



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 30 May, 2018

1. The House met at 11.18 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, 24 May, 2018.
The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
3. **Announcements**
 - (a) **Visitors in the Gallery:**
Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following:
 - (i) Members of the Student Union Representative Council, *The Federal Polytechnic*, Bida, Niger State; and
 - (ii) Members of the Community of Tiv Students, *University of Abuja Chapter*, Gwagwalada, Abuja.
 - (b) **Defection:**
Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba (*Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*), on his defection from All Progressives Congress (APC) to Peoples' Democratic Party (PDP).
4. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**
Need to Give Urgent Medical Attention to Vesico Vaginal Fistula (VVF) Patients:
Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame (*Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency and 1 other*) 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.

Need to Give Urgent Medical Attention to Vesico Vaginal Fistula (VVF) Patients:

The House:

Notes that over 800,000 Nigerian women and girls live with the despicable disease called Vesico - Vaginal Fistula (VVF) which is often caused by obstructed labour, poverty, and women's limited control over the use of family resource;

Observes that Vesico-Vaginal Fistula is a serious condition that can be experienced by women after childbirth and defined as a hole that develops between the vagina and the bladder, resulting in uncontrollable leaking of urine through the vagina;

Also notes that women and girls with this condition are often abandoned by their husbands, relatives and are isolated from the community due to the smell and associated shame of urine leakage;

Concerned that thousands of VVF Patients that have been neglected by their husbands and parents conducted a peaceful protest in Kano last week, to express their feelings on the neglect by the Government and the society;

Aware that effective surgical techniques for fistula repair are available in some hospitals and should be expanded to reach those in need especially in the rural communities;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to release funds to the VVF corrective designated Hospitals as a matter of urgency to take care of these patients immediately;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to include the affected VVF women into "The N-Power Scheme" as beneficiary so as to enable them recover from the low self-worth and esteem they have been suffering from and reintegrate them into the society;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to monitor compliance (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency and 1 Other*).

Debate.

Amendment proposed:

Insert a new Prayer as follows:

"further urge the Federal Ministry of Health, and the National Orientation Agency, to undertake awareness campaign against early girl/child marriage as a preventive measure against cases of Vesico Vaginal Fistula (VVF)" (*Hon. Istifanus Gyang Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*)

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that over 800,000 Nigerian women and girls live with the despicable disease called Vesico - Vaginal Fistula (VVF) which is often caused by obstructed labour, poverty, and women's limited control over the use of family resource;

Observed that Vesico-Vaginal Fistula is a serious disability that can be experienced by women after childbirth and defined as a hole that develops between the vagina and the bladder, resulting in uncontrollable leaking of urine through the vagina;

Also noted that women and girls with this disability are often abandoned by their husbands, relatives and are isolated from the community due to the smell and associated shame of urine leakage;

Concerned that thousands of VVF Patients that have been neglected by their husbands and parents conducted a peaceful protest in Kano last week, to express their feelings on the neglect by the Government and the society;

Aware that effective surgical techniques for fistula repair are available in some hospitals and should be expanded to reach those in need especially in the rural communities;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to release funds to the VVF corrective designated Hospitals as a matter of urgency to take care of these patients immediately;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to include the affected VVF patients into "The N-Power Scheme" as beneficiary so as to enable them recover from the low self-worth and esteem they have been suffering from and reintegrate them into the society;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Health, and the National Orientation Agency, to undertake awareness campaign against early girl/child marriage as a preventive measure against cases of Vesico Vaginal Fistula (VVF); and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to monitor compliance (**HR. 193/05/2018**).

5. Presentation of Reports

(i) **Committee on Niger Delta Ministry:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Niger Delta Ministry on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Presidential Amnesty Programme on Rehabilitation and Reintegration for Implementation of the Presidential Amnesty Programme in the Niger Delta Area of Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 482)" (*Hon. Nasir Ali Ahmed — Nasarawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) **Ad-hoc Committee on Economic Recession:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Economic Recession on Need for more Proactive steps to abate the hardship being experienced by Nigerians as a result of the Current Economic Recession" (*Hon. Olabode Ayorinde — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) **Committee on Works:**

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Works on Need to Investigate the Nature of the Contract and/or Concession Arrangement on the Second Niger Bridge and the Lagos -Ibadan Expressway (HR. 165/2017).

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(iv) **Committee on Industry:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Industry on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Cotton, Textile and Garment (CTG) Development Council to Provide for the Promotion and Facilitation of Cotton Production, Marketing and Standardization, Investment in Cotton Value Chain, Textiles and Garments as a Panacea to Achieving Self-Sufficiency in Cotton, Textiles and Garment Industry in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1003)" (Hon. Abubakar Hussaini Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(v) **Committee on Industry:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Industry on the Allegation of Mismanagement of the Funds meant for the Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) by Industrial Training Fund (ITF) from 2010 - 2017" (Hon. Abubakar Hussaini Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

6. Consolidation of Bills:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission (Establishment) Act No. 22 of 2007 to Provide for Payment of all Monies Received by the Commission into the Federation Account in Accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and to Provide for Establishment of a Paramedic Corps of the Federal Road Safety Commission; and for Related Matters (HB. 932 and HB. 939) be further consolidated with a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission Act, Cap. F19 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to reduce Road Accidents and Fatalities by Mandating the use of Child Restraints in Vehicle and a Resting Period for Drivers covering long Distance; and for Related Matters (HB. 796), and a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Road Safety Commission Act, 2007 and Enact a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Road Safety Commission with Responsibility for Traffic Management, Prevention and Minimization of Road Traffic Crashes, the Supervision of Users of such Roads, the Regulations of Traffic thereon, Clearing of Obstructions on any part of the Roads, the Education of Drivers, Motorists and other Members of the Public generally on the proposed use of the Roads; and for Related Matters (HB. 1328)" (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Establish National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons charged with Responsibility to, among other things, Regulate and Prohibit Proliferation of Small Arms, Ammunition and Light Weapons and sensitize the Public on the dangers of Small Arms and Light Weapons in Order to Discourage their Production and to Combat the Problem of the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons in Nigeria in line with the Economic Community of West African States Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons and for Related Matters (HB. 1295 and HB. 1353) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons charged with Responsibility to, among other things, Regulate and Prohibit Proliferation of Small Arms, Ammunition and Light Weapons and sensitize the Public on the dangers of Small Arms and Light Weapons in Order to Discourage their Production and to Combat the Problem of the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons in Nigeria in line with the Economic Community of West African States Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons and for Related Matters (HB. 1295 and HB. 1353) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Nhenna Elendu Ukeje — Bende 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 National Security and Intelligence.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Prohibition of Possession of Dangerous Weapons intended to be used for Unlawful Purposes; and for Related Matters (HB. 1365) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

9. **Call for Audit of Facilities at the Benin Airport, Edo State**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

10. **Recent Crude Oil Spillage in Communities of Burutu Federal Constituency**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the recent massive crude oil spill in Odimodi Community in Burutu Local Government Area of Delta State that wreaked havoc on the people and the environment;

Also notes that the spillage occurred on Tuesday, 24 April, 2018 at four different spots on the 24-inch Trans -Ramos Crude Oil Pipeline owned and operated by Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC);

Aware that as at the time the report of the spillage was made to the public, the SPDC was reported not to have demonstrated any commitment to the plight of the people and environment of the devastated Communities;

Concerned that even though the SPDC has reportedly begun to take stock of the damage to its pipeline, it has not demonstrated any commensurate commitment to a remediation of the polluted areas and the mitigation of the aquatic resources of the people;

Worried that a report of the Joint Investigative Team on the Odimodi spill made by the SPDC, the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR), and the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA) is yet to be made public;

Alarmed that the recent spill is so enormous that not only the communities in Odimodi area are adversely affected, but several other Communities in Bayelsa State and even beyond, are equally enmeshed in the crude oil flood;

Also worried that Multinational Oil Companies have often demonstrated unrestrained inclination to short-change Local Communities whenever a spillage occurs in order to avoid accepting responsibility for acts of corporate negligence;

Saddened that almost one month after the Odimodi spill, the SPDC and the Federal Government are yet to provide any form of relief materials and medications to the affected communities;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemn the lukewarm approach of the SPDC in taking steps to come to the aid of the affected communities and commence immediate spill clean-up of the affected communities;
- (ii) urge the Ecological Fund Office in the Presidency, Shell Petroleum Development Company-SPDC, and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the affected communities;
- (iii) also urge on the Federal Government to demonstrate more commitment to providing urgent solutions to the welfare of the affected Communities whenever there is Oil Spillage in any Oil Prospecting and Exploiting Community in Nigeria; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure implementation (*Hon. Julius G. Pondi — Burutu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Insert* a new Prayer (i) as follows:
“condemn the usual lukewarm approach of the SPDC in taking steps to come to the aid of the affected communities and commence immediate spill clean-up and remediation of the affected communities” (*Hon. Diri Douye — Yenagoa/Kolokuma/Opokuma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert* a new Prayer as follows:
“further urge the Federal Government to carry out an integrity test on all the pipelines to avoid future occurrences” (*Hon. Diri Douye — Yenagoa/Kolokuma/Opokuma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to

The House:

Noted the recent massive crude oil spill in Odimodi Community in Burutu Local Government Area of Delta State that wreaked havoc on the people and the environment;

Also noted that the spillage occurred on Tuesday, 24 April, 2018 at four different spots on the 24-inch Trans-Ramos Crude Oil Pipeline owned and operated by Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC);

Aware that as at the time the report of the spillage was made to the public, the SPDC was reported not to have demonstrated any commitment to the plight of the people and environment of the devastated Communities;

Concerned that even though the SPDC has reportedly begun to take stock of the damage to its pipeline, it has not demonstrated any commensurate commitment to a remediation of the polluted areas and the mitigation of the aquatic resources of the people;

Worried that a report of the Joint Investigative Team on the Odimodi spill made by the SPDC, the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR), and the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA) is yet to be made public;

Alarmed that the recent spill is so enormous that not only the communities in Odimodi area are adversely affected, but several other Communities in Bayelsa State and even beyond, are equally enmeshed in the crude oil flood;

Also worried that Multinational Oil Companies have often demonstrated unrestrained inclination to short-change Local Communities whenever a spillage occurs in order to avoid accepting responsibility for acts of corporate negligence;

Saddened that almost one month after the Odimodi spill, the SPDC and the Federal Government are yet to provide any form of relief materials and medications to the affected communities;

Resolved to:

- (i) condemn the usual lukewarm approach of the SPDC in taking steps to come to the aid of the affected communities and commence immediate spill clean-up and remediation of the affected communities;
- (ii) urge the Ecological Fund Office in the Presidency, Shell Petroleum Development Company-SPDC, and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the affected communities;
- (iii) also urge on the Federal Government to demonstrate more commitment to providing urgent solutions to the welfare of the affected Communities whenever there is Oil Spillage in any Oil Prospecting and Exploiting Community in Nigeria;
- (iv) further urge the Federal Government, and the SPDC, to carry out an integrity test on all the pipelines to avoid future occurrences; and
- (v) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure implementation (HR. 194/05/2018).

11. Consideration of Reports

(i) *Report of Conference Committee:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Facilitate the Development of Nigeria's Capital Market by enabling the Conversion and Re-registration of the Nigerian Stock Exchange from a Company Limited by Guarantee to a Public Company Limited by Shares; and for Related Matters and approve the recommendations" (Hon. Yusuf Tajudeen — Zaria 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)

CONFERENCE REPORT ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE
DEVELOPMENT OF NIGERIA'S CAPITAL MARKET BY ENABLING THE
CONVERSION AND RE-REGISTRATION OF THE NIGERIAN STOCK EXCHANGE
FROM A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE TO A PUBLIC COMPANY
LIMITED BY SHARES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 983)

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Facilitate the Development of Nigeria's Capital Market by Enabling the Conversion and Re-registration of the Nigerian Stock Exchange from a Company Limited by Guarantee to a Public Company Limited by Shares and for Related Matters (HB. 983) (*Hon. Yusuf Ayo Tajudeen — Ijumu/Kabba-Bunu 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 of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Facilitate the Development of Nigeria's Capital Market by enabling the Conversion and Re-registration of the Nigerian Stock Exchange from a Company Limited by Guarantee to a Public Company Limited by Shares; and for Related Matters and adopted the Report.

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

- (ii) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria Act, Cap. 115, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Fines Upward; and for Related Matters (HB. 212) (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 Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria Act, Cap. 115, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Fines Upward; and for Related Matters (HB. 212) and approve the recommendations" (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku 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)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE INSTITUTE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT OF
NIGERIA ACT, CAP. 115, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO
REVIEW FINES UPWARD AND FOR CONNECTED MATTERS (HB. 212)

Clause 1: Amendment of Principal Act.

The Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria Act, Cap. 115, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Substitution of the Section 20 (5) (a) and (b) of the Principal Act.

Section 20 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting existing subsection (5) (a) and (b) for a new subsection (5) (a) and (b) —

- (a) on summary conviction to a fine of an amount not exceeding one Hundred Thousand Naira; or
- (b) on conviction on indictment to a fine of an amount not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Naira or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both such fine and imprisonment (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Amendment of Section 20 (6) of the Principal Act.

Section 20 (6) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting "any person" with "any official" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Citation.

This Bill is cited as the Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria Act(Amendment) Bill, 2018 (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria Cap 115 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to review fines upward and for connected matters (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria Act, Cap. 115, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review Fines Upward and for Connected Matters (HB. 212) (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku 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 Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria Act, Cap. 115, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Fines Upward; and for Related Matters (HB. 212) and approved Clauses 1 - 4, 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.

- (iii) *A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure Act, Cap. N3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to insert element of fair hearing before the Removal of Staff from Office; and for Related Matters (HB. 206) (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 National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure Act, Cap. N3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to insert element of fair hearing before the Removal of Staff from Office; and for Related Matters (HB. 206) and approve the recommendations" (Hon. Beni Lar — Langtang North/Langtang South 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)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL AGENCY FOR SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING INFRASTRUCTURE ACT, CAP. N3, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 (HB. 206)

Clause 1: Amendment of the Principal Act.

The National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure Act, Cap. N3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Beni Lar — Langtang North/Langtang South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 18 of the Principal Act.

Section 18 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new subsection (4) to read —

"No person shall be removed pursuant to this section without being given an opportunity to appear before a disciplinary committee duly constituted for that purpose" (*Hon. Beni Lar — Langtang North/Langtang South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as The National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (*Hon. Beni Lar — Langtang North/Langtang South Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure of Nigeria, 2004 to insert element of fair hearing before removal of staff from office and related matters (*Hon. Beni Lar — Langtang North/Langtang South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure Act, Cap. N3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (HB. 206) (*Hon. Beni Lar --- Langtang North/Langtang South 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 National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure Act, Cap. N3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to insert element of fair hearing before the Removal of Staff from Office; and for Related Matters (HB. 206) and approved Clauses 1 - 4, 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.

- (iv) *A Bill for an Act to Amend the Lagos Ports Operation (Special Provisions) Act, Cap. L3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 269) (Committee of the Whole):*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

12. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 31 May, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.28 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker