



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 7 February, 2018

1. The House met at 11.23 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 Tuesday, 6 February, 2018.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcement**

(a) ***Visitors in the Gallery:***

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following visitors in the Gallery:

- (i) Staff and Students of *Angelic Academy*, Kubwa, Abuja; and
- (ii) Staff and Students of *Brighter Stars Montessori Academy*, Nyanya, Abuja.

(b) ***Senate Summit on Security:***

Mr Speaker announced the names of members to attend the Senate Summit on Security as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba (Chief Whip) | — | <i>Leader</i> |
| (2) | Hon. Muktar Betara Aliyu | | |
| (3) | Hon. Solomon Ahwinahwi | | |
| (4) | Hon. Kwewun Rimamnde Shawulu | | |
| (5) | Hon. Olufunke Adedoyin | | |
| (6) | Hon. Abdusamad Dasuki | | |
| (7) | Hon. Awaji Inombek Abiante | | |
| (8) | Hon. Samson Okwu | | |
| (9) | Hon. Lawal Muazu | | |
| (10) | Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba | | |
| (11) | Hon. Patrick Aisowieren | | |
| (12) | Hon. Aminu Sani Jaji | | |
| (13) | Hon. Shidi Usman Danjuma | | |
| (14) | Hon. Nnenna Elendu-Ukeje | | |
| (15) | Hon. Ibrahim Abdullahi Dutse | | |
| (16) | Hon. Yunusa Ahmad Abubakar | | |

- (17) Hon. Solomon Maren
- (18) Hon. Abiodun Olasupo Adeola
- (19) Hon. Adamu Abubakar Chikā

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

- (i) ***The Derogatory Statement by the Police Public Relations Officer (PRO) Against an Executive Governor of a State and the Seeming Unwillingness of the Inspector-General of Police to Recognize and Enforce a Constitutionally Enacted Law by the Legislative Arm of Government:***

Hon. Gbillah Mark Terseer (Gwer East/Gwer West Federal Constituency) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

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

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

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

The Derogatory Statement by the Police Public Relations Officer (PRO) Against an Executive Governor of a State and the Seeming Unwillingness of the Inspector-General of Police to Recognize and Enforce a Constitutionally Enacted Law by the Legislative Arm of Government:

The House:

Aware that sequel to the gruesome murder of over 73 indigenes of Benue State, including pregnant women and infants by suspected herdsmen in Guma and Logo Local Government Areas on the first of January, 2018 and the public outcry and odium that trailed this seeming pogrom of Benue people, the Nigerian Senate in sympathy and patriotism with the hapless people of Benue State issued a 14-day ultimatum to the Inspector-General of Police, who had been instructed by the President to relocate to Benue State to apprehend the perpetrators of this dastardly crime;

Also aware of media reports making the rounds that in his recent testimony before a Senate committee after the inability of the police to apprehend the killers of the innocent people in Benue State at the expiration of the 14-day ultimatum, the Inspector-General of Police allegedly blamed the recent killings in Benue on the enactment of the Open Grazing Prohibition Law by the Benue State House of Assembly and called for its suspension by the State Government;

Further aware of the public condemnation of the alleged statements by the Inspector-General of Police and the derogatory statement made by the Police PRO against the Executive Governor of Benue State on Sunrise Daily programme of Tuesday, 6th February, 2018 on Channels Television where the PRO called the Governor “a drowning man” while responding to questions about the statement by the Inspector-General and the call for his resignation and lack of confidence in his stewardship expressed by the Benue State Government;

Concerned about the public disparaging of a duly elected representative of an institution of government by the Police PRO the spokesperson of an agency saddled with the responsibility of securing the lives and property of all Nigerians; in line with the primary role of government and enforcing the laws of the Federation in a disabused an unbiased manner and the implications of the statement made by the Inspector General of Police which the Police PRO did not refute.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Inspector General of Police to provide an unreserved apology to the Benue State Governor over the derogatory statements of the Police PRO and relieve the PRO of that position immediately; and
- (ii) mandate the Ad-hoc Committee on the incessant killings and other security concerns in the country to investigate the alleged statements made by the Inspector-General of Police and the implications to his ability to superintend the resolution of the killings in Benue and other parts of the country (*Hon. Mark Terseer Gbillah — Gwer-East/Gwer-West Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.**Agreed to.**The House:*

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- (ii) ***Need to Curb Thuggery Development in Political Activities in Kano and Nigeria in General:***
Hon. Damburam Abubakar Nuhu (*Kano Municipal Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

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

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

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

The Need to Curb in Political Activities in Kano State and Nigeria in General:

The House:

Notes the alarming rate of sponsorship of thuggery in Kano State and Nigeria at large in political rallies as well as other activities;

Also notes that the sponsorship of thuggery by some politicians in the country has created a wrong perception about the patriotism of Nigerian politicians and condemned this development in Nigeria;

Observes that this ugly incidence can lead to the breakdown of law and orders in the country as well as impede the political development and democracy in Nigeria;

Concerned that some politicians are responsible for arming the thugs and sponsoring of fetish items for protection to intimidate or assassinate their political opponents;

Worried that thuggery activity in Nigeria has created disharmony among the people of same community leading to loss of many innocent lives as well as well-meaning politicians in the country;

Disturbed that the Nigeria Police and other security personnel have turn a blind eye to this acts of terror being perpetrated in the open by the thugs in Kano and other parts of the country;

Resolves to:

- (i) invite the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) and Commissioner of Police, Kano State to appear before the Committee on Police Affairs to give account of the incidents in Kano State; and
- (ii) urge the IGP and Commissioner of Police, Kano State to provide measures to mitigate against thuggery in Kano State and other parts of the country (*Hon. Danburam Abubakar Nuhu — Kano Municipal Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Prayers (i) and (ii), and *insert* a new Prayer as follows:

“Call on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to replace the Inspector-General of Police with a more professionally minded police officer” (*Hon. John Dyegh — Gboko/Tarka Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

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Also noted that the sponsorship of thuggery by some politicians in the country has created a wrong perception about the patriotism of Nigerian politicians and condemned this development in Nigeria;

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Disturbed that the Nigeria Police and other security personnel have turn a blind eye to this acts of terror being perpetrated in the open by the thugs in Kano and other parts of the country;

Resolved to:

Call on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to replace the Inspector-General of Police with a more professionally minded police officer (HR. 34/2018).

5. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) National Income and Wages Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1319).
- (2) Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1314).
- (3) Examination Malpractices Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1315).
- (4) National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism Bill, 2018 (HB. 1316).
- (5) Federal University of Dutse Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1317).
- (6) Petroleum Industry Administration Bill, 2018 (HB. 1318).

6. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Factories Act, Cap. F1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Penalties for Offences Created under the Act and Change the Title of the Act; and for Related Matters (HB.1008) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Factories Act, Cap. F1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Penalties for Offences Created under the Act and Change the Title of the Act; and for Related Matters (HB.1008) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Stella Ngwu — Igbo-Etiti/Uzo-Uwani 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 Labour, Employment and Productivity.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act, Cap. E1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to ensure that Forfeited Properties are returned to the Original Owners of the Proceeds of the Crimes or Original Owners of the Properties/Assets and to enable the Commission act within its Jurisdiction; and for Related Matters (HB.795 and HB.1071) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act, Cap. E1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to ensure that Forfeited Properties are returned to the Original Owners of the Proceeds of the Crimes or Original Owners of the Properties/Assets and to enable the Commission act within its Jurisdiction; and for Related Matters (HB.795 and HB.1071) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Financial Crimes.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria Act, Cap. I112, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Role of the Chemist, the Regulation of Practicing Fees by Members of the Institute; and for Related Matters (HB. 1249) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria Act, Cap. I112, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Role of the Chemist, the Regulation of Practicing Fees by Members of the Institute; and for Related Matters (HB. 1249) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Usman Muhammad — Makarfi/Kudan 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 Healthcare Services.

9. **Rescission on the Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Broadcasting Commission Act, 2018 (HB.168), Pursuant to Order One, Rule 1 (2) and Order Nine, Rule 1 (6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values was discharged from the Referral of the above Bill on 18 January, 2018, pursuant to Order Seventeen, Rule 3 (g) of the Standing Orders of the House;

Also notes that on 25 January, 2018, the House, in the Committee of the Whole, considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Broadcasting Commission Act, 2018 (HB. 168) and adopted the Report on the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole;

Informed that the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values had conducted public hearing on the Bill on 6 December, 2016 in line with legislative practice and procedures but had not presented its Report to the House before it was discharged from the referral;

Also informed that the Report of the Committee with the aggregated opinions of the Players and Stakeholders in the Industry is now ready;

Resolves to:

- (i) rescind the Resolution of 18 January, 2018 which discharged the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values of the referral of the Bill;
- (ii) also rescind the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole of 25 January, 2018 which adopted the Report on the Bill, and
- (iii) refer the Bill back to the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values for further legislative action (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

10. **Request for Extension of Referral Time to enable the “Ad-hoc Committee to Interface with the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources on the Review of the Price of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) conclude work on its Assignment (HR. 218/2016)” (Referred: 29/11/2016)**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Recalls that on Wednesday, 7 December, 2016, the House constituted an *Ad-hoc* Committee to interface with the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources on the Review of the Price of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS);

Also recalls that the *Ad-hoc* Committee was mandated to interface with the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources on the review of the price of PMS and such other related matters and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action;

Informed that the *Ad-hoc* Committee has carried out work on the referral and presented an Interim Report on Wednesday, 8 November, 2017 but owing to the sensitive nature of the assignment and the voluminous amount of data collected which are being carefully analyzed, the *Ad-hoc* Committee has not presented its final Report in accordance with Order Seventeen, Rule 3 (g) of the Standing Orders of the House:

Resolves to:

Grant the *Ad-hoc* Committee an extension of time of eight (8) weeks to enable it conclude the assignment and present its final Report for further legislative action (*Hon. Raphael Nnanna Igbokwe — Ahiazu Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

11. **Need to Investigate the National Insurance Commission (NAICOM), over Alleged Maladministration and Financial Misappropriation leading to Labour/Management Rift**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

12. **Call for Environmental Audit of the Coastal Areas of Nigeria**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Coastal Areas of Nigeria, most of which host the Oil and Gas industries that are sustaining the nation's economy, are integral parts of Nigeria as an entity;

Also notes that the assailability of the coastal areas owing to the devastating effects of exploration and exploitation of oil and gas and vagaries of nature is inevitable, hence the need for regular environmental audit and assessment of the coastal areas;

Cognizant that such routine environmental audit will create a sense of belonging for the host communities, thereby encouraging patriotism and a harmonious atmosphere within which effective exploration of oil and gas in the communities can take place, thus eliminating cases of sabotage, oil spillage, etc.;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Environment and Habitat, and Climate Change to interface with officials of the Ministry of Environment, the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency, the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency, the Department of Climate Change and Multi-national Companies operating in the coastal areas of Nigeria on the environmental impact and the last detailed environmental audit carried out on the effects of their activities on the environment and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Randolph Iwo Oruene Brown — Degema/Bonny Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Coastal Areas of Nigeria, most of which host the Oil and Gas industries that are sustaining the nation's economy, are integral parts of Nigeria as an entity;

Also noted that the assailability of the coastal areas owing to the devastating effects of exploration and exploitation of oil and gas and vagaries of nature is inevitable, hence the need for regular environmental audit and assessment of the coastal areas;

Cognizant that such routine environmental audit will create a sense of belonging for the host communities, thereby encouraging patriotism and a harmonious atmosphere within which effective exploration of oil and gas in the communities can take place, thus eliminating cases of sabotage, oil spillage, etc.;

Resolved to:

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13. Need to Conduct Demographic Survey of Police Officers and Create More Police Stations to Tackle the Current Security Challenges in the Country

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria is currently facing enormous security challenges which are partly caused by the astronomical increase in the population of the country that is not matched with corresponding increase in the number of security personnel, thus making it difficult to effectively police the nation and guarantee citizens prompt access to security personnel;

Also notes that as a result of shortage of police and other security personnel, many criminal offences are being committed on a daily basis, especially in the rural areas, without the law enforcement agents being present to arrest the situation;

Further notes that owing to lack of review of data of police personnel, there is an appalling proliferation of fake police officers as evidenced in the arrests of dismissed police personnel still parading themselves as police officers while in police uniform and in possession of police accoutrements;

Recalls the report that the Inspector General of Police had, on 16 May 2017, stated that policemen would be deployed to their communities of origin in order to bridge the gap between the police and the populace and also enhance community policing;

Convinced that there is need for recruitment of additional police officers, creation of more police stations and out-posts at the urban and rural areas to match up with the current increase in the population of the nation;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Nigeria Police Force to create more police stations and out-posts in the urban and rural areas for a more effective and community-based policing to ensure the safety and welfare of the citizens; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to convene a stakeholders meeting, in collaboration with relevant interests, to identify the problems confronting the police and challenges of policing the nation with a view to proffering solutions to them in the interest of the nation (Hon. Jimoh Abdulraheem Olajide — Lagos Mainland Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Prayer (ii) (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

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Resolved to:

Call on the Nigeria Police Force to create more police stations and out-posts in the urban and rural areas for a more effective and community-based policing to ensure the safety and welfare of the citizens (HR. 36/2018).

14. Consideration of Reports

(i) *Committee on Public Petitions:*

Report on the Petition by CPL Faruna Okwoli:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by CPL Faruna Okwoli against the Nigeria Police Force on wrongful and compulsory retirement from Service and approve the recommendation therein" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

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:

"Urge the Police Service Commission and the Inspector General of Police to reinstate CPL Faruna Okwoli forthwith and pay all his salaries and entitlements" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by CPL Faruna Okwoli against the Nigeria Police Force on wrongful and compulsory retirement from Service and approved the Recommendation of the Report.

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

(ii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Eddy Onyenweuzo:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Eddy Onyenweuzo against the United Bank for Africa Plc over alleged fraudulent practices that led to the withdrawal of over Eighty-eight million Naira from his account and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

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):

"Urge the United Bank for Africa (UBA) to reconcile its transactions with Unilever Plc" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"Also urge the United Bank for Africa (UBA) to refund the sum of ₦2,794,474.96 to Eddy Onyenweuzo being excess interest charges on the overdraft facility availed him" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Eddy Onyenweuzo against the United Bank for Africa Plc over alleged fraudulent practices that led to the withdrawal of over Eighty-eight million Naira from his account and approved Recommendations (i) and (ii) of the Report.

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

(iii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Hajiya Hurera Hassan Turaki:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Hajiya Hurera Hassan Turaki against the Public Complaints Commission on unlawful removal of her name from the Commission's nominal roll as the Secretary and approve the recommendation therein" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

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:

Urge the Public Complaints Commission to allow Hajiya Hurera Hassan Turaki to resume immediately at the Federal Capital Territory Office as a Director or her appointment be terminated forthwith (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwá East/Ukwá West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the Recommendation (Hon. Pwajok Edward Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Hajiya Hurera Hassan Turaki against the Public Complaints Commission on unlawful removal of her name from the Commission's nominal roll as the Secretary and rejected the Recommendation of the Report.

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

(iv) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Goodnews Construction Company Ltd and Clintouch Engineering Ltd:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Goodnews Construction Company Ltd and Clintouch Engineering Ltd against the Hon. Minister of Budget and National Planning for Payment of Contract sum awarded by the defunct National Poverty Eradication Programme (NAPEP) and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwá East/Ukwá West Federal Constituency*).

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:

"Urge the Ministry of Budget and National Planning to pay Goodnews Construction Company Ltd and Clintouch Engineering Limited the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-one Million, Nine Thousand Naira (₦121,009,000) only being the total sum of the supplies made" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwá East/Ukwá West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Goodnews Construction Company Ltd and Clintouch Engineering Ltd against the Hon. Minister of Budget and National Planning for Payment of Contract sum awarded by the defunct National Poverty Eradication Programme (NAPEP) and approved the Recommendation of the Report.

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

(v) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Fredorosa Casolini Limited:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Fredorosa Casolini Limited against the Nigerian Petroleum Development Company (NPDC) on the matter of oil spills at Ikara Community and approve the recommendation therein" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency).

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:

"Mandate the Committee on Environment and Habitat to ascertain the extent of the environmental damages and for Nigerian Petroleum Development Company (NPDC) to bear 20% of the cost" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency).

Amendment proposed:

Leave out the Recommendation and *insert* a new Recommendation as follows:

"Mandate the Committee on Environment and Habitat to reexamine the matter and report back for further legislative action" (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — 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 Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Fredorosa Casolini Limited against the Nigerian Petroleum Development Company (NPDC) on the matter of oil spills at Ikara Community and referred the Report to the Committee on Environment and Habitat for further legislative action.

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

(vi) **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report on the Petition by Nichodemus Egwueta Eze:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Nichodemus Egwueta Eze against the Principal Chief Executive of Petroleum Training Institute, Efurum, Delta State on unjust treatment and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

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):

"Urge the Petroleum Training Institute, Efurum to withdraw the suspension forthwith" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the Recommendation (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to

Recommendation (ii):

"Also urge the Institute to compute all the salaries and entitlements as at the time his salary was stopped till 2013, and should be graded with his highest qualification and retired accordingly" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the Recommendation (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Nichodemus Egwueta Eze against the Principal Chief Executive of Petroleum Training Institute, Efurum, Delta State on unjust treatment and rejected the two Recommendations of the Report.

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

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

Report on the Petition by Mr Okewu Simon:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Okewu Simon on alleged non-payment of arrears of shifting and hazard allowance by the Nigerian Air Force and approve the recommendation therein" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

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:

"Urge the Minister, Ministry of Defence to ensure that Mr Okewu Simon is paid his arrears totaling ₦725,937.50 without any deduction forthwith" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Okewu Simon on alleged non-payment of arrears of shifting and hazard allowance by the Nigerian Air Force and approved the Recommendation of the Report.

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

15. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 8 February, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Munguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 4.14 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker