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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 26 February, 2015

1. The House met at 11.42 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 Wednesday, 25 February, 2015.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcements:**
***Conference Committee on Nigeria Institute of Animal Science Amendment Act*:**
Mr Speaker announced the House membership of the Conference Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Femi Fakeye	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Ismail Ina Husseini	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Muktari Chiromawa	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Ezuche Ubani	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Betty Apiafi	—	*Member*

4. **Petitions:**
The following petitions were presented and laid by:

(*i*) Hon. Cyril Egwuatu (*Onitsha North/Onitsha South Federal Constituency*) from Mrs Elizabeth Obiesie, praying the House to prevail on the Federal Ministry of Education to pay her pension benefits;

(*ii*) Hon. Francis Enekorogha (*Burutu Federal Constituency*) from Dr (Mrs) Francesca Chinwe Osegbue, praying the House to redress her dismissal from the Nigeria Police Force.

Petitions were referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

(*i*) ***Urgent Need to Urge the Inspector-General of Police to Investigate the Recent Fire Disaster in Ebonyi State House of Assembly*:**

Hon. Linus Okorie (*Ivo/Ohaozara/Onicha Federal Constituency*) presented the subject matter and prayed the House to:

(*a*) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance, and

(*b*) suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) to enable the debate the matter 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.*

Urgent Need to Urge the Inspector General of Police to Investigate the Recent Fire Disaster in the Ebonyi State House of Assembly:

The House:

Notes with shock the news of the fire disaster in the Ebonyi State House of Assembly Complex on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, which has been attributed to arsonists;

Also notes the massive damage to parts of the Assembly complex by the said fire disaster and its implication to the operation of the legislature and survival of the democracy;

Further notes the courage of the members of the Ebonyi State House of Assembly who went ahead to conduct plenary in the salvaged part of the complex immediately after the fire was put out;

Alarmed that the fire disaster occurred at a time when the Legislative and the Executive arms of the State government are entangled in heightened political differences;

Conscious of the primary importance of the Legislature to the totality of the nation's democratic architecture;

Also conscious of the preeminence of political stability to the development of any society;

Further conscious of the need for peace, order and tolerance across the country to achieve a successful 2015 general elections;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Ebonyi State governor, His Excellency, Chief Martin Elechi, to ensure sustainable peace and order in the State ahead of the 2015 general election;

(*ii*) encourage the Ebonyi State House of Assembly to remain steadfast in the discharge of its legislative duties; and

(*iii*) urge the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) to ensure a thorough investigation into the fire disaster and to bring all culprits to book in accordance with the law (*Hon. Linus Okorie — Ivo/Ohaozara/Onicha Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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(*ii*) ***Evasion of Payment of Import Duty on Imported Rice by Some Companies and Other Investors*:**

Hon. Simon Arabo (*Kauru Federal Constituency*) introduced the subject matter and prayed the House to:

(*a*) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance, and

(*b*) suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) to enable the matter 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*.

Evasion of Payment of Import Duty on Imported Rice by Some Companies and Other Investors:

The House:

Notes and commend the effort of the Federal Government for introducing a new rice policy aimed at encouraging investment in local rice production with the overall objective of self-sufficiency in rice production by the year 2016;

Aware that with the new rice policy, investors that have milling capacity with verified domestic rice production plans (DRPP) enjoy an import duty 10% and levy, 20%, while traders will pay an import duty of 10% and levy 60%.;

Further aware that to ensure full and proper implementation of the policy and to enforce compliance, the Federal Ministry of Agriculture Inter-Ministerial Committee has issued guidelines and approved quota for investors;

Allege that Stallion Group, Popular Foods and Olam Nig. Ltd in collusion with their foreign investors have imported rice exceeding their approved quota and thus owe the Federal Government about Twenty-Eight Billion, Three Hundred and Ninety-Nine Million Naira (₦28,399,000,000);

Regrets that Stallion Group/ Popular Foods with an unpaid outstanding import duty of over Fifteen Billion Naira (₦15,000,000,000) has imported another 85,000 mts of rice into the country;

Concern that the actions of these companies are capable of scuttling the nation's self-sufficiency drive in rice production and an act which deny the FGN the needed revenue on import duties;

Resolves to:

Call on the House to investigate all investor companies involved in rice importation under new policy so as to determine:

(*i*) their approved quota vis-a-vis their excess quota in metric tons (MT);

(*ii*) how much such companies owe the Government;

(*iii*) recommend appropriate measures to recover such monies owed and make recommendations to the House within three (3) weeks (*Hon. Simon Y. Arabo — Kauru Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted and commended the effort of the Federal Government for introducing a new rice policy aimed at encouraging investment in local rice production with the overall objective of self-sufficiency in rice production by the year 2016;

Aware that with the new rice policy, investors that have milling capacity with verified domestic rice production plans (DRPP) enjoy an import duty 10% and levy, 20%, while traders will pay an import duty of 10% and levy 60%.;

Further aware that to ensure full and proper implementation of the policy and to enforce compliance, the Federal Ministry of Agriculture Inter-Ministerial Committee has issued guidelines and approved quota for investors;

Alleged that Stallion Group, Popular Foods and Olam Nig. Ltd in collusion with their foreign investors have imported rice exceeding their approved quota and thus owe the Federal Government about Twenty-Eight Billion, Three Hundred and Ninety-Nine Million Naira (₦28,399,000,000);

Regretted that Stallion Group/ Popular Foods with an unpaid outstanding import duty of over Fifteen Billion Naira (₦15,000,000,000) has imported another 85,000 mts of rice into the country;

Concern that the actions of these companies are capable of scuttling the nation's self-sufficiency drive in rice production and an act which deny the FGN the needed revenue on import duties;

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(*i*) their approved quota vis-a-vis their excess quota in metric tons (MT);

(*ii*) how much such companies owe the Government;

(*iii*) recommend appropriate measures to recover such monies owed and make recommendations to the House within three (3) weeks (**HR. 18/2015**).

6. Personal Explanation (Standing Order VIII, Rule 47):

(*i*) Hon. Ndudi Elumelu (*Aniocha North/Aniocha South/Oshimili North/Oshimili South Federal Constituency*) recalled that on Wednesday, 25 February, 2015, the House considered a matter of urgent public importance regarding the status of releases to Federal Government Agencies in the Health sector, and resolved to prevail on the Accountant-General of the Federation to furnish the Committee on Health with all the documents relating to the release of funds. He informed the House that the Accountant-General's office made the report available to the Committee on Health today, Thursday, 26 February, 2015.

(*ii*) Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila (*Surulere I Federal Constituency*) informed the House that on Wednesday, 25 February, 2015, the House was drawn into a rowdy session which culminated in the withdrawal of members of All Progressives Congress (APC) from the Chamber. He stated that the incident prompted him to address a press conference, in the process of which he referred to the Deputy Speaker as the "Deputy Speaker of a political party". He noted that the House of Representatives of the 7th National Assembly had come a long way as a family of political actors who ought to drive the ship of the state as a team. He regretted the words ascribed to the Deputy Speaker and therefore categorically withdrew them.

Mr Speaker advised Members to always exercise restrain and maturity whenever the House is deliberating on sensitive issues of national interest. He cautioned that personal or individual interest of Members should not be allowed to override the larger national interest.

7. **Presentation of Reports:**

(*i*) ***Committee on Local Content*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Local Content on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act, 2010 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 452)" (*Hon. Asita O. Honourable — Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni/Ahoada West Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(*ii*) ***Committee on Commerce*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Commerce on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Project Managers of Nigeria to be charged with Responsibility for Registration and Disciplining of its Members and for Other Related Matters (HB. 589)" (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

(*iii*) ***Committee on Commerce*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Commerce on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Loan and Risk Management of Nigeria, to provide for the Control of its membership and to Promote the Practice of Loan and Risk Management in Nigeria; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 593)" (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

8. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bill from the Preceding Assembly:**
***Environmental Managers Registration Council Bill*, 2014 (HB. 586):**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

9. **A Bill for an act to Establish the Nigerian Electricity Management Services Authority (NEMSA), to carry out the Functions of Enforcement of Technical Standards and Regulations, Technical Inspection, Testing and Certification of all Categories of Electrical Installations, Electricity Meters and Instruments, etc. to Ensure the Efficient Production and Delivery of Safe, Reliable and Sustainable Electricity Power Supply and Guarantee Safety of Lives and Property in the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry and for Other Related Matters — *Third Reading*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Electricity Management Services Authority (NEMSA), to carry out the Functions of Enforcement of Technical Standards and Regulations, Technical Inspection, Testing and Certification of all Categories of Electrical Installations, Electricity Meters and Instruments, etc. to Ensure the Efficient Production and Delivery of Safe, Reliable and Sustainable Electricity Power Supply and Guarantee Safety of Lives and Property in the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry and for Other Related Matters be now read a Third Time" (*Hon. Mulikat Akande Adeola — House Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Regulate and Control the Production, Rearing or Breeding of Livestock, Restrict gratuitous movement of domestic Animals in Nigeria and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 737) — *Second Reading*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Regulate and Control the Production, Rearing or Breeding of Livestock, Restrict gratuitous movement of domestic Animals in Nigeria and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 737 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Benjamin Aboho — Kwande/Ushongo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Debate adjourned; Bill referred to the Committee on Rules and Business for advice on the question of its constitutionality or otherwise.

11. **A Bill for an Act to enable Construction Companies to Construct, Build and Maintain Roads and Erosion Projects for five years before handing them over to the Government and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 743) — *Second Reading*:**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

12. **Consideration of Reports:**
(*i*) **A Bill for an Act to Make Provisions for Compulsory Treatment and Care for Victims of Gunshots and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 265) (*Committee of the While*) (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi 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 MAKE PROVISIONS FOR THE COMPULSORY TREATMENT AND CARE FOR THE VICTIMS OF GUNSHOTS AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

Clause 1: **Right to treatment.**
As from the commencement of this Bill every hospital in Nigeria whether public or private shall accept or receive for immediate and adequate treatment with or without police clearance any person with a gunshot wounds (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: **Duty to assist.**
Every person including security agents shall render every possible assistance to any person with gunshot wounds and ensure that the person is taken to the nearest hospital for immediate treatment (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 2 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3: **Preservation of fundamental right of a victim.**
Accordingly:

(*i*) no person with gunshot wound shall be refused immediate and adequate treatment by any hospital in Nigeria whether or not initial monetary deposit is paid.

(*ii*) no person with a bullet wound shall be subjected to inhuman and degrading treatment or torture by any person or authority including the police or other security agencies (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 3 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 4: **Notification to Police.**
It shall be the duty of any hospital that receives or accepts any person with a gunshot wound to report the fact to the nearest police station within two (2) hours of commencement of treatment (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:
In line 1, immediately after the word "receives" *leave out* the words "or accepts" (*Hon. Friday Itulah — Esan North East/Esan South East Federal Constituency*).

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

Question that Clause 4 as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 5: **Police to investigate.**
Upon receipt of the aforesaid report, the police shall immediately commence investigation with a view to determining the circumstances under which the person was shot (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 5 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 6: **Certificate of fitness.**
The police may not receive any person with gunshot wounds from the hospital for the purposes of investigation unless and until the Chief Medical Director of the hospital certifies him fit and no longer in dire need of Medicare (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 6 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 7: **Failure to notify Police.**
Any hospital that fails to give the information required under section 4 of this Bill commits an offence and on conviction, shall be liable to a fine of ₦100,000.00 and every doctor directly concerned with the treatment shall be liable on conviction to 6 months imprisonment or a fine of ₦100,000.00 or both (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 7 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 8: **Relations to make statement.**
Any person who receives the information under section 7 of this Bill shall furnish the police or the hospital on demand, such background information on the victim as may be compelled to incriminate the victim (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 8 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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Clause 9: **Withholding information.**
Any person who willfully fails, neglects or refuses to give the information required under section 8 of this Act commits an offence and shall on conviction, be liable to one month imprisonment or a fine of ₦50,000.00 or both (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 9 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 10: **Protection of volunteer.**
Every volunteer or helper of a victim shall be treated with respect and shall not be subjected to unnecessary and embarrassing interrogation in their genuine attempt to save life (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 10 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 11: **Persons guilty of the offence.**
Any person who is guilty of an offence under this Bill especially, when the offence does not lead to death of victim but led to substantial physical, mental, emotional and psychological damage, shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not more than 15 years and not less than 5 years without the option of fine (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 11 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 12: **Duty to notify victim relations.**
It shall be the duty of the hospital that receives any person with gunshot wounds to notify the family members or relations of the victim as far as they may ascertain within twenty-four hours of becoming aware of the victim's identity (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 12 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 13: **Offence of standing by.**
Any person or authority including any police officer or other security agents or hospital who stands by or omits to do his bit which results in the unnecessary death of any person with bullet wounds commits an offence and shall on conviction be liable to 5 years imprisonment a fine of ₦50,000.00 or both (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 13 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 14: **Records.**
Every hospital or facility that takes or receive for treatment any person with bullet wounds shall keep adequate record of the treatment (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 14 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 15: **Trial of a corporate body.**
Any corporate body being guilty of an offence under this Bill, the head of the body shall be prosecuted in accordance with the provision of sections 11 and 13 of this Bill (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 15 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 16: **Restitution.**

(1) In addition to any other penalty under this Bill, the High Court shall order a person or corporate body convicted of an offence, to make restitution to the victim by directing that person or corporate body to pay to the victim(s), an amount equivalent to the loss sustained by the victim(s).

(2) An order of restitution may be enforced by the victim or by the prosecutor on behalf of the victim in the same manner as a judgment in a civil action (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 16 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 17: **Interpretation.**
In this Bill, except the context otherwise requires:

"Court" shall be High Court of a State (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Court" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"Health Institution" any Institution offering medical services (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Health Institution" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"Health Officer" any officer working in a Health Institution (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Health Officer" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"Trust Fund" money contributed in a poll by a person or organization for a specific purpose (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Trust Fund" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"Victim" means a person who sustains injuries as a result of gunshot, powder burn and other injuries arising out of or caused by the discharge of a firearm (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Victim" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

Question that Clause 17 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 18: Citation.
This Bill may be cited as the Compulsory Treatment and Care of Victims of Gunshots Bill, 2015 (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 15 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Long Title:
A Bill for an Act to Make Provisions for the Compulsory Treatment and Care for the Victims of Gunshots and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question put and 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 Make Provisions for Compulsory Treatment and Care for Victims of Gunshots and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 265) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, approved Clause 4 as amended, approved Clauses 5 - 18, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(*ii*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
Report on the Petition by Disengaged Staff of the National Health Insurance Scheme:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by disengaged Staff of the National Health Insurance Scheme against the Scheme on alleged wrongful disengagement from service and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Aba North/Aba South 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*:**
"Urge the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) to reinstate the petitioners" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Aba North/Aba South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceeding.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by disengaged Staff of the National Health Insurance Scheme against the Scheme on alleged wrongful disengagement from service and approved the only recommendation of the Report.

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

(iii) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
Report on the Petition by Celina Omotunde Anibaba:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Celina Omotunde Anibaba against the Nigerian Army on alleged wrongful sentence and dismissal of her son, Ex-Major C. A. Fagbohun, from the Nigerian Army and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Aba North/Aba South 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*):**
"Review the case of Ex-Major C. A. Fagbohun and retire him appropriately and also pay him all his entitlements" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Aba North/Aba South Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out all the words in Recommendation (*i*), and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"Urged the Nigerian Army to convert the wrongful sentence and the dismissal of Ex-Major C. A. Fagbohun to retirement and pay all his entitlement till date" (*Hon. Friday Itulah — Esan North East/Esan South East Federal Constituency*).

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

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

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"Pay all entitlements till the date of appropriate retirement together with all retirement benefits" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Aba North/Aba South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceeding.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Celina Omotunde Anibaba against the Nigerian Army on alleged wrongful sentence and dismissal of her son, Ex-Major C. A. Fagbohun, from the Nigerian Army and approved Recommendation (*i*) as amended and approved Recommendation (*ii*) of the Report.

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

13. Adjournment:

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 3 *March*, 2015 *at* 10.00 ***a.m.*** (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.41 *p.m.*

Aminu Waziri Tambuwal
Speaker