# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 2 July, 2014

**1.** The House met at 11.26 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, 1 July, 2014.

*By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.*

**3.** **Petition:**
A petition was presented and laid by Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga (*Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*) from Mr Obinna Egu, praying the House to intervene in the termination of his appointment by the Board of Petroleum Equalization Fund.

*Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.*

**4.** **Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order VIII, Rule 46):**

(*i*) Hon. Bamidele Faparusi (*Emure/Gbonyin/Ekiti East Federal Constituency*) informed the House that there are reports that Federal Scholarship Board has been defaulting in remitting funds to Nigerian students on Federal Government Scholarship in China thereby causing untold hardship to the students. He therefore urged the House to consider the matter as one of urgent public importance and suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) so that it could be debated immediately.

*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.*

**Non Payment of Allowances of Scholars Studying in China by Federal Scholarship Board:**

The House:

*Notes* that the primary objective of government in organising scholarship programs, both National and International, is to make higher education more accessible to the less privileged

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and yet brilliant students who could have not been able to afford the acquisition of such education:

*Observes* that many successful scholars are sent to various institutions abroad to study at government's expense;

*Aware* that the functions of the Federal Scholarship Board include processing the remittances of Scholars' allowances;

*Disturbed* that for over a year now our Scholars in China are yet to receive their allowances and as such some have resorted to begging for their daily sustenance even those that are through with their programs are yet to get their return tickets;

*Worried* that the situation has degenerated to an embarrassing stage where some of them are being arrested by the Chinese police for overstaying their visas;

*Further worried* that all efforts by the Nigerian Embassy in China m contacting the Director, Foreign Scholarship Board has so far proved futile;

*Aware* that it took the intervention of the House for a similar matter involving our scholars on scholarship in Russia to be resolved last year;

*Worried* that this reoccurring reports continually dent our country's image and should be nipped in the bud;

*Resolves to*:

(*i*) Urge the Ministry of Education and the Federal Scholarship Board to release the allowances of scholars in China and indeed those studying in other parts of the world;

(*ii*) Mandate the Committees on Diaspora, and Education to investigate the non-payment of allowances to scholars studying abroad on Federal Government scholarship by the Federal Scholarship Board and report to the House within four weeks (*Hon. Bamidele Faparusi — Gboyin/Emure/Ekiti East Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that the primary objective of government in organising scholarship programs, both National and International, is to make higher education more accessible to the less privileged and yet brilliant students who could have not been able to afford the acquisition of such education;

*Observed* that many successful scholars are sent to various institutions abroad to study at government's expense;

*Aware* that the functions of the Federal Scholarship Board include processing the remittances of Scholars' allowances;

*Disturbed* that for over a year now our Scholars in China are yet to receive their allowances and as such some have resorted to begging for their daily sustenance even those that are through with their programs are yet to get their return tickets;

*Worried* that the situation has degenerated to an embarrassing stage where some of them are being arrested by the Chinese police for overstaying their visas;

*Further worried* that all efforts by the Nigerian Embassy in China m contacting the Director, Foreign Scholarship Board has so far proved futile;

*Aware* that it took the intervention of the House for a similar matter involving our scholars on scholarship in Russia to be resolved last year;

*Worried* that this reoccurring reports continually dent our country's image and should be nipped in the bud;

*Resolved to*:

(*i*) Urge the Ministry of Education and the Federal Scholarship Board to release the allowances of scholars in China and indeed those studying in other parts of the world;

(*ii*) Mandate the Committees on Diaspora, and Education to investigate the non-payment of allowances to scholars studying abroad on Federal Government scholarship by the Federal Scholarship Board and report to the House within four weeks (**HR. 09/2014**).

**(*ii*)** Hon. Abdulrahman Abba Terab (*Bama/Ngala/Kalabalge Federal Constituency*) called the attention of the House to the increasing humanitarian crisis confronting Adamawa, Borno, and Yobe States as a result of insurgency and security problems in the States. He stressed the need for the Federal Government to contain the resultant humanitarian challenges by establishing camps for internally displaced persons. He therefore urged the House to consider the matter as one of urgent public importance and suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) so that debate on it could commence immediately .

*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.*

**Urgent Need to Establish a Refugee Camp for Displaced Persons in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States:**

The House:

*Notes* the catastrophic destruction of lives and property in the three North - Eastern States of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe due to the ongoing insurgency crises;

*Further notes* that recently the United Nations Office in Nigeria, have put a figure of 6 million people who are directly affected by the crises in the three States;

*Aware* that the number of towns and villages being deserted as a result of such destruction and the consequent displacement of the Nigerian citizens in these areas have been on the increase;

*Worried* that these internally displaced persons among which are women and children and the vulnerable, are lacking Basic Health Care, Sanitation, Shelter and food;

*Concerned* that despite the vulnerability of people around these three states, there is no official refugee camp to settle them. Forcing them to squat in un tolled environments;

*Disturbed* that due to lack of data and necessary information about the displaced persons and the scale of the crises, the number of these people is growing daily and some of them even gave birth in open space or under a tree, where they are currently being kept but no effort put in place for better health facility and accommodation;

*Further disturbed* that this has made them vulnerable to various hazards such as Snake Bites and other diseases such as Cholera, diarrhea etc more especially. the children and women;

*Resolves to*:

Call on both the Border Area Development Commission and the National Refugee Commission to establish befitting Refugee camps for the internally displaced people of Adamawa, Borno and Yobe State who have been victims of Boko Haram Attacks in recent times (*Hon. Abdulrahman Abba Terab — Bama/Ngala/Kalabalge Federal Constituency*).

*Debate*:

**Amendments Proposed:**

(*i*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*ii*) as follows:
"Urge the security agencies to provide adequate security for the camps to be established for the displaced citizens" (*Hon. AbubakarMomoh — Etsako East/Etsako West/Etsako Central Federal Constituency*).

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

(*ii*) *Leave out* all the words in Prayer (*i*) and *insert* as follows instead thereof:
"Urge the Federal Government to establish a Zonal Emergency Centres across the country to cater for internally displaced persons" (*Hon. Linus Okorie — Ivo/Ohaozara/Onicha Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.*

*Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* the catastrophic destruction of lives and property in the three North - Eastern States of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe due to the ongoing insurgency crises;

*Further noted* that recently the United Nations Office in Nigeria, have put a figure of 6 million people who are directly affected by the crises in the three States;

*Aware* that the number of towns and villages being deserted as a result of such destruction and the consequent displacement of the Nigerian citizens in these areas have been on the increase;

*Worried* that these internally displaced persons among which are women and children and the vulnerable, are lacking Basic Health Care, Sanitation, Shelter and food;

*Concerned* that despite the vulnerability of people around these three states, there is no official refugee camp to settle them. Forcing them to squat in un tolled environments;

*Disturbed* that due to lack of data and necessary information about the displaced persons and the scale of the crises, the number of these people is growing daily and some of them even gave birth in open space or under a tree, where they are currently being kept but no effort put in place for better health facility and accommodation;

*Further disturbed* that this has made them vulnerable to various hazards such as Snake Bites and other diseases such as Cholera, diarrhea etc more especially, the children and women;

*Resolved to*:

(*i*) Call on both the Border Area Development Commission and the National Refugee Commission to establish befitting Refugee camps for the internally displaced people of Adamawa, Borno and Yobe State who have been victims of Boko Haram Attacks in recent times;

(*ii*) Urge the security agencies to provide adequate security for the camps to be established for the displaced citizens (**HR. 10/2014**).

(*iii*) Hon. Benjamin Aboho (*Kwande/Ushongo Federal Constituency*) invited the attention of the House to the devastating perennial gully erosion in Ushongo Local Government Area of Benue State, which caused the destruction of several houses and other properties. He therefore urged the House to consider the matter as one of urgent public importance and suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) so that it could be debated immediately.

*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.*

**An Urgent Need to Control the Devastating Gully Erosion Threatening to Destroy Ushongo Town in Ushongo LGA of Benue State:**

The House:

*Notes* that due to ecological factors and the torrential rain experienced in the recent years, the town of Ushongo LGA is being threatened by a gully erosion;

*Aware* that the gully erosion has already destroyed some houses and is threatening to destroy more buildings thus destroying properties worth millions of Naira by this erosion;

*Further notes* that Ushongo Town is gradually being cut into two with the gully being turned into a stream or river in the midst of the town;

*Worried* that lives and properties of the inhabitants is in danger should there be lack of urgent attention by the authority;

*Disturbed* that the failure or delay in arresting this situation would further destroy lives and properties beyond what is envisaged;

*Cognizant* of the fact that ecological matters are the responsibility of the Federal Government;

*Resolves to*:

Mandate the Committee on Environment to visit the affected area to conduct on the spot assessment/investigation on the extent of damage and report back to the House within the first two weeks following the recess of 2014 (*Hon. Benjamin I. Aboho — Kwande/Ushongo Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Motion referred to Committee on Environment for further legislative action, pursuant to Order VIII, Rule* 51 (5) (**HR. 11/2014**).

(*iv*) Hon. Kingsley Chinda (*Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*) called the attention of the House to the threat of Ebola virus, which is currently ravaging many parts of West Africa. He noted that ebola virus has been established as the cause of a deadly disease that has been linked to the death of many people in recent time. He emphasized the need for government to take proactive steps to forestall the outbreak of the virus in Nigeria and thus urged the House to consider the matter as one of urgent public importance and suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) so that it could be debated immediately.

*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.*

**Urgent Need to Check the Spread of the Deadly Ebola Virus Disease in Nigeria:**

The House:

*Notes* with very serious concern the emergence and rapid spread of the deadly Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) also known as Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever (EHF) in several West African countries, including Guinea, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mali, Senegal and Sierra Leone:

*Also notes* that health is of utmost importance and one of the areas the Federal Government ought to give attention to so as to enhance the welfare of the people; thus *Section* 17 (3) (*c*) *of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,* 1999 (*as amended*), states that the State shall direct its policy towards ensuring that the health, safety and welfare of all persons are safeguarded and not endangered or abused:

*Further notes* the provisions of *Section* 17 (3) (*d*) *of the same Constitution* which states that the State shall direct its policy towards ensuring that there are adequate medical and health facilities for all persons;

*Aware* that the Ebola Virus Disease which has in recent times hit some West African countries is caused by Ebola viruses (known as filorus) and is traced to unsafe burial practices that infect persons handling dead bodies and thereby cause the death of scores of persons. And according to Medicins Sans Frontiers (Doctors Without Borders) and the World Health Organization (WHO), over 400 lives have been lost in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia since January 2013, making it the deadliest and largest ever outbreak of the disease since it began;

*Also aware* that the disease is very transmissible and is said to be spread by close contact with blood, body fluids and tissue of infected people or high risk animals like monkeys. It is also said to cause vomiting and diarrhoea, impairs kidney and liver function and may cause internal and external bleeding;

*Further aware* that the World Health Organization (WHO) has recently warned other African countries, especially those who are close to the affected countries to be ready and prepare themselves for the deadly disease;

*Worried* that the ravaging nature of this family of viruses which is said to have first appeared in the Central African Republic in 1976 is said to be difficult to be studied by scientists, thus the disease has no known cure yet and despite concerted efforts by experts to check its spread, the number of reported cases has continued to rise;

*Resolves to*:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government (through the Ministry of Health), the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA), and other relevant health agencies to immediately take proactive steps to ensure that the disease does not spread to Nigeria, and brief the Nation on steps taken thus far;

(*ii*) Mandate the Committees on Health, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to urgently investigate this matter and report to the House within two (2) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Oguundu Kingsley Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Motion referred to Committees on Health, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness* **(HR. 12/2014)**.

5. **Privilege (Standing Order VI, Rules 19 and 22):**
Hon. Debo Ologunagba (*Akure North/Akure South/Akure West Federal Constituency*) informed the House on a publication in *ThisDay* newspaper of 10 June, 2014, in which the Minority Leader, Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila was reported to have stated that moles had infiltrated the opposition group in the House with the intent to weaken it. He viewed the reported remarks of the Minority Leader as unfortunate, offensive and therefore a breach of his privilege as a member of Labour Party as well as that of the House.

*Matter referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges.*

6. **Need to Investigate the Attempt by Houses for Africa Nigeria Limited (the Developer of River Park Estate) to Grab Plots of Land at CRD 1 Layout, Lugbe, FCT, Abuja, Allocated to Ordinary Nigerians:**

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

7. **A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Manufacture, Importation, Distribution and Quality Control of Fertilizer in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 688) — *Second Reading*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Manufacture, Importation, Distribution and Quality Control of Fertilizer in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 688) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

*Debate*:

*Question that the Bill be read a Second Time, put and agreed to.*

*Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.*

8. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Independent Warehouse Regulatory Agency and for Other Related Matters (HB. 464) — *Second Reading*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Independent Warehouse Regulatory Agency and for Other Related Matters (HB. 464) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. MulikatAkande-Adeola — House Leader*).

*Debate*:

*Question that the Bill be read a Second Time, put and agreed to.*

*Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Commerce.*

9. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the Provision of Free Pre-Natal and Post-Natal Health Services to every Nigerian Woman Pregnant with Child in Government Hospital and for Other Related Matters (HB. 607), and a Bill for an Act to make Health Care Services free for all Children in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 644) — *Second Reading*:**

*Order deferred by leave of the House.*

10. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Private Companies whose Shareholders' funds exceed Forty Billion Naira or their Annual turnover exceeds Eighty Billion Naira or their total Assets exceed Eighty Billion Naira, to convert to Public Liability Companies and get their Shares listed in the Stock Exchange thereby promoting growth for both the Companies and the Nigerian Capital Market and for Other Related Matters (HB. 567) — *Second Reading*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Private Companies whose Shareholders' funds exceed Forty Billion Naira or their Annual turnover exceeds Eighty Billion Naira or their total Assets exceed Eighty Billion Naira, to convert to Public Liability Companies and get their Shares listed in the Stock Exchange thereby promoting growth for both the Companies and the Nigerian Capital Market and for Other Related Matters (HB. 567) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Chris Emeka Azubogu — Nnewi North/Nnewi South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*).

*Debate*:

*Question that the Bill be read a Second Time, put and agreed to.*

*Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Capital Market and Institutions.*

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Emergency Management Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act, Cap N34 Laws of Federation of Nigeria 2004 to promote the Recruitment, Training and Participation of Volunteers in Disaster Management and for Other Related Matters (HB. 698) — *Second Reading*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Emergency Management Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act, Cap N34 Laws of Federation of Nigeria 2004 to promote the Recruitment, Training and Participation of Volunteers in Disaster Management and for Other Related Matters (HB. 698) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ezenwa Francis Onyewuchi — Owerri Municipal/Oweeri North/Owerri West Federal Constituency*).

*Debate*:

*Question that the Bill be read a Second Time, put and agreed to.*

*Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness.*

12. **A Bill for an Act to Further Amend the Electoral Act, No. 6, 2010 to ensure a level playing field for all participants in the Electoral Process and a more Transparent Process of conducting Elections in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 718) — *Second Reading*:**

*Order deferred by leave of the House.*

13. **Consideration of Reports:**
(*i*) **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Management of Biosafety and for Other Related Matters (Committee of Whole):**

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

(*ii*) ***Committees on Commerce and Labour, Employment and Productivity*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committees on Commerce and Labour, Employment and Productivity on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Institute of Social Work to Regulate the Practice of Professional Social Work in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 365) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga —Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

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

**(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)**

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL WORK TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK IN NIGERIA; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS

*Debate*:

*Consideration deferred.*

*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 Committees on Commerce and Labour, Employment and Productivity on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Institute of Social Work to Regulate the Practice of Professional Social Work in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 365) and deferred consideration till the next legislative day to enable Members study the Report.

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

(*iii*) ***Ad-hoc Committee on Composition and Pigmentation of Cement*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That this House do consider the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Composition and Pigmentation of Cement (Cement Quality) in Nigeria and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

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

**(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)**

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation (i):***
"That the passage of the National Building Code Bill should be expedited and strictly enforced when passed into law to check quackery, use of substandard building materials and also to serve as a tool for the regulation of the informal downstream sector of the construction industry" (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

***Recommendation (ii):***
"That lack of a Building Code coupled with the fact that over 90% of construction works in Nigeria is undertaken by non-professionals, overwhelming majority of whom are quacks, it will serve the national interest better to adopt a particular cement grade which is less susceptible to misapplication as the standard cement in the Nigerian market because of our peculiar environment as mass enlightenment campaigns and education of the public and quacks on cement grades and how to properly apply them may not yield the desired result of stemming product misuse and wrong application" (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

***Recommendation (iii):***
"That the 42.5mpa cement grade should be the minimum standard for construction works because it is less susceptible to misapplication and most stakeholders will prefer it if given the chance to choose between 32.5mpa and 42.5mpa" (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

***Recommendation (iv):***
"That the Governing Council of Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON) be properly constituted in line with Section 3 (2) of the Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON) Act and in strict compliance with Section12 of the Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON) Act should, in the interim require all cement manufacturers in Nigeria to retool and upgrade their production lines to start producing the 42.5mpa cement grade within a reasonable time taking into consideration the cost of social dislocation and Article 111.B.15 of the United Nations Guidelines on Consumer Protection, 1999 a Protocol to which Nigeria is a signatory to" (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

***Recommendation (v):***
"That all Cement packages must clearly and boldly indicate their grades, uses and expiry dates with tamper proofing on the packages to guard against repackaging by middlemen" (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

***Recommendation (vi):***
"That the Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON) should ensure that all Cement distributors withdraw expired Cement from their warehouses and markets and destroy them" (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

***Recommendation* (*vii*):**
"That any Cement manufacturer or distributor implicated in the sale of expired cement must be maximally sanctioned to ensure that sanity prevails in the nation's Cement manufacturing and construction industry" (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

***Recommendation* (*viii*):**
"That the Government should set up a National Quality Assurance Programme, using designated agencies and some professional bodies to regularly test samples of the cement being produced by the manufacturers before they are allowed to be sold in the open market. Where batch certificates of compliance are issued and the designated batch is found to be defective on entry into the market, such manufacturers should be required to pay penalties as may be deemed appropriate" (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

***Recommendation* (*ix*):**
"That the Government should, as an interim measure, create a cement fund from contributions of ₦10.00 (Ten Naira) only per 50kg bag of cement produced in Nigeria and ₦20.00 (Twenty Naira) only per 50kg bag of cement imported into Nigeria to be managed by the Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON), the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), the Council of Registered Builders of Nigeria (CORBON), and the Nigerian Institute of Building (NIOB) for the establishment of state of the art laboratories in all the geopolitical zonés in Nigeria, and the improvement of construction practices and mass enlightenment campaigns on the appropriate use of building materials and other codes of practice to check the spate of building collapse in Nigeria" (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency*).

*Debate*:

**Amendment Proposed:**
*Leave out* all the words in Recommendation (*ix*) and *insert* the following words instead thereof:
"That Government should, as an interim measure, create a cement fund from contributions of ₦10.00 (ten Naira) only per 50kg bag of cement produced in Nigeria and ₦20.00 (twenty Naira) only per 50kg bag of cement imported in Nigeria to be managed by the Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON), the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), the Council of Registered Builders of Nigeria (CORBON), the Nigerian Institute of Building (NIOB) and the Institute of Architects (IOA) through a Committee or Special Task Force for a period of 3 years for the establishment of state of the art laboratories in all geo-political zones in Nigeria and the improvement of construction practices and mass enlightenment campaigns on the appropriate use of building materials and other codes of practice to check the spate of building collapse in Nigeria" (*Hon. Abdulrahman Abba Terab — Bama/Ngala/Kalabalge Federal Constituency*).

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

*Question that Recommendation* (*ix*) *as amended, stand part of the Report, put and agreed to.*

***Recommendation* (*x*):**
"That the Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON) and the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN)should be required to outsource the monitoring of cement quality to reputable Institutions of Learning in all the geopolitical zones of the country with the Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON) specifying the methods of sampling and testing) until the Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON) establishes functional laboratories for its own use in those geopolitical zones" (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

***Recommendation (xi):***
"That the Government should take immediate steps to establish a Cement and Concrete Institute, as is the case in many jurisdictions" (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

***Recommendation (xii):***
"That the Government should revive all Technical Schools across the country and establish new ones to improve on the pool of qualified artisans and generate skilled and semi-skilled labour force for the construction industry (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency*).

*Question 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 Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Composition and Pigmentation of Cement (Cement Quality) in Nigeria and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*viii*), approved Recommendation (*ix*) as amended, approved Recommendations (*x*) - (*xii*).

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

**14. Adjournment:**

*That the House do adjourn till Thursday*, 3 *July*, 2014 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

*The House adjourned accordingly at* 2.28 *p.m.*

**Aminu Waziri Tambuwal**
*Speaker*