 is even more pathetic as an orphan and the only child of her late parents meaning that her family lineage had suddenly seized to exist;

Concerned that the current situation in Queens College calls for a state of public health emergency in the Institution as young lives and future leaders have been lost carelessly with many more endangered leaving parents in tears and sorrow;

Disturbed that the sacred duty of looking after children in a learning environment has been compromised by the Ministry of Education, all stakeholders, particularly the Federal Government must take decisive steps to ensure that firstly, this ugly and painful incident never reoccurs in any Nigeria institution and secondly, to ensure proper and uncompromised investigation of the case with a view of bringing all culprits, if any to account;

Resolves:

- (i) that the Minister of Health, Minister of Education and the Principal of the school should appear before the Committee on Health for interrogation and submit its report within two weeks;
- (ii) that the Minister of Health should take all necessary steps to forestall future occurrences and also to bring any personnel (if necessary) to book if any act of negligence is established; and
- (iii) that the Federal Ministry of Health should work with the school management to resolve the epidemic issues in the school and also to ensure that adequate medical attention is made available to save the lives of the students now hospitalized in various hospitals in the country (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere 1 Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.**Agreed to.*

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- (ii) ***Three Years Anniversary of the Abduction of Chibok School Girls; Call on the Federal Government to Expedite Negotiation for their Release:***
Hon. Asabe Vilita Bashir (Damboa/Gwoza/Chibok 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.

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Three Years Anniversary of the Abduction of Chibok School Girls; Call on the Federal Government to Expedite Negotiations for their Release:

The House:

Notes the condemnable abduction of 219 school pupils of Girls Secondary School in Chibok Local Government Council, Borno State, by the Boko Haram insurgents on the 14th day of April, 2014;

Commends the efforts of the Federal Government and security agencies in the search and rescue of few of the abducted school girls as well as the military campaign against the Boko Haram insurgency;

Aware that 21 of the abducted girls were released in October 2016 through fruitful negotiation between Boko Haram and the Swiss Government, in conjunction with International Committee of the Red Cross;

Also aware that the executive arm of government informed Nigerians in October 2016 that government was negotiating with Boko Haram for the release of 83 out of the remaining 195 abducted Chibok school girls that are still in captivity;

Concerned that Thursday, 14th of April, 2017 will mark three years since the abduction of the girls, yet 195 of them are still in captivity and negotiations for their release seems to be taking too long;

Also concerned about the safety of the abducted girls as three years is too much a period for them to remain in captivity considering they risk being subjected to more untold hardship, slavery, molestation, abuse, rape, pregnancy and forceful marriage in the hands of their abductors;

Further concerned about the welfare of the parents of the abducted school girls, as well as the agony that they go through each day that the girls remain in captivity;

Worried that if the Chibok school girls are not rescued on time especially now that Boko Haram is willing to negotiate, their condition will worsen and chances of rescuing them in good condition diminish by the minute. More importantly, it will be difficult to rehabilitate them if and when they are eventually released;

Curious to know the condition and rehabilitation progress made by the released 21 Chibok school girls as there are media reports that they are preparing for their final secondary school exams in an undisclosed private school in Abuja.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to expedite negotiation for the release of all the remaining abducted Chibok School girls that are in captivity; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Women Affairs to ascertain the condition and rehabilitation progress so far made by the released 21 girls and report back within 3 weeks (*Hon. Asabe Vilita Bashir — Gwoza Damboa/Chibok Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

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

Agreed to.

- (iii) ***Need to Avert Looming Bloody Clash between the Motor Dealers at Sunrise/Berger and the Security Agents/Task Force of the Federal Ministry of Works:***
Hon. Rita Orji (Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal Constituency) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

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

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Need to Avert a Looming Bloody Clash Between the Motor Dealers at Sunrise/Berger and the Security Agents/Task Force of the Federal Ministry of Works:

The House:

Notes that Sunki Motors and others occupy a portion of land legally allocated to them by the Federal Ministry of Works, with their allocation papers intact;

Also notes that road dualization and expansion project was successfully carried out along and within the precincts of the land late last year without hitches, thus calling into question the impending illicit eviction maneuvers by the Ministry of Works against the SUNKI Car dealers, Olodi Apapa, Ajeromi Ifelodun Federal Constituency, Lagos State citing vague;

Worried that this imminent unsympathetic action against these compatriots engaging in their legitimate businesses might be coming to fruition in spite of the unsettled court case against the action. Suit Number FCH/L/CS/738/2106, SUNKI MOTORS LTD & ORS VS BABATUNDE FASHOLA (SAN)&ORS;

Also worried that the actions, if carried out without taking into consideration the fallouts, would subject hardworking citizens struggling to meet their daily needs and contributing immensely to the government purse to untold hardships;

