HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 29 July, 2015

1. The House met at 11.25 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, 28 July, 2015, subject to the amendments in:

(*a*) the list in items 5 (*a*); and

(*b*) item 5 (*b*) (*ii*) (3).

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcements:**
***Visitors in the Gallery*:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of Students' Representative Council, Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, Kaduna State.

4. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order VIII, Rule 46):**
(*i*) ***Disputed Admission Policy of Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB)*:**
Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai (*Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani 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 allow debate on 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 Investigate the Disputed Admission Policy of JAMB:

The House:

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Notes the recent outcry by the general public against the admission policy of JAMB of posting and re-assigning candidates to schools they did not choose on application for the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination;

Further notes that these re-assignment of candidates to schools against their choice were done without the consent and inputs by the students concerned;

Worried that this practice has led to the rejection of such admission thereby increasing the stay at home period of innocent candidates and going through the rigors of subsequent admission processes;

Alarmed that this practice has raised some credibility questions on the ability of JAMB to handle admission processes into our tertiary institutions with calls from different quarters for its scrapping;

Recalls that the action of JAMB re-assigning candidates against their choice contravenes section 5(1) (*c*) (*iii*) of the Act establishing it which mandates JAMB to place candidates in line with the "preferences expressed or otherwise indicated by the candidates for certain Tertiary institution";

Resolves to:

Urge the House to constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the admission activities of JAMB and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency and* 14 *others*).

Debate:

Motion withdrawn by leave of the House.

(*ii*) ***Need for the House to Intervene in the Threat by WAEC to withhold the Results of Students in* 19 *States of the country*:**
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 allow debate on 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 Intervene in the Alleged ₦4 Billion WAEC Debt Crisis with 19 State Governments and the Threat to Withhold Results of Affected Candidates:

The House:

Notes the alarm raised by the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) over an alleged debt of ₦4 billion by some unnamed 19 States of the federation;

Also notes that the alleged debts arose from credit granted the 19 States in respect of entry fees of government-sponsored candidates for the 2014 and 2015 May/June WASSCE;

Concerned that the inability of the affected States to settle the said debts has already led the Council to the verge of bankruptcy;

Worried that this alleged financial constraint is said to be negatively affecting the capacity of the Council to meet its financial obligations, particularly its supervisors, examiners and service providers;

Also worried that the Council has threatened to withhold the results of the candidates of the 19 affected States, who are mostly indigent students from public schools, when the results of the 2015 May/June WASSCE would be released in 2 weeks time; if the debts are not settled before then;

Alarmed that the threat if implemented would affect more than half of the 1.2 million innocent young candidates that sat for the examination, disrupt their academic pursuit and disorient them psychologically;

Conscious of the biting economic downturn affecting most States of the country and consequently, their ability to meet competing financial obligations;

Also conscious of the appeal already made by parents across the country to the Council to stay action on the threat to withhold the affected results;

Resolves to:

Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to urgently intervene in the alleged debt crisis and report back to the House within 1 week (*Hon. Linus Okorie — Ivo/Ohaozara/Onicha Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) *Leave out* the Prayer and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"Urge the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Finance to ensure that payment is made to WAEC within one week to enable them release the WASSCE result (*Hon. Betty Apiafi — Ahoada East/Abua/Odual Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

(*ii*) *Leave out* the Prayer and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"Urge the debtor States to pay the West Africa Examination Council (WAEC) examination fees of candidates to enable them obtain their results" (*Hon. Toby Okechukwu — Aninri/Awgu/Oji-River Federal Constituency*).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted the alarm raised by the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) over an alleged debt of ₦4 billion by some unnamed 19 States of the federation;

Also noted that the alleged debts arose from credit granted the 19 States in respect of entry fees of government-sponsored candidates for the 2014 and 2015 May/June WASSCE;

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Conscious of the biting economic downturn affecting most States of the country and consequently, their ability to meet competing financial obligations;

Also conscious of the appeal already made by parents across the country to the Council to stay action on the threat to withhold the affected results;

Resolved to:

Urge the debtor States to pay the West Africa Examination Council (WAEC) examination fees of candidates to enable them obtain their results" (**HR. 10/2015**).

5. Presentation of Bills:

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

(*i*) Pension Rights of Judges Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 06).

(*ii*) Federal Capital Territory District Courts Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 07).

(*iii*) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2015 (HB. 08).

(*iv*) Companies and Allied Matters Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 09).

(*v*) National Industrial Court Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 10).

6. Need for the Government to Address the Menace of Accidents involving Fuel Tankers:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the spate of accidents in recent times involving tankers hauling petroleum products which have led to outbreak of fires that have claimed many lives, destroyed properties and displaced many other people from their homes;

Recalls that sometime in March 2015, a tanker which was ascending Odo Eran Road, in Ikorodu, Lagos State suffered brake failure and then started descending backwards from the hilly terrain, in the process, the tank compartment snapped off the truck and exploded upon hitting the ground. Some thirty three thousand (33,000) liters of fuel spilled into the Odo Eran meat Market and caught fire, leading to the loss of three lives and destruction of property worth millions of Naira;

Also recalls another recent incident when a tanker laden with Automotive Gas Oil (AGO), also known as diesel, crashed in Idimu area of Lagos State, destroying over thirty five (35) houses and eighty (80) shops in the resultant fire outbreak; the incident happened exactly three days after another fuel laden tanker had skidded off a bridge at Iyana Ipaja area, also in Lagos State and burst

into flames, leading to the burning of over forty (40) shops, five (5) buildings, twenty seven 27 vehicles and seven (7) tricycles;

Further recalls, yet again, that on May 30, 2015, a tanker loaded with fuel lost control as it was descending from the Army barracks end of Enugu-Onitsha expressway in Anarnbra State, and rammed into vehicles loaded with passengers at the Asaba park, Onitsha, in the process spilling the fuel which burst into flames and burnt about seventy (70) persons to death and also burnt many vehicles;

Resolves to:

Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to meet with the Leadership of Petroleum Tanker Drivers and the Federal Road Safety Commission to fashion out ways to reduce in the short run, and ultimately, eliminate these destructive accidents which are claiming unquantifiable number of lives and destroying property across the country (*Hon. Evelyn Omavowan Oboro — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwie Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) *Leave out* the Prayer and *insert* a new prayer as follows:

"The Federal Road Safety Commission should be mandated to meet with the Petroleum Tanker Drivers and other relevant associations to fashion out ways to reduce in the short run, and ultimately eliminate these destructive accidents which are claiming unquantifiable number of lives and destroying property across the country" (*Hon. Lynda Chuba Ikpeazu — Onitsha North/Onitsha South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

(*ii*) In the Prayer, line 2, immediately after the word "Commission", *insert* the words "Major Marketers Association, Independent Marketers Association, Pipeline Products Marketing Company, Standards Organization of Nigeria, the Nigeria Police, and the Directorate of Road Traffic Services" (*Hon. Magaji Da'u Aliyu — Birnin Kudu/Buji Federal Constituency*).

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

(*iii*) In the Prayer as amended, immediately after the word "Services", *insert* the words "the Nigerian Army" (*Hon. Muhammed Ali Wudil — Wudil/Garko Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted the spate of accidents in recent times involving tankers hauling petroleum products which have led to outbreak of fires that have claimed many lives, destroyed properties and displaced many other people from their homes;

Recalled that sometime in March 2015, a tanker which was ascending Odo Eran Road, in Ikorodu, Lagos State suffered brake failure and then started descending backwards from the hilly terrain, in the process, the tank compartment snapped off the truck and exploded upon hitting the ground. Some thirty three thousand (33,000) liters of fuel spilled into the Odo Eran meat Market and caught fire, leading to the loss of three lives and destruction of property worth millions of Naira;

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Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to meet with the Leadership of Petroleum Tanker Drivers and the Federal Road Safety Commission, Major Marketers Association, Independent Marketers Association, Marketing Company, Standards Organization of Nigeria, the Nigeria Police, and the Directorate of Road Traffic Services to fashion out ways to reduce in the short run, and ultimately, eliminate these destructive accidents which are claiming unquantifiable number of lives and destroying property across the country (**HR. 11/2015**).

7. **Urgent Need to Investigate the Seemingly abandoned Project for the Recycling of Abandoned Vehicles littering Nigerian Roads:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes with dismay the rising number of broken down vehicles and those involved in accidents that have been abandoned on Nigerian roads and have thus constituted litters on those roads;

Also notes that some of the notable roads that have large numbers of such abandoned vehicles include the —

(*i*) Apapa - Oshodi Expressway,

(*ii*) Lagos - Badagry Expressway,

(*iii*) Lagos - Ibadan - Ogbomosho - Horin - Jebba - Minna - Abiyo Expressway,

(*iv*) Abuja - Lafia - Makurdi - Enugu - Port Harcourt Expressway, just to mention a few;

Concerned that this large number of abandoned vehicles on the roads constitute a clear and present danger to the more than seven (7) Million vehicles that operate on Nigerian roads on a daily basis, a factor that is partly responsible for Nigeria having one of the highest casualty figures from road accidents in the world;

Aware that given the world wide prohibition on exportation of scrap metals, the Federal Ministry of Trade and Investment, in a bid to get rid of the menace of abandoned vehicles on the roads, entered into an agreement with its Japanese counterpart, a few years ago, to set up a Project that would be recycling abandoned vehicles into scrap metals;

Recalls that the Project obtained the support of both the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the National Automotive Council (NAC);

Also recalls that the initial phase of the Project was aimed at recycling abandoned vehicles in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja into scrap metals in an eco-friendly manner that would clean up the environment, produce wealth and create about three thousand (3,000) jobs;

Also aware that the Japanese Government released fund for the conduct of a feasibility studies for the Project while the Federal Government was required to provide land for the construction of the Plant, however it is worrisome that since then, nothing has been heard about the Project;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Road Safety Commission to, as a matter of urgency, remove all abandoned vehicles from the roads and take them to designated centers, within three months, pending further action;

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Commerce, and Industry (when constituted) to investigate the seemingly abandoned Recycling Project, and report back to the House within three (3) weeks (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:
In Prayer (*ii*), line 1, immediately after the word "Industry", *insert* the words "Environment, and the Federal Road Safety Commission" (*Hon. Beni Lar — Langtang North/Langtang South Federal Constituency*).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

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8. Massive Environmental Degradation that devastated Ajeromi-Ifelodun Federal Constituency of Lagos State:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Aware that Section 20 of the 1999 Constitution states that the State shall protect and improve the environment and safeguarded the water, air and land, forest and wild life of Nigeria;

Notes a recent report that between June and early July 2015, there occurred a massive rupture of sewages which exposed and poured out polluted and contaminated liquid and solid waste substances, some of which had been tied in various sealed containers and dumped at different locations over a period of time at Ajeromi-Ifelodun Federal Constituency of Lagos State;

Also notes the massive environmental rupture that devastated the Federal Constituency which is a high density area with a population of about two million people;

Observes that the rupture, which greatly polluted the environment, was as a result of years of accumulated environmental degradation;

Disturbed that absorption into the human body through the inhalation of polluted air and the consumption of food which have been contaminated as a result of the release of the wastes into the environment have posed serious danger to the health of residents of those Communities;

Also disturbed by the claim that as many as five thousand (5,000) persons may have been affected by the pollution, either by way of hospitalization, displacement or denial of potable water or hygienic food;

Further disturbed by a report that the environmental degradation has destroyed the economic life, business activities, social and recreational lives of the communities;

Realizes that the practice of dumping contaminated solid and liquid wastes in public places negates the Harmful and Wastes (Special Criminal Provisions) Act, 1988 and the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA) Act, 2007;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to visit the affected Communities to assess the impact of the rupture and report back to the House within 3 weeks;

(*ii*) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently visit the affected Communities and persons to assess the damages, and supply adequate relief materials for immediate needs of the Communities and persons affected and displaced by the rupture, in accordance with section 6 (*j*) of NEMA Act which requires it to, 'distribute emergency relief materials to victims of natural or other disaster and assist in the rehabilitation of the victims where necessary' (*Hon. Rita Orji — Ajeromi-Ifelodun Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

The House:

Aware that Section 20 of the 1999 Constitution states that the State shall protect and improve the environment and safeguarded the water, air and land, forest and wild life of Nigeria;

Noted a recent report that between June and early July 2015, there occurred a massive rupture of sewages which exposed and poured out polluted and contaminated liquid and solid waste substances, some of which had been tied in various sealed containers and dumped at different locations over a period of time at Ajeromi-Ifelodun Federal Constituency of Lagos State;

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9. Urgent Need for Federal Government's Intervention in the continuous loss of Lives and destruction of Properties within Safana/Batsari/Dan-Musa Federal Constituency of Katsina State due to the activities of Armed Robbers and Bandits:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes with dismay the continuous and sustained attacks on Communities within Safana/Batsari/Dan-Musa Federal Constituency of Katsina State by armed robbers, bandits and invaders which have become almost a daily occurrence;

Also notes that the magnitude of the mayhem being unleashed by these men of the underworld on natives of Safana/Batsari/Dan-Musa Federal Constituency has assumed a dangerous trend as the hoodlums not only kill and dispossess their victims of their properties but also maim their wives and daughters in their presence, while they are made to watch helplessly;

Worried that across the various wards in Safana/Batsari/ Dan-Musa Federal Constituency of Katsina State, enormous casualties have been recorded, including over 283 lives lost; 10,000 cows, 30,000 sheep/rams and 20,000 goats killed, while over 9,000 persons have been adversely affected economically;

Concerned that owing to the incessant robbery attacks, some of the inhabitants of these areas, almost on daily basis, are now taking refuge in nearby bushes/trees for fear of the recurrent attacks by these criminal elements who carry out these atrocities with impunity;

Also worried that despite persistent cries from the natives, nothing has been done by the Federal Government to contain these heinous crimes against the people of Safana/Batsari/ Dan-Musa Federal Constituency, thereby leaving the people, whose basic means of livelihood is cattle rearing and farming, to live in fear, hardship and great suffering;

Also concerned that these incessant and gruesome attacks by the robbers and bandits have brought the economic and commercial activities of Safana/Batsari/ Dan-Musa Federal Constituency to a halt;

Cognizant that the fundamental duty of any government is the preservation of lives and properties of its citizens by being responsive in curbing the menace and atrocities of the kind enumerated above;

Aware that it is the Constitutional responsibility of this hallowed Chamber to take action whenever such brutal attacks are perpetrated on any community;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Inspector General of Police (IGP) to crack down on the activities of these criminal elements by carrying out a systematic operation with the Kastina State Police Command in the affected areas of Safana/Batsari/Dan-Musa Federal Constituency of Katsina State;

(*ii*) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently provide relief materials for the victims so as to ameliorate their sufferings (***Hon. Ahmed Dayyabu Safana – Batsari/Safana/Dan Musa Federal Constituency***).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out all the words in Prayer (*i*) and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"Urge the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) and other Security Agencies — the Nigerian Army, the Department of State Service (DSS), etc. to crack down on the activities of these criminals by carrying out a systematic coordinated operation in conjunction with the State Police Commands of Katsina and Zamfara States in the affected areas of Safana, Batsari, Damusa, Zurmi, Shinkafi, and Birnin Magaji Local Government Areas of Katsina and Zamfara States" (*Hon. Abubakar Husaini Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency*).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

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(*ii*) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently provide relief materials for the victims so as to ameliorate their sufferings (**HR. 14/2015**).

10. **Consequences of the Directive of the Federal Government on Dismantling of Military Check Points on the Highways across Nigeria:**

Motion withdrawn by leave of the House.

11. **Urgent Need to check the high rate of Unemployment in the Country:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes with serious concern the prevailing high rate of unemployment in the country;

Also notes that whilst the problem of unemployment cuts across all age brackets, the youths are the most adversely affected by the prevailing high unemployment level in the country;

Aware that the National Bureau of Statistics had in 2011, estimated the number of unemployed persons in Nigeria to be around 24% of the population, and the figure is likely to increase to around 70% by the end of 2015;

Also aware that given the large number of graduates that are turned out yearly from the Universities, Polytechnics, Colleges of Education and other tertiary institutions in Nigeria and abroad, the unemployment rate in Nigeria is increasing very rapidly and could explode by year 2020, if pragmatic steps are not taken to check same;

Appreciates the setting up of the National Directorate of Employment (NDE) as part of measures to combat the problem of unemployment in the country, however, the Directorate has been largely ineffective and unable to fulfill the core objective of its establishment;

Also appreciates the commitment of President Muhammadu Buhari in assuring that his government will provide at least three million (3,000,000) jobs per annum as well as the Legislative Agenda of the 8th House which commits to "tackle the current high unemployment rate in the country by legislative action";

Concerned that the prevailing unemployment situation in the country, if left unchecked, would clearly have adverse consequences in the society and would also lead to increase in crime and other anti-social behavior;

Worried that if urgent and pragmatic steps are not taken to address this problem, the country would be at a high risk of unrest and vices which could, in the long term, lead to a breakdown of the social and economic order in the country to the detriment of livelihood pattern;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to declare an emergency in the labour sector, specifically on employment generation;

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Government to urgently convoke a national summit on unemployment;

(*iii*) direct the Committee on Labour and Productivity (when constituted) to request for and review the Federal Government's blueprint on generation of 3,000,000 jobs per annum, analyze same and report to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. O. Kingsley Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

The House:

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Aware that the National Bureau of Statistics had in 2011, estimated the number of unemployed persons in Nigeria to be around 24% of the population, and the figure is likely to increase to around 70% by the end of 2015;

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(*iii*) direct the Committee on Labour and Productivity (when constituted) to request for and review the Federal Government's blueprint on generation of 3,000,000 jobs per annum, analyze same and report to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 15/2015**).

12. Draft Legislative Framework/Agenda of the House of Representatives of the 8th National Assembly:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do resume debate on the Draft Legislative Framework/Agenda of the House of Representatives of the 8th National Assembly" (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Debate resumed:

Debate adjourned.

13. Adjournment:

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 30 *July*, 2015 *at* 10.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.58 *p.m.*

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker

CORRIGENDA

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 28 July, 2015:

(*i*) page 42, item 5 (*a*), *Ad-hoc* Committee on the screening of Mr President's nominees for the Office of the Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs of the Arm Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria: immediately after the words "as follows", *leave out* all the names in the list and *insert* as follows instead thereof:

(1)	Hon. Garba Datti	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Femi Fakeye	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Segun Odebunmi	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. James Abiodun Faleke	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Babatunde Kolawole	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Phillip Shuaibu	—	*Member*
(7)	Hon. Sam Ikoh	—	*Member*
(8)	Hon. Blessing Nsiegbe	—	*Member*
(9)	Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan	—	*Member*
(10)	Hon. Danjuma Shiddi	—	*Member*
(11)	Hon. Aishatu Dukku	—	*Member*
(12)	Hon. Kingsley Ebenyi	—	*Member*
(13)	Hon. Onyenwife Gabriel	—	*Member*
(14)	Hon. Nkiru Onyejeocha	—	*Member*
(15)	Hon. Ahmed Idris Wase	—	*Member*
(16)	Hon. T. J. Yusuf	—	*Member*
(17)	Hon. Funke Adedoyin	—	*Member*
(18)	Hon. Kabiru Achida Marafa	—	*Member*
(19)	Hon. Nasiru Ali Ahmed	—	*Member*
(20)	Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba	—	*Member*

(*ii*) page 43, item 5 (*b*) (*ii*) **Leadership of the Minority Parties**:
in subparagraph (3), ***leave out*** the name "Chukwuma" and ***insert*** the name "Chukwuka" instead thereof.