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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

Tuesday, 23rd June, 2015

The House met at 11.28 a.m.

PRAYERS

(The Speaker in the Chair)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

The Speaker: I have examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 10th June, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa (Buruku): I move that the House do resolve into an Executive Session.

Hon. Onyejeocha Nkiruka (Isuikwuato/Umunneochi): I second the Motion as moved by Hon. Orker-Jev.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do resolve into Executive Session.

Sitting suspended: 11.33 a.m.

Sitting resumed: 11.50 a.m.

OATHS

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

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OATH OF MEMBERSHIP

The Speaker: Any Member-Elect who has not been sworn-in may please, come forward for the administration of the Oath. *(No Response)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Death of Hon. Anthony Madwatte

The Speaker: It is with sadness that we write to inform the House of the sudden death of our brother, Hon. Anthony Madwatte, a former Member of the House of Representatives, representing Demsa/Numan/Lamurde Federal Constituency of

Adamawa State, whose sad event occurred on Saturday, 20th June, 2015.

Hon. Madwatte had been a Member of the House of Representatives since June, 2003 to June, 2015. That is to say he was a third timer who served the House in various capacities. He was the Chairman of the House Committee on Poverty Alleviation in the 6th Assembly; he served also as a Chairman in the 7th Assembly.

His remains will be buried in Numan on the 4th day of July, 2015. Members willing to go for the burial should liaise with Hon. Adamu Kamale in Room 1.77 and Hon. Kwamuti Lanre, Room 1.75, New Building, please.

As it has always been our tradition to observe one minute silence, may we rise, please?

(A minute silence observed in honour of the deceased).

May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace! Amen!

Membership of Ad-hoc Committees

The Speaker: Hon. Colleagues, the following Members have been nominated to serve as Members of the Ad-hoc Committee on Media:

(i) Ad-hoc Committee on Media

Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro	-	Chairman
Hon. Namda Abdulrazak Sa'ad	-	Member
Hon. Gbillah Mark Terseer	-	Member
Hon. Kwewum Rimamnde Shawulu-		Member
Hon. Jarigbe Agom Jarigbe	-	Member
Hon. Akinade-Fijabi Saheed	-	Member
Hon. Obinna Chidoka	-	Member
Hon. Ahmed Yerima	-	Member
Hon. Sodaguno A. Festus Omoni	-	Member

**(ii) Ad-hoc Committee on Review
of Standing Orders**

Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa	-	Chairman
Hon. Are Abayomi Dauda Kako	-	Member

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Hon. Sopuluchukwu E. Ezeonwuka-	Member
Hon. Ajayi Adeyinka -	Member
Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari -	Member
Hon. Beni Lar -	Member
Hon. Abubakar Lawal Garba -	Member
Hon. Ewa Bassey Eko -	Member
Hon. Sunday Adeyemi Adepoju -	Member
Hon. Chukwukere Austin Ikechukwu O.-	Member
Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh -	Member
Hon. Simon Yakubu Arabo -	Member
Hon. Shidi Usman Danjuma -	Member
Hon. Razaq Olatunde Atunwa -	Member
Hon. Kabiru Shuaibu -	Member

**(iii) Ad-hoc Committee on
Review of Code of Conduct**

Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari -	Chairman
Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai -	Member
Hon. Yunusa Ahmed Abubakar -	Member
Hon. Stella Ngwu -	Member
Hon. Moojeed Alabi -	Member
Hon. Abubakar Amuda-Kannike Garba-	Member
Hon. Boma Goodhead -	Member

PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC PETITION

The Speaker: Any Member who has a Petition to present to the House may, please rise to do so. *(No response)*

**PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT
LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK/AGENDA**

The Speaker: We will take the first Business of the Day in view of the importance of that Business and then we can move on to Point of Orders. Hon. Members, the first Business of the Day is presentation of the Draft Legislative

Framework/Agenda of the House of Representatives of the 8th National Assembly. I will go ahead to present the synopsis of the Legislative Agenda.

Honourable Members, it is with great sense of duty that I welcome all of you back from a two-week Suspension of Plenary of the House. I hope you took advantage of this period to try to settle down in Abuja as we resume full legislative duties both in Plenary and Committees.

2. During this period, the leadership of the House utilised the opportunity to inaugurate and activate the Ad-hoc Committee on Welfare, which allocated offices to all Honourable Members. It also allocated seats to all Members within the Chambers.

3. This period also provided the House Leadership the opportunity to nominate Members for the following Ad-hoc Committees:

- (i) Ad-hoc Committee on Media;*
- (ii) Ad-hoc Committee on Review of Standing Orders of the House; and*
- (iii) Ad-hoc Committee on Code of Conduct of Members of the House of Representatives;*
- (iv) Some House Members also participated actively in the Legislative Agenda Drafting Committee, which also had some outside stakeholders as participants.*

4. Honourable Members, when I was contesting election for the position of Speaker, I presented my ideas in a document as Legislative Agenda we will pursue if elected. After our election however, we believe that the entire House should adopt a Legislative Agenda/Roadmap or Legislative Compass to guide us for the next four years.

5. The document I present today is a Draft Proposal of our thoughts on the way forward for this House in the next four years.

6. Members are at liberty, to amend, add, subtract and indeed treat this document I shall present, as a draft, as the Legislative Agenda of the 8th House of Representatives would be the property of all Members of the House. We shall set out some days in our legislative calendar to discuss, debate it and whatever amendments we come up with will be incorporated in the final document that will serve us for the period.

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7. May I now present the highlights of the proposed Agenda for our consideration.

Introduction:

The Eighth House of Representatives (2015 – 2019) takes off against the background of huge expectations from Nigerians about the way government business is conducted. To address these expectations, the House of Representatives will implement a Legislative Agenda that will position the House to deliver legislation in aid of development and reforms aimed at improving conditions of living in Nigeria. This Agenda outlines steps and prioritises legislative actions required to achieve set goals and objectives.

This legislative Agenda takes lessons from the experiences of the Seventh House of Representatives and seeks to consolidate the gains and achievements thereof. The House recognises that there remains widespread citizens' distrust of public institutions and government generally. It is also recognised that there is a lot of public misconception and misperception about the functions and contributions of the legislature to Nigeria's overall socio-economic and political development. Yet, the legislature's contributions to Nigeria's democracy remain critical and important. The Eight House of Representatives will assert its role in providing leadership in the areas of accountable and transparent government, citizens' engagement, as well as constituency representation.

The House of Representatives will collaborate with its counterpart in the Senate and other Arms of Government to legislate for the common good of the Nigerian people. Our legislative activities will cover critical spheres of life in Nigeria. The House will legislate to achieve reforms in Nigeria's national economy and development, tackle poverty, unemployment, confront the scourge of corruption, terrorism and security challenges in the country.

The House will also give priority to green legislations to address environmental challenges such as desertification, erosion and pollution. The Eight House of Representatives will also work assiduously to improve the governance process in Nigeria by legislating to cut the cost of running government, reduce wastages and tackle national Revenue leakages.

The House commits to playing its part in rescuing Nigeria from the clutches of anger, poverty, disease, social, economic, political and infrastructural quagmire.

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The Eight House of Representatives, as a peoples' Parliament, will be sensitive to public demands for transparency and accountability, not just by the House of Representatives but also by government at all levels. Our legislative actions would therefore, seek to build public confidence and trust and be responsible to citizens' questions regarding the conduct of legislative business.

The House will work for public good and serve as an institution that defends the rights of the people to an accountable and transparent government.

The House relationship with Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) will be that of partnership and collaboration to deliver on citizens' expectations of the legislature.

General principles:

- (i) Build a House of Representatives with integrity and capacity to effectively and efficiently deliver on its constitutional and legislative mandate.
- (ii) Operate a House of Representatives that responds to citizens' demands for greater transparency and accountability in the way the legislative activities of government are conducted.
- (iii) Develop and implement an effective communications system for the House of Representatives in both its internal and external communications.
- (iv) Establish an e-parliament that emphasises the use of ICT and digitization in legislative activities.
- (v) Identify priority legislation for the country and ensure passage within a defined time frame.
- (vi) Introduce necessary legislative interventions to promote equality and inclusiveness, and entrench the rights of Women, Youths and vulnerable groups in the society.
- (vii) Establish necessary legislative interventions that respond to national economic challenges, address poverty and rebuild infrastructure.