Aware that in addition to the legally acquired site serving as the avenue for the traders to make ends meet and also meet family and societal needs, it has also generated billions of income taxes and revenues for the successive governments;

Lamentably, this is coming at a period when we are facing harsh economic conditions, where people are being distressed up to taking their own lives with reckless abandon;

Also aware that even though the Federal Ministry of Works can withdraw allocation papers from regulars for projects of public interest like hospitals and schools, there is no available space for such projects nor signs of forthcoming ones;

Resolves to:

- (i) calls for a cessation of any action aimed at eviction and relocation of the traders pending the determination of the suit in Court;
- (ii) forestall any acts of intimidation by law enforcement agency in collaboration with ministry of Works;
- (iii) urges the Committee on Works to visit the aforementioned area to ascertain the veracity of the allegations against both sides; and to invite the minister and director of works for proper explanation of the situation on the ground and report back within three weeks; and
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Judiciary, and Justice invites the Minister of Works and the permanent secretary to appear before it to throw more light on the publication and impending action without consideration to the case in court (*Hon. Rita Orji — Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

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- (iv) ***Need for Intervention in the Gruesome and Brutal Killings in the Recurring Crisis between Amai and Eziokpor Communities of Delta State:***
Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai (Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:
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Need for Intervention in the Gruesome and Brutal Killings in the Recurring Crisis Between Amai and Eziokpor Communities of Delta State:

The House:

Notes that the entire people of Amai and Eziokpor Communities of Ukwuani Local Government Area of Delta State are peace loving and have been living a communal life for decades;

Also notes with sadness that since 1920s, both Communities have been in a recurrent and incessant claims and counter-claims of encroachment of their respective farmlands which has resulted to reported incidence of indigenes being declared missing;

Further notes with grief that this communal crisis has resulted to the killing by shooting to death of one Sunday Ogodu on 5th April, 2017, a Primary School Headmaster and a Former Community Youth Leader by unknown persons, who happens to be the bread winner of his family;

Disturbed that this recent development has degenerated into ambush and awesome killings of other innocent people within the Communities particularly farmers on their way to or from their respective farms;

Worried that Automatic Kalashnikov (AK 47) and other high profile guns, sophisticated and dangerous weapons were being deployed and allegedly being used in the recurring communal crisis;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Inspector General of Police to urgently intensify efforts at ensuring that peace is returned to these communities;
- (ii) also call on the Inspector General of Police to investigate this communal crisis and the killings with a view to bringing the culprits to book; and
- (iii) urge NEMA to provide support to members of the families that have been displaced as a result of this recurring communal crisis, which is in line with section 6 (j) of NEMA Act (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

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- (v) ***Need for the Federal Government to Declare a State of Emergency on the Power Sector and Consider Alternative Options to the Power Crisis in Nigeria:***
Hon. Oladele Olatunbosun George (*Irepo/Orelope/Olorunsogo Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:
- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
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Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

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Need for the Federal Government to Declare a State of Emergency on the Power Sector and Consider Alternative Options to the Power Crisis in Nigeria:

The House:

Notes that the present population of Nigeria today according to the National Population Commission is about 170,000,000;

Also notes that the basic electrical power need per person, according to the United Nations estimate is about 250W as a result of which the required power generation capacity to meet the power demand in Nigeria should be about 40,000MW;

Aware that the current installed generation capacity from the privatized Generation Companies (GENCO) is only 5000 MW leaving a deficit of 35,000MW;

Also aware that about 10 more power generation plants are currently at different stages of completion and will be connected to the national grid after completion;

Cognizant of the fact that it is intended to add another 5000MW, however, the national grid needs to be overhauled for these grandiose power plans to materialize and it will require the colossal sum of a minimum of 10 billion US Dollars plus five to ten years completion time to achieve this;

Also cognizant of the fact that the teeming populace groan under the weight of poor power supply, most Small and Medium Scale Enterprises die within the first two years of their establishment, while the big companies are folding daily due to the harsh economic environment of sustaining businesses in Nigeria and unemployment rate continues to increase exponentially gradually grinding the economy to a halt;

Aware that the emerging global trend in most developed countries is the move towards distributive power supply where power is generated, distributed and used within local electricity networks thereby eliminating the need for expensive national grid system where power is generated far away from the locations where they are distributed and consumed;

States that the Federal Government and indeed government at all levels owe the Nigerian populace a duty to embrace alternative solutions to the power crisis in Nigeria rather than feeding all generated power into the national grid where such is lost due to poor state of the grid and intractable maintenance challenges associated with it;

Further notes that attainment of the United Nations estimate which amounts to 40,000MW power generation capacity is achievable during the life span of this administration if the government will adopt the distributive power approach without completely abandoning the national grid;

Reiterates that the distributive power approach which is a success in other climes is one that allows for power to be distributed and sold in the locality where it is produced, the benefits are innumerable hence the need to explore both the legal and other frameworks to make this attainable in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Power to investigate the matter and report back within 3 weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Olatunbosun George Oladele — Irepo/Oorelope/Olorunsogo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

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Aware that the emerging global trend in most developed countries is the move towards distributive power supply where power is generated, distributed and used within local electricity networks thereby eliminating the need for expensive national grid system where power is generated far away from the locations where they are distributed and consumed;

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Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Power to investigate the matter and report back within 3 weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 159/2017**).

7. Presentation and First Reading of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Chartered Institute of Administrative Science of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1004).
- (2) International Studies (Regulation) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1005).
- (3) Border Communities Development Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1006).
- (4) Public Officers International Medical Trip (Regulation) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1007).
- (5) Factories Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB.1008).
- (6) Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB.1009).
- (7) Code of Ethics for Medical Practitioners in Nigeria Bill, 2017 (HB.1010).
- (8) Institute of Safety Professionals of Nigeria (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB.1011).
- (9) Nigerian Sports Anti-Doping Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1012).
- (10) Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1013).

8. Presentation of Reports**(i) Committee on Works:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Works on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Roads Fund for the Purpose of Financing Routine and Periodic Maintenance of National Roads and for Other Related Matters (HB. 49 and HB. 160)" (*Hon. Toby Okechukwu — Aninri/Agwu/Oji-Rivers Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate all Cases of Invasion of Property and Arrests of Persons for Reasons Outside the General Duties of the State Security Service (SSS):

Motion made and Question proposed, "Report of the Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate all Cases of Invasion of Property and Arrests of Persons for Reasons Outside the General Duties of the State Security Service (SSS) as Prescribed by the National Security Agencies Act since 29 May, 2015 (HR.112/2016)" (*Hon. Garba Datti Muhammad — Sabon Gari Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

9. Consolidation of Bills

- (i)** *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Law Reform Commission Act, Cap. N118, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to remove the Bottlenecks to the Commission's Reform Initiatives, Ensure its Autonomy and bring the Act in Conformity with the Provisions of the 1999 Constitution and to, among Others, Empower the Commission to Establish Zonal Offices and Subject Appointments of the Board to the Confirmation of the Senate and for Other Related Matters (HB. 460 and HB. 655), be further consolidated with a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Law Reform Commission Act, Cap. N118, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Allow for the Reference of Laws for Amendment by Private Citizens and Non-Governmental Organizations and for Other Related Matters (HB. 923)" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

- (ii)** *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. T5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 936), and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Long Title of the Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. T5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Change of Name of the Council from Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria to Teachers Regulation Council of Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB.953) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

10. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Intelligence Agency Pensions Board to Handle Pension Matters for Personnel of the Agency and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 842) — *Third Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Intelligence Agency Pensions Board to Handle Pension Matters for Personnel of the Agency and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 842) be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time, and passed.

11. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Academy of Science to Promote the Growth, Acquisition and Dissemination of Scientific Knowledge and to Facilitate the use of Science in the Solution to Problems of National Interest and for Other Related Matters (HB. 917) — *Third Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Academy of Science to Promote the Growth, Acquisition and Dissemination of Scientific Knowledge and to Facilitate the use of Science in the Solution to Problems of National Interest and for Other Related Matters (HB. 917) be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time, and passed.

12. A Bill for an Act to Confer Pioneer Status, Tariff Incentives and Income Tax Reliefs on Automobile and Automotive Components by the Federal Government to the Automobile and Enterprises Under the Nigeria Automotive Industry Development Plan and for Other Related Matters (HB. 890) — *Third Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Confer Pioneer Status, Tariff Incentives and Income Tax Reliefs on Automobile and Automotive Components by the Federal Government to the Automobile and Enterprises Under the Nigeria Automotive Industry Development Plan and for Other Related Matters (HB. 890) be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time, and passed.

13. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Transport Commission as an Independent Multi-Modal Transport Sector Regulator for the Regulated Transport Industry and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 51) — *Third Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Transport Commission as an Independent Multi-Modal Transport Sector Regulator for the Regulated Transport Industry and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 51) be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time, and passed.

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

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Youth Development Commission and the National Youths Welfare Scheme Fund to Manage and Co-ordinate Youths Welfare Services to Reduce Challenges in Governance and Security in the Country and for Other Related Matters (HB. 122 and HB. 558) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Youth Development Commission and the National Youths Welfare Scheme Fund to Manage and Co-ordinate Youths Welfare Services to Reduce Challenges in Governance and Security in the Country and for Other Related Matters (HB. 122 and HB. 558) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Samaila Suleiman — Kaduna North 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 Youth Development.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Animal Diseases (Control) Act, Cap. A17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Increase some Penalties and for Other Related Matters (HB. 682) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

17. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Healthcare Management Practitioners and to make Provisions, amongst Other Things, for the Membership and Control of the Profession of Healthcare Management and for Other Related Matters (HB. 904) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

18. **A Bill for an Act to Abolish and Prohibit Dichotomy and Discrimination between First Degree and Higher National Diploma in the same Profession/Field and for Other Related Matters (HB. 798) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Abolish and Prohibit Dichotomy and Discrimination between First Degree and Higher National Diploma in the same Profession/Field and for Other Related Matters (HB. 798) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ali Isa J. C. — Balanga/Biliri 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 Tertiary Education and Services.

19. **Need for the Nigerian Ports Authority to Account for ₦385.3 Billion Federal Government Fund**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

20. **Need to Investigate the Positioning of Advert Billboards on Pedestrian Bridges and its effects on the Security of Pedestrians**

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the Federal Capital Territory has, in a bid to protect pedestrians crossing highways, constructed several pedestrian bridges in order to discourage pedestrians from crossing the highways on foot;

Informed that the Federal Capital Territory's Department of Outdoor Advertising and Signage installs billboards on those pedestrian bridges to generate income for the Federal Capital Territory;

Also informed that those billboards are positioned such that passersby and motorists on the highway cannot see pedestrians using the bridge and this creates a conducive atmosphere for street trading and for criminals to prey on unsuspecting pedestrians using the pedestrian bridges;

Also notes the media reports that on 21 February, 2017, a student of University of Abuja was knocked down and killed while trying to flee from robbers who attacked her on the pedestrian bridge close to the University gate;

Convinced of the need for the Department of Outdoor Advertising and Signage to explain the reasons for the positioning of billboards on the pedestrian bridges and work out measures to ensure the security of pedestrians on the bridges to avoid pedestrians continuing to risk their lives crossing the highways on foot;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on FCT to liaise with the Department of Outdoor Advertising and Signage to come up with alternative ways to position the billboards without risking the security of pedestrians; and
- (ii) urge the Nigeria Police Force and the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps to intensify efforts to secure pedestrian bridges and disperse traders who use the bridges as stalls so as to encourage pedestrians to use them (*Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun #Esan North East/Esan South East Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Federal Capital Territory has, in a bid to protect pedestrians crossing highways, constructed several pedestrian bridges in order to discourage pedestrians from crossing the highways on foot;

Informed that the Federal Capital Territory's Department of Outdoor Advertising and Signage installs billboards on those pedestrian bridges to generate income for the Federal Capital Territory;

Also informed that those billboards are positioned such that passersby and motorists on the highway cannot see pedestrians using the bridge and this creates a conducive atmosphere for street trading and for criminals to prey on unsuspecting pedestrians using the pedestrian bridges;

Also noted the media reports that on 21 February, 2017, a student of University of Abuja was knocked down and killed while trying to flee from robbers who attacked her on the pedestrian bridge close to the University gate;

Convinced of the need for the Department of Outdoor Advertising and Signage to explain the reasons for the positioning of billboards on the pedestrian bridges and work out measures to ensure the security of pedestrians on the bridges to avoid pedestrians continuing to risk their lives crossing the highways on foot;

Resolved to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on FCT to liaise with the Department of Outdoor Advertising and Signage to come up with alternative ways to position the billboards without risking the security of pedestrians; and
- (ii) urge the Nigeria Police Force and the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps to intensify efforts to secure pedestrian bridges and disperse traders who use the bridges as stalls so as to encourage pedestrians to use them (HR. 160/2017).

21. Need to Investigate the Activities of Security Personnel at the Checkpoint along Yola-Girei Road in Adamawa State

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes the existence of a security checkpoint along Yola-Girei Road jointly manned by men of the Nigerian Army, the Nigeria Police Force, the Nigerian Immigration Service, the Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) for over three years now;

Concerned that commuters on the road are regularly subjected to harrowing experiences at the checkpoint as they are diverted by the security officers to secluded areas in the guise of conducting intensive checks, whereas in reality, the officers harass and intimidate the commuters and oftentimes, allegedly abuse hapless young girls sexually;

Also concerned that due to lack of substantial evidence, the appropriate authorities have turned a blind eye to these unfortunate incidents, thus letting the checkpoint become a tool for flagrant extortion, harassment and abuse of commuters, often at gunpoint;

Cognizant that if this brutality and harassment of commuters is not urgently checked and the officers duly sanctioned, they may become more emboldened to commit worse crimes;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on National Security and Intelligence to investigate the activities of the security personnel manning the checkpoint along Yola-Girei Road and other checkpoints across the country and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Abdulrahman Shuaibu Abubakar — Miah/Mubi North/Mubi South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the existence of a security checkpoint along Yola-Girei Road jointly manned by men of the Nigerian Army, the Nigeria Police Force, the Nigerian Immigration Service, the Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) for over three years now;

Concerned that commuters on the road are regularly subjected to harrowing experiences at the checkpoint as they are diverted by the security officers to secluded areas in the guise of conducting intensive checks, whereas in reality, the officers harass and intimidate the commuters and oftentimes, allegedly abuse hapless young girls sexually;

Also concerned that due to lack of substantial evidence, the appropriate authorities have turned a blind eye to these unfortunate incidents, thus letting the checkpoint become a tool for flagrant extortion, harassment and abuse of commuters, often at gunpoint;

Cognizant that if this brutality and harassment of commuters is not urgently checked and the officers duly sanctioned, they may become more emboldened to commit worse crimes;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on National Security and Intelligence to investigate the activities of the security personnel manning the checkpoint along Yola-Girei Road and other checkpoints across the country and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 161/2017**).

22. Need to Investigate Massive Job Losses in the Telecommunications Industry
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the Telecommunications sector serves as the communications backbone for socio-economic development of Nigeria and the sector contributed about 10% of Nigeria's Gross Domestic Product in 2016, despite the economic recession;

Also notes that the bulk of government revenues generated in the sector came from taxes paid by the telecommunications companies and their employees;

Cognizant that companies all over the world are mainly concerned with continuous lowering of cost of production in order to maximize profits and one of the means of lowering cost is off-shoring of services that can be done locally;

Concerned that in flagrant violation of the Expatriates Quota under the Immigration Act, 1963, the telecommunications companies have higher percentage of foreigners taking up jobs which by law are supposed to be manned by Nigerians who also possess requisite skills and capabilities;

Also concerned that against the laws of Nigeria, the number of Nigerians in those companies, especially in the middle and upper cadres, has continued to decrease in comparison to their foreign counterparts because of increasing recruitment of foreigners to take up the jobs;

Aware that these telecommunications companies have, in successive numbers, moved the bases of their network operating activities to other countries which has resulted in massive retrenchment of Nigerian NOC engineers with attendant security implications;

Also cognizant that failure to nip this ugly trend in the bud could aggravate similar situations in other sectors with attendant consequences of millions of Nigerians losing their jobs;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Telecommunications to investigate the incessant job losses in the telecommunications sector and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Olasupo Abiodun Adeola — Iseyin/Itesiwaju/Kajola/Iwajowa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Telecommunications sector serves as the communications backbone for socio-economic development of Nigeria and the sector contributed about 10% of Nigeria's Gross Domestic Product in 2016, despite the economic recession;

Also noted that the bulk of government revenues generated in the sector came from taxes paid by the telecommunications companies and their employees;

Cognizant that companies all over the world are mainly concerned with continuous lowering of cost of production in order to maximize profits and one of the means of lowering cost is off-shoring of services that can be done locally;

Concerned that in flagrant violation of the Expatriates Quota under the Immigration Act, 1963, the telecommunications companies have higher percentage of foreigners taking up jobs which by law are supposed to be manned by Nigerians who also possess requisite skills and capabilities;

Also concerned that against the laws of Nigeria, the number of Nigerians in those companies, especially in the middle and upper cadres, has continued to decrease in comparison to their foreign counterparts because of increasing recruitment of foreigners to take up the jobs;

Aware that these telecommunications companies have, in successive numbers, moved the bases of their network operating activities to other countries which has resulted in massive retrenchment of Nigerian NOC engineers with attendant security implications;

Also cognizant that failure to nip this ugly trend in the bud could aggravate similar situations in other sectors with attendant consequences of millions of Nigerians losing their jobs;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Telecommunications to investigate the incessant job losses in the telecommunications sector and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (HR. 162/2017).

23. **Need to Immortalize the Great Scholar and First Emir of Gwandu, Sheik Abdullahi Fodio by Re-naming the Federal University, Birnin Kebbi (FUB) after him as Abdullahi Fodio University, Birnin Kebbi (AFUB)**

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Aware that the Federal University, Birnin Kebbi, established on 13 February, 2013, is located in Birnin Kebbi town which is the capital of Kebbi State and also the headquarters of Gwandu Emirate (the domain of Shiek Abdullahi Fodio);

Recognizes that Shiek Abdullahi Bn. Fodio was the first Emir of Gwandu and Leader of the Western axis of the Sokoto caliphate that comprised parts of Sokoto State, the entire Kebbi, Niger and Kwara States and parts of Kogi and Edo States;

Also recognizes that Shiek Abdullahi Bn. Fodio, in addition to being one of the triumvirate Leadership of the Sokoto Islamic Reform Movement of the 19th century that metamorphosed into the famous Sokoto caliphate, was an accomplished Scholar, Jurist, Historian, Poet, Linguist, Quran Exegetist, Natural Scientist, Military Strategist, Army Commander, Political Philosopher, Development Economist, Writer and Educationist;

Notes that Part I of the Second Schedule (Exclusive Legislative List) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 provides for immortalization of dignified personalities of high repute and of exemplary characters by the Federal Government;

Also notes that similar institutions of higher learning like Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-ife, Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University, Lapai, Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, etc. were named after other eminent Nigerians;

Believes that the renaming of the University, being a centre of learning, after the legendary Educationist, Malam Abdullahi Fodio is not only deserving but will attract the support from the over 15 million people within and beyond Gwandu Emirate that serves as the catchment area of the University and will also inculcate into them the memory of the historical significance of his time and exemplary works;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari to direct the Minister of Education to rename the Federal University, Birnin Kebbi (FUB) as Abdullahi Fodio University, Birnin Kebbi (AFUB); and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to ensure implementation (*Hon. Abdullahi Umar Faruk — Bunza/Birnin Kebbi/Kalgo Federal Constituency and 105 others*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Aware that the Federal University, Birnin Kebbi, established on 13 February, 2013, is located in Birnin Kebbi town which is the capital of Kebbi State and also the headquarters of Gwandu Emirate (the domain of Shiek Abdullahi Fodio);

Recognized that Shiek Abdullahi Bn. Fodio was the first Emir of Gwandu and Leader of the Western axis of the Sokoto caliphate that comprised parts of Sokoto State, the entire Kebbi, Niger and Kwara States and parts of Kogi and Edo States;

Also recognized that Shiek Abdullahi Bn. Fodio, in addition to being one of the triumvirate Leadership of the Sokoto Islamic Reform Movement of the 19th century that metamorphosed into the famous Sokoto caliphate, was an accomplished Scholar, Jurist, Historian, Poet, Linguist, Quran Exegetist, Natural Scientist, Military Strategist, Army Commander, Political Philosopher, Development Economist, Writer and Educationist;

Noted that Part I of the Second Schedule (Exclusive Legislative List) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 provides for immortalization of dignified personalities of high repute and of exemplary characters by the Federal Government;

Also noted that similar institutions of higher learning like Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-ife, Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University, Lapai, Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, etc. were named after other eminent Nigerians;

Believed that the renaming of the University, being a centre of learning, after the legendary Educationist, Malam Abdullahi Fodio is not only deserving but will attract the support from the over 15 million people within and beyond Gwandu Emirate that serves as the catchment area of the University and will also inculcate into them the memory of the historical significance of his time and exemplary works;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the President and Commander -in -Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari to direct the Minister of Education to rename the Federal University, Birnin Kebbi (FUB) as Abdullahi Fodio University, Birnin Kebbi (AFUB); and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to ensure implementation (**HR. 163/2017**).

24. Call for Constitution of the National Council on Privatization

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the Federal Executive Council was constituted in 2015 by President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR;

Also notes that section 9 (1) and (2) (a)-(j) of the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act established the National Council on Privatization and provided for its membership;

Aware that sections 12 (1)-(2) and 13 of the Act established the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) charged with responsibility to implement the decisions of the Council;

Also aware that decisions on Privatization made in respect of the Nigerian Railway Corporation, Airports in Abuja, Lagos, Port Harcourt and Kano; re-concession of NIOMCO to GHL and approval of year 2016 and 2017 budgets were made by the BPE without the National Council on Privatization (NCP) in place to take those decisions;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to urgently constitute the National Council on Privatization (NCP); and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Privatization and Commercialization to ensure implementation and report back in four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Ahmed Yerima — Misau/Dambam Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Federal Executive Council was constituted in 2015 by President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR;

Also noted that section 9 (1) and (2) (a)-(j) of the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act established the National Council on Privatization and provided for its membership;

Aware that sections 12 (1)-(2) and 13 of the Act established the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) charged with responsibility to implement the decisions of the Council;

Also aware that decisions on Privatization made in respect of the Nigerian Railway Corporation, Airports in Abuja, Lagos, Port Harcourt and Kano; re-concession of NIOMCO to GHL and approval of year 2016 and 2017 budgets were made by the BPE without the National Council on Privatization (NCP) in place to take those decisions;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to urgently constitute the National Council on Privatization (NCP); and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Privatization and Commercialization to ensure implementation and report back in four (4) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 164/2017**).

25. Call for Intervention in the Recurring Communal Crisis at Wakama in Ogu/Bolo Local Government Area and Kporghor in Tai Local Government Area of Rivers State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the series of crises over land between Wakama Ama in Ogu/Bolo Local Government Area and Kporghor Community in Tai Local Government Area of Rivers State for over two decades;

Also notes that the conflicts between the two communities have resulted in loss of lives, mainly children and women and damage to properties including homes, churches and school buildings;

Aware that at least 150 persons, in the last two years, have died as a result of clashes between the two communities leading to many children becoming orphans and wives becoming widows;

Also aware that the resultant effects of the crisis still linger as displaced persons from both communities are living in neighbouring communities since schools and health facilities in the affected areas have been destroyed;

Cognizant that the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) is an agency saddled with the responsibility of developing communities within the region;

Informed that the Rivers State Government has made concerted efforts to resolve the issues and restore relative peace in the communities;

Concerned that if these attacks, which have paralyzed social and economic activities in the affected communities are not urgently brought to a halt, it might result in tribal confrontation between the Okrikans and the Ogonis at large;

Also concerned that failure to establish the boundary lines between the two communities will continue to sour the cordial relationships that used to exist such that the people were intermarrying, socializing and trading together, and will deepen the crises in the affected areas;

Resolves to:

- (i) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to visit the two communities with a view to identifying the immediate and remote causes of the persistent crisis and resolving them;

- (ii) mandate the Committee on Special Duties to liaise with the National Boundary Commission to create boundary lines between the communities;
- (iii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently send relief materials to the affected communities to alleviate their sufferings; and
- (iv) call on the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to build low cost houses in the affected communities to provide accommodation for displaced residents (*Hon. Gogo Bright Tamuno - Okrika/Ogu/Bolo Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the series of crises over land between Wakama Ama in Ogu/Bolo Local Government Area and Kporghor Community in Tai Local Government Area of Rivers State for over two decades;

Also noted that the conflicts between the two communities have resulted in loss of lives, mainly children and women and damage to properties including homes, churches and school buildings;

Aware that at least 150 persons, in the last two years, have died as a result of clashes between the two communities leading to many children becoming orphans and wives becoming widows;

Also aware that the resultant effects of the crisis still linger as displaced persons from both communities are living in neighbouring communities since schools and health facilities in the affected areas have been destroyed;

Cognizant that the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) is an agency saddled with the responsibility of developing communities within the region;

Informed that the Rivers State Government has made concerted efforts to resolve the issues and restore relative peace in the communities;

Concerned that if these attacks, which have paralyzed social and economic activities in the affected communities are not urgently brought to a halt, it might result in tribal confrontation between the Okrikans and the Ogonis at large;

Also concerned that failure to establish the boundary lines between the two communities will continue to sour the cordial relationships that used to exist such that the people were intermarrying, socializing and trading together, and will deepen the crises in the affected areas;

Resolved to:

- (i) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to visit the two communities with a view to identifying the immediate and remote causes of the persistent crisis and resolving them;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Special Duties to liaise with the National Boundary Commission to create boundary lines between the communities;
- (iii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently send relief materials to the affected communities to alleviate their sufferings; and
- (iv) call on the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to build low cost houses in the affected communities to provide accommodation for displaced residents (**HR. 165/2017**).

26. **Call on the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to Ban the use of Lisinopril Drug**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

27. **Consideration of Reports**

- (i) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the Weights and Measures Act, Cap. W3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review Upwards the Fines Stipulated for Offences under the Act and for Other Related Matters (HB. 265) (Committee of the Whole):***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Weights and Measures Act, Cap. W3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review Upwards the Fines Stipulated for Offences under the Act and for Other Related Matters (HB. 265) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Gabriel Onyenwife — Ayamelum/Oyi Federal Constituency).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE WAGES BOARDS AND INDUSTRIAL COUNCILS ACT, CAP. W1, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HB. 282)

Clause 1: Amendment of Cap. W3, LFN, 2004.

The Weights and Measures Act, Cap. W3, 2004 (in this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Gabriel Onyenwife — Ayamelum/Oyi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 14 of the Principal Act.

Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (3) by substituting for the amount "₦10" the amount "₦100,000" (*Hon. Gabriel Onyenwife — Ayamelum/Oyi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 2 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Amendment of Section 16 of the Principal Act.

Section 16 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (8) by substituting for the —

(a) amount "₦2,000" the amount "₦500,000"; and

(b) words "six months" the words "one year" (*Hon. Gabriel Onyenwife — Ayamelum/Oyi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 3 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Amendment of Section 21 of the Principal Act.

Section 21 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by substituting for the —

- (a) amounts "₦100, ₦200 and ₦300," the amounts ₦100,000", "₦200,000" and "₦500,000" respectively; and
- (b) words "twelve months" the words "twenty four months" (*Hon. Gabriel Onyenwife — Ayamelum/Oyi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 4 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 5: Amendment of Section 22 of the Principal Act.

Section 22 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by substituting for the —

- (a) amounts "₦100, and ₦200 the amounts ₦100,000", "₦200,000" respectively; and
- (b) words "twelve months" the words "twenty four months" (*Hon. Gabriel Onyenwife — Ayamelum/Oyi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 5 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 6: Amendment of Section 49 of the Principal Act.

Section 49 of the Principal Act is amended in —

- (a) paragraph (a) by substituting for the —
 - (i) amount "₦500" the amount "₦500,000"; and
 - (ii) words "one year" the words "twenty four months" and
- (b) paragraph (b) by substituting for the amount "₦5,000" the amount "₦5,000,000" (*Hon. Gabriel Onyenwife — Ayamelum/Oyi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 6 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 7: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (*Hon. Gabriel Onyenwife — Ayamelum/Oyi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 7 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Explanatory Memorandum:

(This memorandum does not form of the above Act, but is intended to explain its purport)

This Bill seeks to amend the Wages Board and Industrial Council Act (Cap. W1, LFN, 2004, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004) to amongst other things review upwards the fines stipulated for offences under the Act (*Hon. Gabriel Onyenwife — Ayamelum/Oyi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Wages Boards and Industrial Councils Act, Cap. W1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 282) (*Hon. Gabriel Onyenwife — Ayamelum/Oyi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Weights and Measures Act, Cap. W3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review Upwards the Fines Stipulated for Offences under the Act and for Other Related Matters (HB. 265) and approved Clauses 1 - 7, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(ii) Ad-hoc Committee on the Attacks on Nigerians and Looting of their Properties in South Africa:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Attacks on Nigerians and Looting of their Properties in South Africa and approve the recommendations therein” (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

“The House evolves legislative instruments such as hate crime laws to promote tenets of solidarity, support and protection for Nigerians living in diaspora towards finding lasting solutions to the crisis in South Africa and other similar cases” (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

“Urge the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Nigerian Consulate in South Africa to work together with their South African counterparts, where expedient, in helping to quickly resolve matters regarding passports as well as regularizing migrant status of Nigerians, particularly those with South African spouses” (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

“The House in its Communique with the South African Parliament (attached hereto) should insist on time line working deliverables, which suggests adequate oversight and follow up by respective members of the South Africa-Nigeria Parliamentary Friendship Group. Hence, the Nigeria-South Africa Friendship Group in Nigeria, is hereafter expected to lead a legislative campaign for the protection of the rights, lives and properties of Nigerians living in South Africa through relevant instruments” (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):

"Iso urge the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to do a reminder on the compensation claims of Nigerians involved in the 2015 attacks, while efforts are sustained in quantifying subsequent destructions (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In the Recommendation, immediately after the word "Affairs", *leave out* the words "to do a reminder on the" and *insert* the words "or the Nigeria/South African Bi-National Commission to aggressively pursue" (*Hon. Patrick Asadu —Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made —Agreed to.

Question that Recommendation (iv) as amended, stand part of the Report — Agreed to.

Recommendation (v):

"The House through its various Committees, continues to pursue vigorously those legislative activities, including oversight that enable Government and the private sector invest in massive infrastructure in the country as stimuli for creating employment opportunities to discourage Nigerians from going out in search of greener pastures (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (vi):

"Recommends that a Xenophobia Agenda should be set up by the Nigeria-South Africa Bi-national Commission (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In the Recommendation, immediately after the word "that", *leave out* the word "a" and *insert* the word "Anti" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Recommendation (vi) as amended, stand part of the Report — Agreed to.

Recommendation (vii):

"Urge the Nigerian Union to be socially active in their host communities and further engage in social responsibilities that will enhance harmonious relationship with their South African counterpart (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (viii):

"Further urge the Nigerian Union to ensure more visibility in their campaign against prostitution, drug peddling and other domestic crimes (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ix):

“Urge the Government of Nigeria to domesticate the African Union Migration Agreement as it relates to relationship between Nigeria and South Africa on migration issues on labour, border management, irregular migration, forced displacement, human rights of migrants, internal migration, migration data, migration and development, and inter-state cooperation and partnerships (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (x):

“There should be a continued engagement with the South African Government and Parliament, for the purpose of resolving issues that trigger xenophobic attacks as they affect Nigerians (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (xi):

Doctrine of Reciprocity: That in dealing with matters of this nature, Nigeria should always keep in view the doctrine of reciprocity, endorsed by the Vienna Convention as a veritable and acceptable tool of international diplomacy and negotiation; and to that extent the doctrine of reciprocity should only be employed as a last resort when all other efforts to resolve this matter fail (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Attacks on Nigerians and Looting of their Properties in South Africa and approved Recommendations (i) - (iii), approved Recommendation (iv) as amended, approved Recommendation (v), approved Recommendation (vi) as amended, and approved Recommendations (vii) - (xi) of the Report.

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

28. Adjournment

That this House do adjourn the First Sitting till 4.05 p.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 4.00 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker