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FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 9 October, 2012

1. The House met at 11.43 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, 27 September, 2012.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Message:**
Mr Speaker read the following Message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

October 4, 2012

Rt. Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal, CFR
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Your Excellency,

RE*: 2013 *BUDGET

As a follow-up to my letter of 21*st September*, 2012, *I write to crave your kind indulgence to grant me the slot of* **10.00 *a.m.*** *on* **Wednesday, 10*th October*, 2012** *to enable me formally address a Joint Session, of the National Assembly on the* 2013 *Budget.*

While thanking the Honourable Members of the House of Representatives of the Federal Republic for the constancy of their support, please accept, Rt. Hon. Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

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4. Announcements:

(*i*) ***Visitors*:**

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

(*a*) Members of Students' Representative Assembly, Students' Union, Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto;

(*b*) Members of the National Association of Delta State Students (NADESSTU), Kogi State University, Anyigba.

(*ii*) ***Bereavement*:**

Mr Speaker read the following communication from:

(*a*) Hon. Eucharia Azodo (*Aguata Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of Hon. John Okoye, Member of the House of Representatives (1979 - 1983), who passed away on Monday, 24 September, 2012.

(*b*) Hon. Ganny Oluwadare Dauda (*Akoko North East/Akoko North West Federal Constituency*), announcing the death of his wife, Alhaja Ganiyat Ibiyinka Ganny-Dauda on Tuesday, 2 October, 2012.

(*c*) Hon. Benjamin I. Aboho (*Kwande/Ushongo Federal Constituency*), announcing the passage of his mother in-law, Mama Kumam Ngise, who died on Thursday, 27 September, 2012.

A minute's silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

5. Petition:

A petition was presented and laid by Hon. Frank Enekorogha (*Burutu Federal Constituency*), on behalf of Mr Gilbert F. Fiyebor, praying the House to intervene in the wrongful termination of his appointment by the Petroleum Training Institute, Effurun, Delta State, with a view to reinstating him.

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. Matters of Urgent Public Importance:

(*i*) Citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Abubakar Mohammed Wambai (*Miaha/Mubi North/Mubi South Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the House to the brutal killing of 25 students of the Federal Polytechnic, Mubi, Adamawa State on 1 October, 2012 by some unknown gun men which resulted in the closure of the institution. He described the unwarranted killings as unacceptable and urged the House to consider the matter as one of urgent public importance and to suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) to enable the House debate it forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance, put and agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) *to enable it debate the matter forthwith, put and agreed to.*

(*a*) **Brutal Killings of Students of the Federal Polytechnic Mubi, Adamawa State:**

The House:

Notes the brutal killings of about 25 students of the Federal Polytechnic Mubi, and other members of the public in Adamawa State on Monday, 1 October, 2012;

Disturbed that the killings were carried out by some unidentified gun-men who took over control of security at Wuropatugi Ward (an off-campus area of the Polytechnic) without any meaningful challenge;

Worried that the incident has stalled academic activities in the Institution leading to its closure.

Resolves to:

(*i*) Observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased;

(*ii*) condemn the brutal killings of innocent students of the Federal Polytechnic Mubi in Adamawa State;

(*iii*) constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to visit the State and commiserate with the Government and people of Adamawa State and the families of the deceased;

(*iv*) urge Security Agencies to apprehend the perpetrators of his act and make them to face the full wrath of the law (*Hon. Abubakar Mohammed Wambai — Miaha/Mubi North/Mubi South Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*v*) as follows:
"Urge the Federal Government to set up a Committee to investigate the cause of the incident and make recommendations with a view to preventing future occurrence" (*Hon. Friday Itulah — Esan North East/Esan South West*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(*ii*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*vi*), as follows:
"Urge the leadership of the Christian and the Muslim religions in Nigeria to hold a peace conference and send messages to all Nigerian to ensure peace in the country" (*Hon. Khadija W. Bukar Abba — Damaturu/Gujba/Gulani/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(*iii*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*vii*) as follows:
"Also send a delegation to sympathize with victims that were caught up in the on going conflict in Maiduguri" (*Hon. Kyari Gujubawu — Maiduguri Metropolitan Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted the brutal killings of about 25 students of the Federal Polytechnic Mubi, and other members of the public in Adamawa State on Monday, 1 October, 2012;

Disturbed that the killings were carried out by some unidentified gun-men who took over control of security at Wuropatugi Ward (an off-campus area of the Polytechnic) without any meaningful challenge;

Worried that the incident has stalled academic activities in the Institution leading to its closure.

Resolved to:

(*i*) Observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased;

(*ii*) condemn the brutal killings of innocent students of the Federal Polytechnic Mubi in Adamawa State;

(*iii*) constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to visit the State and commiserate with the Government and people of Adamawa State and the families of the deceased;

(*iv*) urge Security Agencies to apprehend the perpetrators of his act and make them to face the full wrath of the law;

(*v*) also urge the Federal Government to set up a Committee to investigate the case of the incidence and proffer solution to prevent a future re-occurrence;

(*vi*) further urge the leadership of the Christian and the Muslim religions in Nigeria to hold a peace conference and send messages to all Nigerian to ensure peace in the country;

(*vii*) send a delegation to sympathize with victims that were caught up in the on going conflict in Maiduguri (**HR. 161/2012**).

A minute's silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

(*ii*) Also citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Rasaq Osagie Bello (*Oredo Federal Constituency*), expressed concern over the poor state of bridges in the country, particularly the Ovia River bridge located at Ovia North East Local Government Area of Edo State. He stated that the Ovia River bridge and indeed most bridges across the country are without protective barricades, thereby turning them into death traps for commuters. He therefore urged the House to consider the matter as one of urgent public importance and to suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) to enable the House debate it forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance, put and agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) *to enable it debate the matter forthwith, put and agreed to.*

(*b*) **Poor State of Bridges without Protective Barricades at Ovia River (Edo State) and Other parts of the country:**

The House:

Notes Ovia River bridge located at Ovia North East Local Government of Edo State and many other bridges are without protective barricades on Nigeria highways;

Worried the aluminum barricades used to protect vehicles/commuters from plunging into the river are constantly vandalized by unknown persons, leaving the bridges bare, thereby turning them into death traps;

Further worried that due to the state of our roads/bridges, often times, commuters ply one way facing the oncoming vehicles even at sudden bends and brow of hills, and thereby causing fatal accidents resulting in loss of lives;

Concerned that on 5 September, 2012, four lecturers of Igbinedion University, Okada (two of Oredo origin) were rammed off the Ovia River bridge (a few kilometers from Benin City) into Ovia River in an effort to avoid an oncoming lorry plunged into the river, while trying to rescue them, more cars and skulls of human being that had earlier fallen off the bridge were found under the river, not less than 268 lives have been lost along that Ovia section since July, 2012;

Further concerned that more vehicles have plunged into the Ovia river since the incident of 5 October, 2012 under similar circumstances. It is instructive to note painfully that on the 6 October, 2012 another 18 seater Toyota Hiace Bus with full passengers also plunged into the river, leaving no survival;

Disturbed that the nation is already on the Ember months leading to the Yuletide season when vehicular traffic is expected to increase, particularly as this route serves as a gateway to many parts of the country. It is therefore worrisome that there might be further reoccurrence of these tragic incidents if nothing is done to arrest the situation urgently.

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the House to bring to the notice of the Minister of Works to quickly embark on work at the Ovia River bridge and other bridges to safeguard lives and property;

(*ii*) urge Minister of Works to embark on low wall concrete barrier instead of the aluminum guard rails used, to prevent vehicle from plunging into the river;

(*iii*) urge the Minister of Works and the Federal Road Safety Corp Marshal to immediately embark on campaign programme, through co-ordinate and sustained sensitization in various media particularly and the erection of reflective warning signs when such bridges are approached pending when the problems are fully addressed;

(*iv*) urge the Federal Government to equip the Federal Road Safety Corp with a view to strengthening their response mechanism swiftly, particularly where this is inevitable (*Hon. Razaq Bello-Osagie — Oredo Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Resolution referred to the Committee on Works, pursuant to Standing Order VIII, Rule 51 (5) (**HR. 162/2012**).

(*iii*) Further citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Henry Ofongo (*South Ijaw Federal Constituency*) invited the attention of the House to the horrendous flood that destroyed over 200 (two hundred) communities in Bayelsa State. He stressed that 80% of the entire State has been submerged by the flood, causing untold hardship to the people. He therefore urged the House to consider the matter as one of urgent public importance and to suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) to enable the House debate it forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance, put and agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) *to enable it debate the matter forthwith, put and agreed to.*

(*iv*) Again citing Standing Order VIII, Rule 46, Hon. Leo Ogor (*Deputy House Leader*) called the attention of the House to the recent torrential rainfall and the consequent flood which ravaged parts of his constituency. He noted in particular, the grave health hazard and humanitarian challenges posed to the communities as a result of the flood and thus urged the House to consider the matter as one of urgent public importance and to suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) to enable the House debate it forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance, put and agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith, put and agreed to.

Ordered; That the two matters of urgent public importance on flood be consolidated into a single Motion for immediate debate.

(*c*) **Flood Disaster Affecting Several Communities in Bayelsa and Delta States:**

The House:

Notes that several Communities and Villages in Bayelsa and Delta States were recently affected by severe flood occasioned by torrential rainfall which lasted for several days;

Aware that the floods devastated over 250 communities in the two States including Southern Ijaws, Kolokuma, Opokuma, Sagbama, Ekeremor, Aviara, Uzore, Ewhere, Irri, Idduze, Ofagbe, Overde, Ikpede, Oloworo and Umeh;

Further notes that the severity of the rainfall caused loss of lives and destruction of livestocks, crops as well as other properties worth millions of Naira.

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Agriculture to urgently ascertain from the Federal Government through the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, measures that are being contemplated to prevent widespread famine and deprivation in the affected areas;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Environment to conduct Investigative Public Hearing on the failure of Nigeria to build a counterpart dam as allegedly agreed with Cameroun when that country was building the Ladgo Dam across its border with Nigeria 30 years ago, and report back to the House in six weeks;

(*iii*) call on the Federal Government to consider, as a matter of utmost urgency, the construction of levees along the Lagos Coastline in order that the country might not lose Lagos, the nation's commercial capital to the fury of ocean surge in future as predicted by experts (*Hon. Leo Ogor — Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that several Communities and Villages in Bayelsa and Delta States were recently affected by severe flood occasioned by torrential rainfall which lasted for several days;

Aware that the floods devastated over 250 communities in the two States including Southern Ijaws, Kolokuma, Opokuma, Sagbama, Ekeremor, Aviara, Uzore, Ewhere, Irri, Idduze, Ofagbe, Overde, Ikpede, Oloworo and Umeh;

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7. Presentation of Bills:

The following Bills were presented and read the *First Time*:

(*i*) National Symbol Act (Amendment) Bill, 2012 (HB. 362).

(*ii*) Niger Delta Development Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2012 (HB. 374).

(*iii*) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Further Amendment) Bill, 2012 (HB. 337).

(*iv*) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Further Amendment) Bill, 2012 (HB. 339).

(*v*) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Further Amendment) Bill, 2012 (HB. 340).

(*vi*) Slaughter House (Regulation) Bill, 2012 (HB. 344).

(*vii*) Affirmative Action (Equal Opportunity for Women) Bill, 2012 (HB. 350).

8. **Presentation of Report:**
***Committees on Finance, Legislative Budget and Research, National Planning and Economic Development and Aids, Loans and Debt Management*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committees on Finance, Legislative Budget and Research, National Planning and Economic Development and Aids, Loans and Debt Management on the 2013 - 2015 Medium Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

9. **Joint Session of the National Assembly:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do meet with the Senate in a Joint Session on Wednesday, 10 October, 2012 at 10.00 a.m. to receive the address of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the 2013 Budget Estimates" (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

10. **Flood Disaster Affecting Several Communities in Cross River, Edo, Anambra Bayelsa and Niger States:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that several Communities and Villages in Cross River, Edo, Anambra, Bayelsa and Niger States were affected by severe flood occasioned by torrential rains that lasted for some days and excess water released from the Lagdo Dam in Cameroun into River Benue over flowing the Niger River banks;

Aware that the floods has devastated the landscape of not less than 18 Communities in Cross River State, namely Abare bara, Abrijang, Abapia, Ijom Abayong, Abanwan, Ibini, Obum, Ikot Ana, Ikot Okpene, Umon Island, Biekpe, Ugbem, Baganni, Etono Central, Ikun Beach, Agwagune, Okurike, and ltu - Agwagune;

Further notes that the release of water was so sudden that Communities and inhabitants along the banks of River Niger and the Benue could not harvest their crops or quit the area when the flood suddenly submerged entir e Communities and farm lands in Edo North Districts including Ukpeko-Uzami, Yerowa, Ogbehaya, Ogweyo, Affai, Ikhala, Egori-Eda, Aviodoh, Okpeko-Ole, Obadudu, Osemegbe, Udochi-Amen and Udochi Oke Anegbete and Ekperi-Udaba Etsako East and West Local Government Areas and Edo Central Districts affecting Communities like Ozigono-Illushi, Ugboha, Edenu, Orah and Onogbolo and several others;

Further aware that the severity of the rains and the volume of water released, the flood has wrecked serious havoc on human lives, livestock and crop, residential buildings and properties worth millions of naira have been destroyed and washed away in Anambra State, Communities affected includes Enugu - Otu, Eziagulu - Otu, Aguleri, Otuocha, Nzam, Mmiata, Iyiora, Umu -Eze Anam, Ode, Onuno, among others;

Concerned that the menace has swept off major roads and bridges linking Communities to major towns and cities in Bayelsa State and other neighbouring States thereby causing untold hardship and pains on the people of these affected Areas;

Worried that several Communities affected in Niger State and other States across the Nation are now homeless, displaced, hungry and are exposed to diseases therefore need urgent support.

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to find a lasting and comprehensive solution for people living in flood prone areas;

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to visit the affected Communities to sympathize with them and assess the level of damages caused by the flood;

(*iii*) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently send relief materials to the affected Communities (*Hon. Daniel Effiong Asuquo — Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency and* 5 *Others*).

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) *Insert* the following communities of Imo State as areas affected by the flood:
"Oguta, Ezi-Orsu, Orsu Obodo, Nnebukwu, Enuigbo, Nkweshi, Ndi-Oshimiri, Awa, and Akri, Obeabor communities in Oguta Local Government Area, and Etekwuru, Mmahu, Abacheke, Abiezie, Opuoma, Obeakpu communities in Ohaji/Egbema Local Governemnt Area, in Ohaji/Egbema-Oguta-Oru West Federal Constituency" (*Hon. Irona A. Gerald — Ohaji/Egbema-Oguta-Oru West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(*ii*) *Insert* the following flood ravaged communities of Obubra Local Government Area of Cross River State:
"Ogada I, Owakande, Appiapum, Ahaha, Ohenne Eda, Eta, Ogurude,Omene, Okpechi, Isobo, Ogurokpon, Adun Beach, Ofumbongha, Araragba,Offia Oji and Ebiem" (*Hon. John Owan Enoh — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(*iii*) *Insert* the following communities in Rivers State as areas affected by the flood:
"Abua Odual, Ahoada East, Ahoada West, and Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni" (*Hon. Betty Apiafi — Abua Odual/Ahoada East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(*iv*) *Also insert* the following communities of Nasarawa State as part of flooded areas:
"Otuya, Ijiwo and Obende of Doma Local Government Area" (*Hon. Onawo Mohammed Ogoshi — Awe/Doma/Keana Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(*v*) *Insert* the following among the areas also affected by the flood:
"Ekwusigo, Ihiala, Awka North, Anambra East, Anambra West, Ogbaru Local Government Areas of Anambra State" (*Hon. Chris Emeka Azubogu — Nnewi North-South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(*vi*) *Also* include the following areas of Yobe State as part of the places affected by the flood:
Buniyadi in Gujba Local Government Area, Babangida in Tarmuwa Local Government Area, Bulawaja in Gulari Local Government Area and Najinawa in Damaturu Local Government Area" (*Hon. Khadija Bukar Abba — Damaturu/Gujba/Gulani/Tarmuwa*)

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(*vii*) *Insert* the following communities of Enugu State as part of the areas affected by the flood:
"Ogurugu, Igah, and Adani in Uzo-Uwani Local Government Area" (*Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi — Igboeze North/Udenu Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(*viii*) *Insert* the following affected areas of Delta State as part of the flooded Communities:
"Ntagba-Ogbe, Umuseti, Ebende and Utagba-Uno" (*Hon. Ossai N. Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(*ix*) *Equally insert* the following communities of Delta State as areas affected by the flood:
"Ughelli North, Uwherun Town, Ohoro Town, Ughelli South, Ehuhu Urhie, Olota, Ogoda,Okwagbe,Arhavwarcen, and Oviri Oloma" (*Hon. Ogbaburhon Austin — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(*x*) *Also insert* the following of Delta State as part of the flooded communities:
"Warri South West, and Warri North Local Government Areas" (*Hon. Reyenieju Daniel — Warri Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(*xi*) *Equally insert* the following communities of Delta State in the areas affected by the flood:
"Obotebe, Ayakoromor, Okrika, Okpokunou, Torugbene, Tuomo, Ndoro and Burutu town" (*Hon. Enokorogha Francis — Burutu Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(*xii*) *Insert* the following areas of Kogi State as part of the places affected by flood:
"Ajaokuta town, Adogu, Ganaja all in Ajaokuta Federal Constituency" (*Hon. Sadiq Asema Mohammed — Ajaokuta Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(*xiii*) *Insert* the following communities in Kwara State as part of the flooded areas:
"Edu, Moro, Patigi, Kaima" (*Hon. Aliyu Ahmed Pategi — Edu/Moro/Pategi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(*xiv*) *Insert* the following communities in Anambra State as part of the flooded areas:
"Nsugbe, Igberiam, Umueri, and Umu-Oba Anam" (*Hon. Ameke Chriscato I. — Anambra East/ Anambra West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Also insert the communities in Bomadi and Patani Local Government Areas of Delta State" (*Hon. Ojakovo Evelyn Onavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uwie Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(*xv*) *Insert* the following communities in Cross River State as part of the flooded areas:
"Nkim, Ogoja, Nkum Iborr, Nkum Irede, Ekajuk I, Ekajuk II" (*Hon. Rose Oko — Ogoja/Yala Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that several Communities and Villages in Cross River, Edo, Anambra, Bayelsa and Niger States were affected by severe flood occasioned by torrential rains that lasted for some days and excess water released from the Lagdo Dam in Cameroun into River Benue over flowing the Niger River banks;

Aware that the floods has devastated the landscape of not less than 18 Communities in Cross River State, namely Abare bara, Abrijang, Abapia, Ijom Abayong, Abanwan, Ibini, Obum, Ikot Ana, Ikot Okpene, Umon Island, Biekpe, Ugbem, Baganni, Etono Central, Ikun Beach, Agwagune, Okurike, Itu-Agwagune and Obubra Local Government Area comprising Ogada I, Owakande, Appiapum, Ahaha, Ohenne Eda, Eta, Ogurude,Omene, Okpechi, Isobo, Ogurokpon, Adun Beach, Ofumbongha, Araragba, Offia Oji and Ebiem, Nkim, Ogoja, Nkum Iborr, Nkum Irede, Ekajuk I, Ekajuk II of Cross River State and Oguta, Ezi-Orsu, Orsu Obodo, Nnebuk wu, Enuigbo, Nkweshi, Ndi-Oshimiri, Awa, and Akri, Obeabor communities in Oguta Local Government Area, and Etekwuru, Mmahu, Abacheke, Abiezie, Opuoma, Obeakpu communities in Ohaji/Egbema Local Governemnt Area, in Ohaji/Egbema-Oguta-Oru West Federal Constituency of Imo State;

Further noted that the release of water was so sudden that Communities and inhabitants along the banks of River Niger and the Benue could not harvest their crops or quit the area when the flood suddenly submerged entire communities and farm lands in Edo North Districts including Ukpeko-Uzami, Yerowa, Ogbehaya, Ogweyo, Affai, Ikhala, Egori-Eda, Aviodoh, Okpeko-Ole, Obadudu, Osemegbe, Udochi-Amen and Udochi Oke Anegbete and Ekperi-Udaba Etsako East and West Local Government Areas and Edo Central Districts affecting Communities like Ozigono-Illushi, Ugboha, Edenu, Orah and Onogbolo and several others in Abua Odual, Ahoada East, Ahoada West, and Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni of Rivers State, and Otuya, Ijiwo and Obende of Doma Local Government Area of Nasarawa State, and Ogurugu, Igah, and Adani in Uzo-Uwani Local Government Area of Enugu State, and Ajaokuta town, Adogu, Ganaja all in Ajaokuta Federal Constituency of Kogi State, and Edu, Moro, Patigi, Kaima of Kwara State;

Further aware that the severity of the rains and the volume of water released, the flood has wrecked serious havoc on human lives, livestock and crop, residential buildings and properties worth millions of Naira have been destroyed and washed away in Anambra State, communities affected includes Enugu - Otu, Eziagulu - Otu, Aguleri, Otuocha, Nzam, Mmiata, Iyiora, Umu -Eze Anam, Ode, Onuno, Ekwusigo, Ihiala, Awka North, Anambra East, Anambra West, Ogbaru Local Government Areas and Nsugbe, Igberiam, Umueri, and Umu-Oba Anam of Anambra State, and Buniyadi in Gujba Local Government Area, Babangida in Tarmuwa Local Government Area, Bulawaja in Gulari Local Government Area and Najinawa in Damaturu Local Government Area of Yobe State, and Ntagba-Ogbe, Umuseti, Ebende, Utagba-Uno, Ughelli North, Uwherun Town, Ohoro Town, Ughelli South, Ehuhu Urhie, Olota, Ogoda,Okwagbe,Arhavwarcen, and Oviri Oloma, Warri South West, and Warri North Local Government Areas, Obotebe, Ayakoromor, Okrika, Okpokunou, Torugbene, Tuomo, Ndoro and Burutu town and Bomadi and Patani Local Government Areas of Delta State among others;

Concerned that the menace has swept off major roads and bridges linking Communities to major towns and cities in Bayelsa State and other neighbouring States thereby causing untold hardship and pains on the people of these affected Areas;

Worried that several Communities affected in Niger State and other States across the nation are now homeless, displaced, hungry and are exposed to diseases therefore need urgent support.

Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to find a lasting and comprehensive solution for people living in flood prone areas;

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to visit the affected Communities to sympathize with them and assess the level of damages caused by the flood;

(*iii*) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently send relief materials to the affected Communities (**HR. 164/2012**).

12. **Lokoja - Abuja Road Diversion:**

Order read; and by leave of the House, deferred.

13. **Consideration of Report:**
***Committees on Finance, Legislative Budget and Research, National Planning and Economic Development and Aids, Loans and Debt Management*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committees on Finance, Legislative Budget and Research, National Planning and Economic Development and Aids, Loans and Debt Management on the 2013 - 2015 Medium Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper (MTEF & FSP) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into Committee of the Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*a*):**
"Henceforth, Government should ensure timely submission of the MTEF & FSP in line with the provisions of the FRA 2007" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*b*):**
"Government should ensure that future MTEF & FSPs are comprehensive enough and be in alignment with the provisions of the FRA 2007" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*c*):**
"The preparation of future MTEF & FSPs should be an all-inclusive process involving all relevant agencies" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*d*):**
"The crude oil price benchmark of $75/barrel should be increased to $80/barrel. This will lead to an increase in oil and gas revenue from ₦7,250.516 billion to ₦7,895.660 in 2013. It will also give rise to oil revenue projections of ₦8,160.147 billion for 2014 and ₦8,393.802 for 2015 (*see* Table 2). The $5 difference in the benchmark will increase FGN Share of revenue from ₦3,891.376 billion to ₦4,265.243 billion for 2013 (*see* Table 3); and projections of ₦4,638.487 billion for 2014 and ₦4,977.205 for 2015" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*e*):**
"Gross federally collectible revenue will be ₦11,710.387 billion for 2013, ₦12,549.620 billion for 2014 and ₦13,342.695 billion for 2015" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:
In Recommendation (*e*), immediately after the word "revenue", *leave out* the word "will", and *insert* the words "is projected to" instead thereof (*Hon. Enekorogha Francis ₦ Burutu Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*f*):**
"Crude oil production levels to be retained as 2.526 mbpd for 2013, 2.610 mbpd for 2014 and 2.648 mbpd for 2015" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*g*):**
"The exchange rate of ₦160:US$1should be retained as proposed in the 2013-2015 MTEF & FSP" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*h*):**
"Measures that will guarantee realization of the projected revenue increase and curb leakages should be put in place, such as:

(*i*) Curbing Pipeline vandalism,

(*ii*) Eliminating crude oil theft,

(*iii*) Increasing revenue generation by Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) and Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS),

(*iv*) Acquisition and installation of metering devices at production points,

(*v*) Prompt payment to local contractors" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (i):
"The revenue target of the Nigeria Customs Service for 2013 should be increased from ₦914.366 billion to ₦1.018 trillion, This increase will make total non-oil revenue to rise from ₦3,298.46 billion to ₦3,523.82billion" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (j):
"The target for FIRS and Federal Government Independent Revenue (FGNIR) should be retained as proposed in the 2013-2015 MTEF & FSP document" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (k):
"Government must take urgent steps to review all laws that allow its agencies to expend their revenue with little or no operating surpluses" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (l):
"The deficit portion of the budget should be reduced from ₦1,307.192 billion to ₦663.324 billion derived from increased oil and non-oil revenue" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (m):
"The increase in Federal Government budget revenue should translate to increased capital budget in order to address critical infrastructural development needs" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (n):
"Government expenditure is projected as ₦4,928.567 for 2013, ₦5,158.727 for 2014 and ₦5,311.475 for 2015" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (o):
"Internal borrowing should be reduced from ₦727.19 billion to ₦243.33 billion, representing 66% decrease (see Table 5). This is to enhance domestic access to credit by the private sector" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*p*):**
"As foreign borrowing is not projected in the MTEF any additional foreign borrowing during the period must be approved by the National Assembly or it will be at the lender's risk" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*q*):**
"Government must aspire to exhibit more transparency and prudence in the management of the economy, especially given the gains to be achieved in the medium term" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*r*):**
"Government should increase funding for Frontier exploration services to increase the Nations crude oil reserves; and" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*s*):**
"Government and its agencies must comply fully with the Fiscal Responsibility Act" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

The Joint Committee also made the following Recommendations which address some issues related to the 2013 - 2015 MTEF and FSP:

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"That the accruals to the Sharing from Stabilization Fund Account (ECA) should be estimated, as the Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) did not project the medium term accruals" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"That the sustenance of peace in the Niger-Delta should be given priority attention and prominence, in order to guarantee uninterrupted production of crude oil" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*iii*):**
"That the National Assembly, through its Committees on Finance should aggressively engage the revenue collecting agencies in order to meet their medium term revenue projections" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*iv*):**
"That the use of an Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS), which commenced some time ago, should cover all Ministries, Department, and Agencies (MDAs,) in order to effectively reduce the wage bill, in line with the overall objective of reducing recurrent expenditure" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation (v)*:**
"That the SURE-P should be implemented to the fullest coverage" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation (vi)*:**
"That the habit of poor budget implementation and return of unspent funds will continue in the medium term, this indefensible fiscal habit is at variance with the hallmarks of best practices and should not be encouraged, Government must ensure full implementation of the Budget" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation (vii)*:**
"That the Management of financial investments and savings, particularly through the Excess Crude Account and Sovereign Wealth Fund should be within the domestic economy in order to reap the benefits of a multiplier effect" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:
In Recommendation (*vii*), immediately after the word "savings", *leave out* the words "particularly through the Excess Crude Account and Sovereign Wealth Fund" (*Hon. Leo Ogor — Deputy House Leader*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and 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 That this House do consider the Report of the Committees on Finance, Legislative Budget and Research, National Planning and Economic Development and Aids, Loans and Debt Management on the 2013 - 2015 Medium Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper (MTEF & FSP) and approved Recommendations (*a*) - (*d*), amended Recommendation (*e*), approved Recommendations (*f*) - (s), also approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*vi*), and amended Recommendation (*vii*).

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole, put and agreed to.

14. Adjournment of First Sitting:
That this House do now adjourn the First Sitting till 3.30 p.m. This Day (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.23 *p.m.*

Aminu Waziri Tambuwal
Speaker