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- (viii) Respond to Nigeria's demand for Constitutional and Electoral reform including the passage of already agreed alterations to the Constitution and the Electoral Act.
- (xi) Promote regular and collaborative engagement with all Arms of Government; especially the Executive in order to enhance effective legislation for Nigerians.
- (xii) Give priority to legislative relationship and collaboration with constituents, civil society groups, professional bodies, international development partners and various stakeholders.

Finally, the content of the Agenda itself deals with:

1. Legislative Needs Assessment.
2. Internal Operations/Processes:
 - (a) Committees of the House;
 - (b) Oversight and Investigative Hearings;
 - (c) Review of the Standing Orders of the House;
 - (d) Introducing a robust Code of Conduct for Members;
 - (e) Tracking Delegated Legislation.
3. E-parliament, E-voting, Digitization, Archiving.
4. National Assembly Communication:
 - (a) Internal House Communication;
 - (b) Communication with the Senate;
 - (c) Communication with the Executive
 - (d) Communication with the Public;

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(e) Establishment of dedicated Radio and TV Stations;

5. Review of the National Budgetary Process.
6. National Economic and Development:
 - (a) Non-remittance of internally generated revenue and leakages;
 - (b) Infrastructure development;
 - (c) Legislative Initiative on New Cities and Regional Hubs of Development;
 - (d) Legislative Initiative on North East and Niger Delta;
 - (e) Legislative Initiative on Unemployment;
 - (f) Legislative Initiative on Housing, Urban Development, Mortgages;
 - (g) Legislative Initiative on Power;
 - (h) Legislative Initiative on Security;
 - (i) Legislative Initiative on Economic Diversification.
7. Priority Legislations:
 - (i) Legislative Priorities of the House;
 - (ii) Sectoral Debates.
8. Review of the Laws of the Federation.
9. Anti-Corruption.
10. Constitution Reform Process
11. Harmonization of National Identity Data Management System.
12. Reduction of Cost of Governance.
13. Executive-Legislature Relations.

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14. *Implementation.*

15. *Conclusion.*

I therefore, formally present this Draft Legislative Agenda, to guide the activities of this House, for the next four (4) years, for your consideration and possible adoption by Resolution of the House after deliberation.

I thank you all.

May God bless you and bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria. (Applause)

Hon. Colleagues, the Draft Legislative Agenda will be circulated to all hon. Members today. This is for us to commence debate on it in earnest from tomorrow and hopefully, conclude it on Thursday so that we can have a roadmap to enable us hit the ground running.

Thank you very much.

**MATTERS OF URGENT
PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

**Brutal Killings of two indigenes of Ogueme
Community in Ndokwa East by
Unknown Herdsmen**

Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai (Ndokwa East/West/Ukwuani): Mr. Speaker, Point of Order!

The Speaker: Hon. Ossai, what is your Order?

Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai: Mr. Speaker, I rely on Order VIII, Rule 46 – *Matter of Urgent Public Importance*. This is to seek the leave of the House to bring an urgent matter on the brutal killings of two indigenes of Ogueme and Akpo communities by unknown herdsmen in Delta State.

Secondly, I also seek the leave of the House to suspend all relevant Rules to enable the House consider the matter immediately.

Hon. Ezekiel Adaji Awalu (Ohimini/Otukpo): I second this very important Motion as moved by Hon. Ossai.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do consider the brutal killings of two indigenes of Ogueme and Akpo communities by unknown herdsmen as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

The Speaker: The second leg of the Motion is to suspend the relevant Rules so that we can take the matter immediately.

Hon. Ezekiel Adaji Awalu: I second the Motion that relevant Rules be suspended so that the House can consider the matter immediately.

Question put and negated.

The Speaker: The matter stands over till tomorrow for debate.

(With the leave of the House, Motion stood down till the next legislative day).

**Destruction of four Major Bridges and Cut-off of
Michika/Madagali Federal Constituency by the
Boko Haram Insurgents**

Hon. Kamale Adamu Dali Usman (Madagali/Michika): Mr. Speaker, Point of Order!

The Speaker: Hon. Kamale, what is your Order?

Hon. Kamale Adamu Dali Usman: Mr. Speaker, this is a House of the people and I believe anything concerning the lives of our people outside there is very important before this honourable House. For this reason, I crave the indulgence of this House to rely on Order VIII, Rule 46 to move for a Matter of Urgent Public Importance from my constituency.

The matter is with regards to the destruction of major bridges and cutting off of my constituency (Michika/Madagali) entirely from the rest of the world.

The Speaker: Just go ahead and tell us what your Motion is all about.

Hon. Kamale Adamu Dali Usman: Mr. Speaker, the matter that I am concerned with this afternoon is the destruction of four major bridges linking Michika/Madagali Federal Constituency. These bridges have been blown off and there is no accessibility at all. As it is now, women and children have to cross riverbeds under a difficult situation before they get across. As such, I am pleading with this honourable House to, as a matter of urgency, pass two Resolutions.

The Speaker: Hon. Kamale, let us not talk about the resolutions now. You have told us that your constituency is cut off completely from the rest of Nigeria. Now, your Prayer is that the House should accept that that is an urgent matter. If we do accept it as an urgent matter, your second Prayer should be

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that we suspend the Rules of the House to enable you debate it today.

You may wish to be appropriately guided. You need to put the two Prayers first; that the House should accept that the issue is urgent enough and secondly that we should suspend our relevant Rules to enable you take the matter today.

Hon. Kamale Adamu Dali Usman: I crave the indulgence of this House to accept this issue that I have brought before this House as a matter of urgent public importance.

I also crave the indulgence of the House to suspend the relevant Rules so that the matter can be taken immediately.

Hon. Sani Mohammed Aliyu (Rano/Bunkure/Kibiya): I second the Motion as moved by my Colleague.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do consider the destruction of four major bridges and cut-off of Michika/Madagali Federal Constituency by the Boko Haram insurgents as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

The Speaker: The second leg of the Prayer is that we suspend all relevant Rules to enable us take the matter immediately.

Hon. Jisalo Bitrus Zephaniah (Abuja Municipal/Bwari): I second the Motion that relevant Rules be suspended for this matter to be taken immediately.

Suspension of Rules

Hon. Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila (Surulere I): Mr. Speaker, Point of Order!

The Speaker: My Leader, what is it?

Hon. Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila: My Point of Order is Order VIII, Rule 49. I believe that we may need to step down on suspension of our Rules until perhaps, the e-voting is fixed or another means is devised. Reason being that for our Rules to be suspended, they can only be suspended by two-thirds majority of the House, and there is no way and no how a voice vote can determine whether you have the two-thirds majority or not.

If I may read Order 49 (1), it says:

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No Rule shall be suspended except by a vote of two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority of the Members voting....

I am not sure how we can determine the two-thirds. It is like passing a constitutional amendment, which requires two-thirds. It cannot be done by voice votes. That is my Point of Order.

Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai: Mr. Speaker, Point of Order!

The Speaker: Hon. Ossai, you are not raising a fresh Point of Order, except if you want to advise the House.

Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai: Yes, Sir. Mr. Speaker, I rely on the Parliamentary Practice *Lexis Nexis* on page 62, paragraph 3. It says: *Mr. Speaker's ruling constitutes precedent by which members are guided.*

It is the practice and tradition of all other Speakers who have ruled within the Chambers, which forms part of the traditions. (*Interruptions*)

The Speaker: Hon. Ossai, are you done?

Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai: All I am saying is that the Rules and Orders of this House guide the House. These Rules are part of the rulings of Mr. Speaker and have become part of the tradition of this House.

Several hon. Members: No!

The Speaker: Hon. Ali Madaki, I thought you have an independent Point of Order. Is it on this matter?

Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki (Dala): Yes, Sir.

The Speaker: It is all right, let us hear Hon. Ali Madaki, please.

Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki: Mr. Speaker, what I want to say concerning what he is saying - (*Interruptions*)

The Speaker: Please, Hon. Ali Madaki is recognised, so allow him to speak to his contribution. He is not raising an additional Point of Order, but he wants to advise the House.

Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki: Just because we had a Speaker who had done something that was wrong does not mean we should continue with it. That should not be used as a basis of doing that which is

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wrong. What is right is what we should do.
(Interruptions)

The Speaker: Hon. Colleagues; please, I beg of you to listen to my ruling. In as much as I want to agree with the Point of Order raised by Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila, it is perfectly in order, but the truth is that we have an African proverb that says; *dried antelope meat is sweet, but what do we eat, while we wait for the meat to get dried?*

I understand perfectly the position that the Rules are so fundamental, and that we should not just whimsically be suspending the Rules in order to do business. The fact is that, it has been part of our culture here that on matters that are so important as this one, that an entire community has been cut-off by activities of terrorists, that we should do everything possible to come to the aid of Nigerians.

Now, we do not have the e-voting and there is no way as he rightly pointed out, for us to determine this two-third majority. So, I want to rule that I have noted his Point of Order but that as a responsive House that should be alive to the needs of our teeming constituents, we should continue with this practice until we are able to put in place a permanent solution.

I so rule. (Applause)

Hon. Kamale's Motion has been seconded already, but we are yet to put the question. I will therefore, put the question.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) be suspended to enable the House consider the matter immediately.

Hon. Kamale Adamu Dali Usman: Mr. Speaker, let me seize this opportunity to thank you and my hon. Colleagues for the concern you all have about this matter that I am presenting.

The House:

Notes that from last year to date, several atrocities were perpetrated by the insurgents resulting in loss of lives, destruction of properties worth billions of Naira, which has brought socio-economic instability in Michika/Madagali Federal Constituency of Adamawa State;

Worried that at the moment four major bridges leading to Michika/Madagali Federal Constituency namely, Delchim, Kudzum, Wuro Ngyandi in

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Madagali Local Government Area and Kala'a in Hong Local Government Area were destroyed;

Disturbed that as a result of this unfortunate destruction, movement of people and goods from one place to another within the affected areas and beyond for social and commercial transactions became extremely difficult;

Regret that while the damaged bridges lock the affected areas out of reach even for the purpose of distributing relief materials by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) on one hand, the situation has been further aggravated by the raining season, which is making life unbearable and survival nearly impossible since the affected areas are currently out of reach from the rest of the world.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Works to as a matter of urgency embark on the construction of four bridges, one each at Kudzum, Delchim, Wuro Ngyandi in Michika and Madagali Local Government Areas and also one at Kala'a in Hong Local Government Area to provide accessibility to Michika/Madagali Federal Constituency and other surrounding Local Government areas;
- (ii) Also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and other relevant Agencies to facilitate the erection of temporary bridges as a palliative measure before completion of permanent structures to facilitate free movement and distribution of relief materials and also to enable the IDPs return home easily.

I so move.

Hon. Beni Lar (Langtang North/South): Mr. Speaker, I second the Motion as moved by my Colleague from Michika, Hon. Kamale Adamu Dali Usman.

Question proposed.

The Speaker: This is an infrastructural Motion. If there is no amendment, I will just go ahead and put the question. Is there any amendment?

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Hon. Sunday Adeyemi Adepoju (Ibarapa East/Ido): Yes, Sir.

The Speaker: Hon. Sunday Adepoju, come up with your amendment, please.

Amendment proposed.

Hon. Sunday Adeyemi Adepoju: I rise to make an amendment to the Prayer of the sponsor of the Motion. It should be Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) that has to provide temporary bridge and not National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). The work of NEMA does not cover that area.

Hon. Nasiru Ali Ahmed (Nassarawa): Mr. Speaker, while rising to second the Motion by Hon. Adepoju, I just want to add that the sponsor of the Motion intended to say NEMA for the relief materials and not for the building of the bridges. He mentioned NEMA but what he was actually referring to was for the relief materials, and not for the building of the bridges. He also mentioned that the bridges will be constructed by the Federal Ministry of Works or FERMA.

The Speaker: Hon Nasiru, thank you very much for enlightening us. Hon. Nasiru, did you second the amendment proposed by Hon. Adepoju or you just enlightened us?

Hon. Nasiru Ali Ahmed: It was just an observation.

The Speaker: Hon. Akinlaja, second the amendment, please.

Hon. Iranola Akinlaja Joseph (Ondo East/Ondo West): I second the amendment proposed by Hon. Adepoju.

Amendment put and negated.

The Speaker: Hon. Abonta, is there any amendment, again?

Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta (Ukwa East/Ukwa West): Mr. Speaker, having listened to the mover of the Motion, I incline to amend as follows. In trying to paint the disastrous nature of the area, that in view of the disaster being suffered by the area and the destruction because of the problem they had, I therefore, amend that:

The Federal Government should, as a matter of urgency, declare the Zone as a disaster area and

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with the urgent need to reconstruct and rehabilitate the war torn zone.

Hon. Hassan Adamu Shekarau (Birnin/Gwari/Giwa): I second the Motion for amendment proposed by Hon. Abonta.

Amendment put and negated.

Main Question put and agreed to.

Resolved to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Works to as a matter of urgency embark on the construction of four bridges, one each at Kudzum, Delchim, Wuro Ngyandi in Michika and Madagali Local Government Areas and also one at Kala'a in Hong Local Government Area to provide accessibility to Michika/Madagali Federal Constituency and other surrounding Local Government areas;
- (ii) Also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and other relevant Agencies to facilitate the erection of temporary bridges as a palliative measure before completion of permanent structures to facilitate free movement and distribution of relief materials and also to enable the IDPs return home easily.

(Motion referred to the House Committee on Works when it is finally constituted).

PRIVILEGE

Consideration of Ranking Members in the Allocation of Seats

Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki (Dala): Mr. Speaker, Point of Order!

The Speaker: Hon. Aliyu Madaki, what is your Order?

Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki: It is Order VI, Rule 20. It is a matter of Privilege. Mr. Speaker, I am sure that you are aware more than most Members here, that we have a procedure of allocating seats to Members. I discovered today as I came in that that procedure has not been adhered to. This is because as I sit here, I can see a third term Member sitting far behind.

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I believe that should be corrected. It will be infringing on the Privileges of those Members because there is a proper way of allocating seats and I am sure it has not been changed.

The Speaker: Your Point of Order is noted and sustained. The point being made is that I took the pains in company with some Members of the House to come into this Chambers yesterday to look at the sitting arrangements. To be candid, there were so many Members whose ranking were not correctly provided and with the benefit of the fact that we have been here for some time, I brought in the most ranked Member of the House equally to come and take a look and we corrected a lot. So, if there is any Member who is not correctly placed where he should be, I guess that will be amended as soon as we adjourn from today's sitting. Therefore, your Point of Order is hereby sustained.

Hon. Pwajok Edward Gyang (Jos South/Jos East): Mr. Speaker, Point of Order!

The Speaker: Hon. Pwajok, I guess it is better we take your Point of Order tomorrow because we cannot have more than two matters of Urgent Public Importance at a sitting.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

Urgent Need for Federal Government's Intervention in the continuous loss of Human Lives and destruction of Properties within Safana/Batsari/Dan-Musa Federal Constituency of Katsina State due to the activities of Armed Robbers and Invaders

The Speaker: The first Order of the Day is a Motion on the Urgent Need for the Federal Government's Intervention in the continuous loss of Human Lives and destruction of Properties within Safana/Batsari/Dan-Musa Federal Constituency of Katsina State, due to the activities of Armed Robbers and Invaders, standing in the name of Hon. Ahmed Dayyabu Safana.

Hon. Ahmed Dayyabu Safana is hereby invited to move the Motion, please.

Hon. Orker-Jev Yisa (Buruku): We humbly request that the item be stepped down at the instance

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of Hon. Safana. He has so requested that the matter be stepped down to the next legislative day.

Motion, by the leave of the House stood down.

Need to Commend Honourable Members for Facilitating a Rancour-free-Election of the Hon. Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 8th Assembly and also salute the Hon. Speaker for being Magnanimous in Victory

The Speaker: Hon. Members, the second Order of the Day is a Motion on the need to commend honourable Members for Facilitating Rancour-free-Election of the Hon. Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 8th Assembly and also salute the Hon. Speaker for being Magnanimous in Victory, standing in the name of Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso.

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso is invited to move the Motion.

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso (Orlu/Orsu/Oru East): Mr. Speaker, I have captured the mood of this Session today as one of the Elder Statesman in the House. Consequently, an elder does not stay at home and watch goat staring at the tether, therefore, I wish to step down this Motion.

The Speaker: The Motion is stepped down as moved by Hon. Alagboso.

Motion, by the leave of the House stood down.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa (Buruku): I move that this House do stand adjourned until Wednesday, 24th June, 2015 at 11.00 a.m.

Hon. Garba Datti Mohammed (Sabon Gari): I second the Motion for adjournment as moved by Hon. Orker-Jev.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do stand adjourned until Wednesday, 24th June, 2015 at 11.00 a.m.

The House accordingly adjourned at 1.50 p.m.