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Thursday, 6 August, 2015

1. The House met at 11.18 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 5 August, 2015.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcements:**

***Obituary*:**
Mr Speaker read the following communications from:

(*i*) Hon. James Abiodun Faleke (*Ikeja Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of former Member, Hon. Aina Tugbobo, who represented Ikeja Federal Constituency from 2003 - 2007. He died on Wednesday, 15 July, 2015.

(*ii*) Hon. Aminu Sani Jaji (*Kaura Namoda/Birnin-Magaji Federal Constituency*) announcing the demise of Hon. Dahiru Zubairu, former Member, who represented Kaura-Namoda/Birnin -Magaji Federal Constituency (2007 - 2011), who passed away on Wednesday, 5 August, 2015.

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

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

(*i*) Hon. Yakubu Abiodun Balogun (*Lagos Island II Federal Constituency*) on behalf of Kolawole Salami, praying the House to intervene on the discontinuance of his monthly pension by the Federal Pension Office, Abuja, and redress the issue;

(*ii*) Hon. Samson Olusunbo Olugbemi (*Oluyole Federal Constituency*) on behalf of 277 staff of Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria, Ibadan (CRIN) praying the House to investigate the terror, harassment, and unchecked victimization on them by the Executive Director of CIRN, Professor Akorada M. O., with a view to ensuring justice;

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(*iii*) Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde (*Kajuru/Chikun Federal Constituency*) from Amb. Jerry Sonny Ugokwe, praying the House to investigate the alleged actions of the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) over a piece of land by the FCDA to be used as a green area but was subsequently sold out to Mohammed Bello for residential purposes, with a view to ensuring a refund, restoration and restitution from the FCDA;

(*iv*) Hon. Chris Azubogu (*Nnewi North/Nnewi South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*) from Mr. Bennett Onyejegbu, praying the House to prevail on the Bank of Agriculture, Kaduna State to resume his pension payment, and pay all his outstanding benefits;

(*v*) Hon. Randolph Iwo Oruene Brown (*Degema/Bonny Federal Constituency*) from Mr M. Daniel and other parents, praying the House to intervene on the discontinuance of the Scholarship Scheme awarded to their children by the Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas (NLNG), with a view to ensuring justice;

(*vi*) Hon. Henry Okon Archibong (*Itu/Ibiono Ibom Federal Constituency*) from Mr Ita Oku Ita, praying the House to intervene on the unjust termination of appointment and deprivation of entitlements by Somotex Nigerian Limited, with a view to ensuring redress.

Petitions were referred to the Committee on Public Petitions (*when constituted*).

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

(*i*) ***Urgent need for the relevant Federal Agencies to provide Relief Materials and resettle Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Gombi/Hong Federal Constituency*:**
Hon. Yusuf Buba Yakubu (*Gombi/Hong 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.

Need to provide Relief Materials for the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Gombi/Hong Federal Constituency:

The House:

Notes the continued attack on the people of Gombi/Hong Federal Constituency particularly in Dugwaba, Guyaku, Garkida Gaya and Hong districts by the Boko Haram, resulting in the destruction and devastation of the area;

Further notes that several property, markets, and houses have been completely razed down thereby rendering the inhabitants of the area homeless and hungry without any means of livelihood;

Concerned that the inhabitants who are now displaced migrated to neighbouring communities in search of shelter and food causing over congestion, lead to epidemics and diseases in the area;

Also concerned that the terrorists have change their tactics by facing the vulnerable group as their main targets.

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), to provide relief materials such as building materials, seedlings and fertilizers to the victims to enable them live.

(*ii*) also urge the National Commission for Refugees Migrants, and the Internally Displaced Persons, and the National Economic Reconstruction to resettle and rehabilitate the Internally Displaced Persons in the area;

(*iii*) further urge the Executive Arms of Government to deploy security to the area to forestall a recurrence of the attack by the insurgents;

(*iv*) mandate the relevant Committees with oversight responsibility to liaise with the relevant agencies to ensure compliance with above resolutions (***Hon. Yusuf Buba Yakubu — Gombi/Hong Federal Constituency***)

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out all the words in Prayer (*ii*) and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"Urge National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to establish Internally Displace Persons (IDPs)'s camps to carter for the IDPs one each at Hong, Gombi, Michika, Madagali, Mubi, Maita, and Mubi South Federal Constituency" (***Hon. Adamu U. Kamale — Michika/Madagali Federal Constituency***).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Notes the continued attack on the people of Gombi/Hong Federal Constituency particularly in Dugwaba, Guyaku, Garkida Gaya and Hong districts by the Boko Haram, resulting in the destruction and devastation of the area;

Further notes that several property, markets, and houses have been completely razed down thereby rendering the inhabitants of the area homeless and hungry without any means of livelihood;

Concerned that the inhabitants who are now displaced migrated to neighbouring communities in search of shelter and food causing over congestion, lead to epidemics and diseases in the area;

Also concerned that the terrorists have change their tactics by facing the vulnerable group as their main targets.

Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), to provide relief materials such as building materials, seedlings and fertilizers to the victims to enable them live.

(*ii*) Urge National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to establish Internally Displace Persons' (IDPs) camps to carter for the IDPs one each at Hong, Gombi, Michika, Madagali, Mubi, Maita, and Mubi South Federal Constituency;

(*iii*) Urge the Executive Arms of Government to deploy security to the area to forestall a recurrence of the attack by the insurgents;

(*iv*) Mandate the relevant Committees with oversight responsibility to liaise with the relevant agencies to ensure compliance with above resolutions (**HR. 25/2015**).

(*ii*) ***Urgent Need to Implement the United Nations Environmental Programme Report*:** Hon. Chinda Kingsley (*Obio/Akpor 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 Implement the UNEP Report on Ogoni Land — 4 Years After:

The House:

Notes with dismay the despoliation of the Ogoni environment and indeed that of several other Niger Delta Communities occasioned by decades of oil exploration activities in the region;

Also notes that following this, and at the request of the Federal Government of Nigeria, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) conducted an independent assessment of Ogoniland and proffered options for remediation;

Conscious of the clear provisions of Section 20 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as variously amended) that "*the State shall protect and improve the environment and safeguard the water, air and land, forest and wild life of Nigeria*" — which environment of course includes that of the Niger Delta region;

Aware that the UNEP study amongst other things showed the nature and extent of oil contamination and covered contaminated land, ground water, surface water, sediment, vegetation, air pollution, public health, industry practices as well as the implications for affected populations and provides clear operational guidance as to how that could be addressed;

Also aware that UNEP's field observations and scientific investigations found *inter alia* that:

(*i*) Oil contamination in Ogoniland (and indeed across the Niger Delta) is widespread and severely impacting many components of the environment, and that though the oil industry is no longer active in Ogoniland, oil spills continue to occur with alarming regularity and the people live with this pollution daily,

(*ii*) there is contaminated soil and ground water,

(*iii*) there are destroyed vegetation and mangroves,

(*iv*) there is destruction of aquatic life due to hydro-carbons which affected local fishermen, loss of income and source of livelihood,

(*v*) there are public health concerns and people are exposed to hydro-carbons in the air and drinking water; and also exposed through dermal contacts from contaminated soil, sediments and surface water;

Aware also that UNEP having concluded its study four (4) years ago, made numerous recommendations which once implemented, would have an immediate and positive impact on Ogoniland, for example, the restoration of Ogoniland, Remediation by Enhanced Natural Attenuation (RENA), land based contamination should be dealt with first before beginning a clean-up of the creeks;

Further aware that on August 4, 2011, UNEP presented its report to former President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan and the report completely confirmed the claims of the Ogoni people that "*neglectful environmental pollution laws and sub-standard inspection techniques of the Federal Authorities have led to the complete degradation of the Ogoni environment, turning the environment into an ecological disaster*";

Concerned that four 4 years after presentation of the said UNEP report, the Federal Government is yet to act on it, whilst the Ogoni people continue to wallow in pain and anguish, a situation that has led to several protests by local communities and some Civil Society Groups such as the Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People (MOSOP); Ogoni Solidarity Forum (OSF); Environmental Rights Action (ERA)/Friends of the Earth Nigeria (FoEN); Social Action amongst others;

Worried that the Federal Government's efforts at addressing the issues raised in the report by hurriedly setting up the Hydro-Carbons Pollution Restoration Project (HYPREP) on the eve of presentation of the UNEP report is cosmetic or at best 'a mere window-dressing' as it has been largely ineffective, ineffectual and short of the expectations of the Ogoni people; and in deed the Niger Deltans and all reasonable persons;

Also worried that HYPREP is placed under the direct supervision of the Ministry of Petroleum Resources- a major polluter and the only visible act of implementation of the UNEP report by HYPREP is the display of sign posts at strategic points in Port Harcourt and some parts of Ogoniland, informing people that their environment has indeed been contaminated and that people should keep off the affected area(s);

Disturbed that the Ogoni people and indeed the entire Niger Delta continue to drink contaminated water and sea food is being scrounged from the polluted water and the community people still process their foods in crude coated creeks;

Also disturbed that the situation is already generating ill feelings, despondency and anger amongst the Niger Delta people and unless the UNEP report is fully implemented, they would continue to suffer pain and feel alienated in their land; a situation that could further lead to break down of law and order in the region;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to:

(*a*) declare Ogoniland an Environmental disaster zone and invest resources to tackle the environmental disaster in Ogoniland,

(*b*) commission an environmental Audit or assessment of the entire Niger Delta region,

(*c*) urgently engage in constructive dialogue with Ogoni people in particular and Niger Delta in general as to the time, scale and scope of actions to be taken to restore the environment;

(*ii*) urge the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria (SPDC) — the Chief polluter of the Ogoni environment and indeed all other oil exploration companies in the Niger Delta region to urgently carry out a joint environmental pollution audit of their areas of operation and come up with a remediation plan and forward an interim report to the House within thirty (30) days for further legislative action;

(*iii*) mandate the Committees on Legislative Compliance, Environment as well as Petroleum Resources (Downstream) (when constituted) to monitor the compliance and report to House quarterly progress for further legislative action (*Hon. Kinglsey Ogundu Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency and 60 Others*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:
Insert a new Prayer (*iv*) as follows:
"Commend President of Federal Republic of Nigeria for acting on the report and that the relevant Committees of the House should ensure the implementation of the report" (*Hon. James Abiodun Faleke — Ikeja Federal Constituency*).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted with dismay the despoliation of the Ogoni environment and indeed that of several other Niger Delta Communities occasioned by decades of oil exploration activities in the region;

Also noted that following this, and at the request of the Federal Government of Nigeria, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) conducted an independent assessment of Ogoniland and proffered options for remediation;

Conscious of the clear provisions of Section 20 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as variously amended) that "*the State shall protect and improve the environment and safeguard the water, air and land, forest and wild life of Nigeria*" — which environment of course includes that of the Niger Delta region;

Aware that the UNEP study amongst other things showed the nature and extent of oil contamination and covered contaminated land, ground water, surface water, sediment, vegetation, air pollution, public health, industry practices as well as the implications for affected populations and provides clear operational guidance as to how that could be addressed;

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Aware also that UNEP having concluded its study four (4) years ago, made numerous recommendations which once implemented, would have an immediate and positive impact on Ogoniland, for example, the restoration of Ogoniland, Remediation by Enhanced Natural Attenuation (RENA), land based contamination should be dealt with first before beginning a clean-up of the creeks;

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Worried that the Federal Government's efforts at addressing the issues raised in the report by hurriedly setting up the Hydro-Carbons Pollution Restoration Project (HYPREP) on the eve of presentation of the UNEP report is cosmetic or at best 'a mere window-dressing' as it has been largely ineffective, ineffectual and short of the expectations of the Ogoni people; and in deed the Niger Deltans and all reasonable persons;

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Also disturbed that the situation is already generating ill feelings, despondency and anger amongst the Niger Delta people and unless the UNEP report is fully implemented, they would continue to suffer pain and feel alienated in their land; a situation that could further lead to break down of law and order in the region;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to:

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(*iii*) mandate the Committees on Legislative Compliance, Environment as well as Petroleum Resources (Downstream) (when constituted) to monitor the compliance and report to House quarterly progress for further legislative action;

(*iv*) commend President of Federal Republic of Nigeria for acting on the report and that the relevant Committees of the House should ensure the implementation of the report (**HR. 26/2015**).

(*iii*) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That Order VIII, Rule 46 (4) be suspended to enable the House consider more than 2 matters of Urgent Public Importance (*Hon. Hassan Adamu Shekarau — Birnin/Gwari/Giwa Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

The Perennial War between Enugu-Otu and Eziagulu-Otu Communities in Anambra East Local Government Area of Anambra State and Odeke/Echohon communities in Ibaji Local Government Area of Kogi State:

Hon. Peter Madubueze Obiano (*Anambra East/Anambra West 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.*

The Perennial War between Enugu-Otu and Eziagulu-Otu Communities in Anambra East Local Government Area of Anambra State and Odeke/Echohon Communities in Ibaji Local Government Area of Kogi State:

The House:

Notes the lingering boundary disputes between the Enugu-Otu and Eziagulu-Otu Communities of Aguleri in Anambra East Local Government Area of Anambra State and the Odeke/Echohon Communities in Ibaji Local Government Area of Kogi State;

Also notes that the two communities are presently fighting over the ownership of the land between them which have resulted in the loss of lives and properties;

Aware that the land dispute itself is before the National Boundary Commission (NBC) for amicable resolution;

Worried that the crisis has continued to worsen due to the absence of security men in the areas;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to visit the areas with the aim of reconciling the warring communities and report back to the House within 7 days;

(*ii*) Also urge the Inspector General of Police, the Chief of Army Staff and the Chief of Naval Staff to provide adequate security in the areas;

(*iii*) Further urge the National Boundary Commission to expedite action in the resolution of the boundary dispute between the two communities;

(*iv*) Again urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the victims of the crisis (*Hon. Peter Madubueze Obiano — Anambra East/Anambra West Federal Constituency and Hon. Emmanuel m. Egwu — Idah/Igalamela/Ibaji/Ofu Federal Constituency*)

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:
Insert a new Prayer (*v*) as follows:
"Urge the Surveyor General of the Federation to ensure that the tripartite boundary of Enugu - Kogi - Anambra point be dilated and made known" (*Hon. Chukwuemeka Ujam — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted the lingering boundary disputes between the Enugu-Otu and Eziagulu-Otu Communities of Aguleri in Anambra East Local Government Area of Anambra State and the Odeke/Echohon Communities in Ibaji Local Government Area of Kogi State;

Also noted that the two communities are presently fighting over the ownership of the land between them which have resulted in the loss of lives and properties;

Aware that the land dispute itself is before the National Boundary Commission (NBC) for amicable resolution;

Worried that the crisis has continued to worsen due to the absence of security men in the areas;

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(*iv*) Again urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the victims of the crisis;

(v) Urge the Surveyor General of the Federation to ensure that the tripartite boundary of Enugu - Kogi - Anambra point be dilated and made known (**HR. 27/2015**)

6. Privilege (Order VI, Rule 20):

Hon. Austine Ikechukwu Chukwukere (*Ideato North/Ideato South Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the House to the composition of the House Leadership. He stressed that the South East was not represented in the body of Principal Officers of the House contrary to the principle of Federal Character, and therefore considered it as a breach of his privilege.

Mr Speaker ruled that the matter would be considered by the House Leadership.

7. Presentation of Report:

***Ad-hoc Committee on the Screening of Mr President's Nominees as Service Chiefs*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the 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 Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria" (*Hon. Garba Datti Mohammed — Sabon Gari Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

8. Urgent Need for the Rehabilitation of Enen Atai - Mbak Atai - Oku Iboku Sections of the Itu - Calabar Highway to avoid cutting off Akwa Ibom and Cross River States from the rest of Nigeria:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Itu-Calabar highway which links Akwa Ibom, Cross River and Benue States is a single lane road sitting between two valleys and is suffering from severe gully erosion that has eaten deep into both sides of the road, thus leaving little room for motorists to maneuver, as a result of which commuters are usually stranded on the highway for several hours or days whenever a vehicle breaks down on the highway;

Aware that this single lane road is the only road leading to the Calabar Free Trade Zone and is also used by petrol tankers hauling fuel from Calabar depot and equally by trucks conveying granites from Cross River State Quarry to other parts of the State;

Concerned that the erosion of portions of the road and other failed sections have paralysed economic activities of the State as a result of delay in the transportation of goods through the deplorable road;

Also concerned about incidents of petrol tankers and other haulage trucks falling on the road or causing accidents leading to deaths of commuters, and also providing opportunities for armed robbers to attack motorists who have to slow down to negotiate the bad spots on the road;

Worried that efforts to have the Federal Government repair the road to avert its complete collapse have not yielded any result;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to carry out the rehabilitation of Enen Atai - Mbak Atai - Oku Iboku sections and other failed sections of Itu-Calabar Highway, with a view to saving same from total collapse;

(*ii*) Also urge the Federal Ministry of Works to initiate a contract for the dualization of Itu-Calabar Highway, in order to bring an end to the untold hardship being experienced by the people of the Niger Delta area and the nation at large;

(*iii*) Further urge the Federal Government to commence work on the dualization of all Federal Roads across the country in order to forestall future loss of innocent lives and property (*Hon. Henry Okon Archibong — Ita/Ibiono Ibom Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in Prayer (*i*) and *insert* as follows instead thereof:
"Urge the Federal Government to rehabilitate the entire stretch of the Calabar Itu road" instead thereof (*Hon. Legor Idagbo — Bekwarra/Obodu/Obanliku Federal Constituency*).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Itu-Calabar highway which links Akwa Ibom, Cross River and Benue States is a single lane road sitting between two valleys and is suffering from severe gully erosion that has eaten deep into both sides of the road, thus leaving little room for motorists to maneuver, as a result of which commuters are usually stranded on the highway for several hours or days whenever a vehicle breaks down on the highway;

Aware that this single lane road is the only road leading to the Calabar Free Trade Zone and is also used by petrol tankers hauling fuel from Calabar depot and equally by trucks conveying granites from Cross River State Quarry to other parts of the State;

Concerned that the erosion of portions of the road and other failed sections have paralysed economic activities of the State as a result of delay in the transportation of goods through the deplorable road;

Also concerned about incidents of petrol tankers and other haulage trucks falling on the road or causing accidents leading to deaths of commuters, and also providing opportunities for armed robbers to attack motorists who have to slow down to negotiate the bad spots on the road;

Worried that efforts to have the Federal Government repair the road to avert its complete collapse have not yielded any result;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to rehabilitate the entire stretch of the Calabar Itu road;

(*ii*) Also urge the Federal Ministry of Works to initiate a contract for the dualization of Itu-Calabar Highway, in order to bring an end to the untold hardship being experienced by the people of the Niger Delta area and the nation at large;

(*iii*) Further urge the Federal Government to commence work on the dualization of all Federal Roads across the country in order to forestall future loss of innocent lives and property.

Motion referred to the Committee on Works (*when constituted*), *for further legislative action* (**HR. 28/2015**).

9. Urgent Need for the Dualisation of the Keffi-Akwanga-Lafia-Makurdi-Enugu Road:
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Keffi-Akwanga-Lafia-Makurdi - Enugu road is the major link between the Northern States of Plateau, Nasarawa, Kaduna, Taraba and Benue through Makurdi to the Southern part of the country;

Also notes that the Akwanga-Lafia portion of the Keffi-Lafia-Makurdi Road is a single lane, meandering and highly dangerous stretch of the road through the Akwanga Hills;

Further aware that due to the difficult terrain of the Akwanga hills, several Nigerians have lost their lives in accidents on the road;

Cognizant that the Federal Government awarded a contract in 2009 for the re-alignment and straightening of the hills and dangerous curves between Akwanga and Lafia, however the contractor has not done any appreciable work on the road as it does not seem to have decided on whether to carry out a realignment on the road or dualize it or still construct a completely new road; a situation that has led to traffic congestion as there is no alternative route for commuters who have to spend long hours on the road;

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Government to ensure the completion of the dualisation of the Keffi-Akwanga-Lafia-Makurdi-Enugu Road, to ease the free flow of traffic and reduce cases of accidents on the Road (*Hon. Abubakar Sarki Dahiru — Lafia/Obi Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*ii*) as follows:
"Urge the Federal Government to speedily complete the Apo (FCT) - Nasarawa, Ara bridge (2nd Benue bridge) which will link Makurdi (Benue State) and Enugu, South East zone of Nigeria, to serve as an alternative route to the existing Abuja - Keffi - Akwanga - Makurdi - Enugu routes" (*Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi — Karu/Keffi/Kokona Federal Constituency*).

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

(*ii*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*iii*) as follows:
"Urge the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to provide some relief intervention by way of remedial measures to reduce the carnage of loss of lives before the final construction is made" (*Hon. Golu Timothy — Pankshi /Kanke /Kanam Federal Constituency*).

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

(*iii*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*iv*) as follows:
"Urge the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to beef up its visibility on the road to reduce accidents" (*Hon. Golu Timothy — Pankshi /Kanke /Kanam Federal Constituency*).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Keffi-Akwanga-Lafia-Makurdi - Enugu road is the major link between the Northern States of Plateau, Nasarawa, Kaduna, Taraba and Benue through Makurdi to the Southern part of the country;

Also noted that the Akwanga-Lafia portion of the Keffi-Lafia-Makurdi Road is a single lane, meandering and highly dangerous stretch of the road through the Akwanga Hills;

Further aware that due to the difficult terrain of the Akwanga hills, several Nigerians have lost their lives in accidents on the road;

Cognizant that the Federal Government awarded a contract in 2009 for the re-alignment and straightening of the hills and dangerous curves between Akwanga and Lafia, however the contractor has not done any appreciable work on the road as it does not seem to have decided on whether to carry out a realignment on the road or dualize it or still construct a completely new road; a situation that has led to traffic congestion as there is no alternative route for commuters who have to spend long hours on the road;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to ensure the completion of the dualisation of the Keffi-Akwanga-Lafia-Makurdi-Enugu Road, to ease the free flow of traffic and reduce cases of accidents on the Road

(*ii*) Urge the Federal Government to speedily complete the Apo (FCT) - Nasarawa, Ara bridge (2nd Benue bridge) which will link Makurdi (Benue State) and Enugu, South East zone of Nigeria, to serve as an alternative route to the existing Abuja - Keffi - Akwanga - Makurdi - Enugu routes;

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(*iv*) Urge the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to beef up its visibility on the road to reduce accidents.

Motion referred to the Committee on Works (*when constituted*), *for further legislative action* (**HR. 29/2015**).

10. **Need to Investigate the Withdrawal of ₦1.17 Billion by the Federal Ministry of Finance from the Account of Sokoto Rima River Basin Development Authority:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that on March 11, 2015 the Federal Ministry of Finance caused the account of the Sokoto Rima River Basin Development Authority to be credited with the sum of ₦1.17 Billion for execution of capital projects in 2014 budget, however, the Ministry, without any cogent reason, instructed the Bank to keep the money on hold;

Also notes that on April 11, 2015 the Ministry, inexplicably made the Bank to return the money to it, an action that rendered the Authority incapable of discharging its contractual obligations and also stoppage of execution of projects;

Concerned that the Ministry has failed/refused to respond to a formal complaint made to it by the Authority over the matter, a situation that has led to tense atmosphere within the Authority;

Resolves to:

Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the circumstances of the conditional release, and subsequent retrieval of the fund and report back to the House within one (1) month for further legislative inputs (*Hon. Musa Sarkin Adar — Goronyo/Gada Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

The House:

Notes that on March 11, 2015 the Federal Ministry of Finance caused the account of the Sokoto Rima River Basin Development Authority to be credited with the sum of ₦1.17 Billion for execution of capital projects in 2014 budget, however, the Ministry, without any cogent reason, instructed the Bank to keep the money on hold;

Also noted that on April 11, 2015 the Ministry, inexplicably made the Bank to return the money to it, an action that rendered the Authority incapable of discharging its contractual obligations and also stoppage of execution of projects;

Concerned that the Ministry has failed/refused to respond to a formal complaint made to it by the Authority over the matter, a situation that has led to tense atmosphere within the Authority;

Resolved to:

Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the circumstances of the conditional release, and subsequent retrieval of the fund and report back to the House within one (1) month for further legislative inputs (**HR. 30/2015**).

11. **Urgent Need to Bring an End to the Despoliation of the Niger Delta Environment through the Burning of Equipment Confiscated from Illegal Operators of Refineries:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Government set up the Joint Task Force (JTF) sometime in 2004 to protect oil pipelines, prevent the operation of illegal refineries, stop the theft of crude oil and generally maintain peace, law and order in the Niger Delta area;

Aware that some of the direct consequences of exploitation of crude oil in the Niger Delta area are spillage of oil in to the environment and fire outbreaks as a result, which endanger the ecosystem and the environment;

Concerned that communities in the area routinely suffer from the effects of wanton burning and destruction of oil tools and equipment seized from operators of illegal oil refineries, which are usually done without recourse to internationally accepted best practices, an action that has greatly polluted the environment and waters in the area and in the process, destroyed farm lands and killed fishes, thereby jeopardizing farming and fishing, which are the main stay of the people of the Niger Delta Area;

Also notes the fire outbreak in Azuzuama community in Bayelsa State on July 9, 2015 as result of the use of dilapidated infrastructure and equipment by Nigerian Agip Oil Company, an incident that led to the death of fourteen (14) persons;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Observe a minute in silence for those that lost their lives in the fire incident at Azuzuama Community on July 9, 2015;

(*ii*) Mandate the Committees on Environment and Petroleum Resources (Upstream) (when constituted) to investigate the activities of the Joint Task Force in the Niger Delta area, especially as it relates to the burning and destruction of equipment seized from illegal refineries operators;

(*iii*) Also mandate the Committees to investigate the activities of Nigerian Agip Oil Company with a view to ensuring that it carries out improvement of its facilities to forestall any such further incident in the future and also determine the circumstances which led to the death of the fourteen (14) persons in Azuzuama community;

(*iv*) Further mandate the Committees to determine the steps being taken by the Joint Task Force in conjunction with other relevant Agencies such as the Federal Ministry of Environment, Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), National Oil Spill Detection Response Agency (NOSDRA) and the Federal Ministry of Heath, to forestall further degradation of the Niger Delta environment, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Douye Diri — Yenogoa /K/Opokuma Federal Constituency and* 13 *Others*).

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

(i) *Leave out* all the words in Prayer (*ii*) and *insert* as follows instead thereof:

"Set up Ad-hoc Committee to investigate the activities of the Joint Task Force in Niger Delta area, especially as it relates to the burning and destruction of equipment seized from illegal refineries operators" (*Hon. Ossai Nicolas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

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

(*ii*) *Leave out* Prayers (*ii*) and (*iv*) (*Hon. Sani Zorro M. Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tanker/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

(*iii*) *Leave out* Prayers (*iii*) and (*iv*) (*Hon. Muhammed Sani Abdu — Alkaleri/Kurfi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Federal Government set up the Joint Task Force (JTF) sometime in 2004 to protect oil pipelines, prevent the operation of illegal refineries, stop the theft of crude oil and generally maintain peace, law and order in the Niger Delta area;

Aware that some of the direct consequences of exploitation of crude oil in the Niger Delta area are spillage of oil in to the environment and fire outbreaks as a result, which endanger the ecosystem and the environment;

Concerned that communities in the area routinely suffer from the effects of wanton burning and destruction of oil tools and equipment seized from operators of illegal oil refineries, which are usually done without recourse to internationally accepted best practices, an action that has greatly polluted the environment and waters in the area and in the process, destroyed farm lands and killed fishes, thereby jeopardizing farming and fishing, which are the main stay of the people of the Niger Delta Area;

Also noted the fire outbreak in Azuzuama community in Bayelsa State on July 9, 2015 as result of the use of dilapidated infrastructure and equipment by Nigerian Agip Oil Company, an incident that led to the death of fourteen (14) persons;

Resolved to:

(i) Observe a minute in silence for those that lost their lives in the fire incident at Azuzuama Community on July 9, 2015;

(*ii*) Set up *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the activities of the Joint Task Force in Niger Delta area, especially as it relates to the burning and destruction of equipment seized from illegal refineries operators;

(*iii*) Also mandate the Ad-hoc Committee to investigate the activities of Nigerian Agip Oil Company with a view to ensuring that it carries out improvement of its facilities to forestall any such further incident in the future and also determine the circumstances which led to the death of the fourteen (14) persons in Azuzuama community;

(*iv*) Further mandate the *Ad-hoc* Committee to determine the steps being taken by the Joint Task Force in conjunction with other relevant Agencies such as the Federal Ministry of Environment, Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), National Oil Spill Detection Response Agency (NOSDRA) and the Federal Ministry of Heath, to forestall further degradation of the Niger Delta environment, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 31/2015**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

12. **Urgent Need to develop the Steel Sector as a way of diversifying the Nigerian Economy:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that over the years, Nigeria has been described as running a mono product economic system because of its overwhelming reliance on oil as a source of revenue without much concrete efforts being made to diversify the economic base in spite of the numerous mineral resources abounding in the country:

Also notes that steel, which is vital in infrastructural development of any nation, abounds in Nigeria and can become the source of economic and industrial growth of the country, given that no nation has achieved industrialization without first establishing a viable steel sector;

Worried about ill-conceived and poorly implemented policies which have led to a failure to harness the huge potentials in the mineral deposits that would have increased national earnings, driven economic development and create jobs;

Acknowledges that a resuscitated Ajaokuta steel plant has the capacity to generate over ten thousand (10,000) direct jobs for both the skilled and unskilled labour force and another five hundred thousand (500,000) indirect employment opportunities in both the downstream and upstream sectors of the industry that will automatically come on stream upon the commissioning of the integrated steel plant;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to ensure the rehabilitation, completion (including the associated outstanding external infrastructure) and commissioning of Ajaokuta Steel Plant as a matter of urgent national concern;

(*ii*) Also urge the Federal Government to develop other steel plants as recommended in the vision 20:20:20 blue print for steel development in Nigeria (*Hon. Abdullahi Umar Faruk — Bunza/Birnin-Kebbi/Kalgo Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*iii*) as follows:
"Urge the Federal Government to ensure amicable settlement of the lingering litigation in a UK court between the Federal Government and the Indian Company over the cancellation of the Concession Agreement between her and the Federal Government" (*Hon. Abdullahi Bello — Okene/Ogori-Mangongo Federal Constituency*).

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

(*ii*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*iv*) as follows:
"Urge the Federal Government to restore operations of Itakpe Iron-Ore coy to ensure the smooth operations of Ajaokuta Steel Plant, as well as other steel related plants in the country" (*Hon. Magaji Da'u Aliyu — Birnin Kudu/Buji Federal Constituency*).

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

(*iii*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*v*) as follows:
"Urge the Federal Government to move from mono-product economy to multi-product economy particularly amongst others paying more attention to steel sector, Agriculture and Solid Mineral sectors of the economy which will help speedily tackle the escalated unemployment problems of the country" (*Hon. Akinjo Kolade Victor — Ilaje/Ese Odo Federal Constituency*).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that over the years, Nigeria has been described as running a mono product economic system because of its overwhelming reliance on oil as a source of revenue without much concrete efforts being made to diversify the economic base in spite of the numerous mineral resources abounding in the country:

Also noted that steel, which is vital in infrastructural development of any nation, abounds in Nigeria and can become the source of economic and industrial growth of the country, given that no nation has achieved industrialization without first establishing a viable steel sector;

Worried about ill-conceived and poorly implemented policies which have led to a failure to harness the huge potentials in the mineral deposits that would have increased national earnings, driven economic development and create jobs;

Acknowledges that a resuscitated Ajaokuta steel plant has the capacity to generate over ten thousand (10,000) direct jobs for both the skilled and unskilled labour force and another five hundred thousand (500,000) indirect employment opportunities in both the downstream and upstream sectors of the industry that will automatically come on stream upon the commissioning of the integrated steel plant;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to ensure the rehabilitation, completion (including the associated outstanding external infrastructure) and commissioning of Ajaokuta Steel Plant as a matter of urgent national concern;

(*ii*) Also urge the Federal Government to develop other steel plants as recommended in the vision 20:20:20 blue print for steel development in Nigeria;

(*iii*) Further urge the Federal Government to ensure amicable settlement of the lingering litigation in a UK court between the Federal Government and the Indian Company over the cancellation of the Concession Agreement between her and the Federal Government;

(*iv*) Urge the Federal Government to restore operations of Itakpe Iron-Ore coy to ensure the smooth operations of Ajaokuta Steel Plant, as well as other steel related plants in the country;

(*v*) Urge the Federal Government to move from mono-product economy to multi-product economy particularly amongst others paying more attention to steel sector, Agriculture and Solid Mineral sectors of the economy which will help speedily tackle the escalated unemployment problems of the country (**HR. 32/2015**).

13. **Attacks by Boko Haram Insurgents on Zabarmari, Bale, Dusman and Muna Towns in Jere Federal Constituency of Borno State:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the series of attacks by Boko Haram insurgents on Friday, July 3, 2015 on Zabarmari, Bale, Dusman and Muna Communities which claimed over ninety (90) lives, injured many men, women and children and led to the destruction of properties worth millions of Naira;

Recalls that similar attacks took place in the last one month across eight (8) Local Government Areas in Borno State which claimed about five hundred (500) lives;

Concerned that the attacks on the said communities which are not more than twenty (20) kilometers from the capital city of Maiduguri, led to the insurgents burning down two hundred and fifty (250) shops and stalls stocked with grains, utensils and other consumables; and also the setting ablaze of some houses, all of which have adversely affected both the economic and commercial fortunes of the Communities in particular and the entire Federal constituency in general;

Worried about the untoward effects of those attacks on the communities which are the food baskets of Maiduguri metropolis due to their engagement in fishing, rice cultivation, farming and irrigation activities;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the General Officer Commanding the 7th Division of the Nigerian Army, Maiduguri to deploy more troops to Dusman and Zabarmari towns and interface with other security agencies to intensify intelligence gathering with the aim of dislodging the terrorists from the camps and preventing further attacks on the communities;

(*ii*) Also urge the Executive Arm of Government to provide support to the affected persons and families in order to enable them recover economically,

(*iii*) Further urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the affected communities (*Hon. Ayuba Mohammed Bello —Jere Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) *Leave out* all the words in Prayer (*ii*) (*Hon. Ayuba Mohammed Bello — Jere Federal Constituency*).

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

(*ii*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*iii*) as follows:
"Observe a minute silence in honour of those that lost their lives to insurgency" (*Hon. Danburam Abubakar Nuhu — Kano Municipal Federal Constituency*).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted the series of attacks by Boko Haram insurgents on Friday, July 3, 2015 on Zabarmari, Bale, Dusman and Muna Communities which claimed over ninety (90) lives, injured many men, women and children and led to the destruction of properties worth millions of Naira;

Recalled that similar attacks took place in the last one month across eight (8) Local Government Areas in Borno State which claimed about five hundred (500) lives;

Concerned that the attacks on the said communities which are not more than twenty (20) kilometers from the capital city of Maiduguri, led to the insurgents burning down two hundred and fifty (250) shops and stalls stocked with grains, utensils and other consumables; and also the setting ablaze of some houses, all of which have adversely affected both the economic and commercial fortunes of the Communities in particular and the entire Federal constituency in general;

Worried about the untoward effects of those attacks on the communities which are the food baskets of Maiduguri metropolis due to their engagement in fishing, rice cultivation, farming and irrigation activities;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge the General Officer Commanding the 7th Division of the Nigerian Army, Maiduguri to deploy more troops to Dusman and Zabarmari towns and interface with other security agencies to intensify intelligence gathering with the aim of dislodging the terrorists from the camps and preventing further attacks on the communities;

(*ii*) Further urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the affected communities;

(*iii*) Observe a minute silence in honour of those that lost their lives to insurgency (**HR. 33/2015**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

14. Urgent Need to Check Illegal Routes into Nigeria in Order to Reduce acts of Terrorism:
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that there are more than One Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety-Seven (1,497) illegal routes and eighty four (84) regular entry points into Nigeria;

Aware that over one hundred million (100,000,000) illicit weapons are in circulation in the Sub-Saharan Africa with Nigeria accounting for a lion share of about seventy (70) million of the weapons owing to the porous nature of its borders;

Worried that this state of affairs portends great danger to the nation, especially in the light of the current security challenges being faced by Nigeria where insurgents easily enter and leave the country at will through the porous borders;

Realises that the porous nature of the borders is mainly responsible for the continued insurgent activities that have lasted this long despite efforts made to stamp them out, and also aids the activities of the merchants of contraband products, illegal immigrants and cross border criminal gangs;

Cognizant of the need to develop modern technology and manpower that can provide adequate coverage of the various entry points into the country given that the Nigerian Immigration Service, Nigerian Customs Service, Police and other Para-Military Agencies lack sufficient resources to effectively police the country's borders;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS), Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Nigeria Police Force (NPF) and other related agencies to increase their manpower bases by recruiting the required personnel as well as acquiring border monitoring technology to secure the nation's border;

(*ii*) Also urge the Federal Government to declare an emergency on the porous borders of Nigeria;

(*iii*) Further urge the National Boundaries Commission to embark on a perfect creation of an identity in the various border points by building lines, hedges and deploying other modern means to create clear demarcations at the various borders (*Hon. Chike J. Okafor — hime Mbano/Ihitte Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) In Prayer (*iii*), line 1, *leave out* the words "National Boundary Commission" and *insert* the words "Federal Ministry of Works and the Office of the Surveyor-General of the Federation" instead thereof (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

(*ii*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*iv*) as follows:
"Urge the Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) to police the entry point through our various International Airports that constitute major point of entry for illegal weapons and small arms" (*Hon. Agbo Dennis Nnamdi — Igbo-Eze North/Udenu Federal Constituency*).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that there are more than One Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety-Seven (1,497) illegal routes and eighty four (84) regular entry points into Nigeria;

Aware that over one hundred million (100,000,000) illicit weapons are in circulation in the Sub-Saharan Africa with Nigeria accounting for a lion share of about seventy (70) million of the weapons owing to the porous nature of its borders;

Worried that this state of affairs portends great danger to the nation, especially in the light of the current security challenges being faced by Nigeria where insurgents easily enter and leave the country at will through the porous borders;

Realised that the porous nature of the borders is mainly responsible for the continued insurgent activities that have lasted this long despite efforts made to stamp them out, and also aids the activities of the merchants of contraband products, illegal immigrants and cross border criminal gangs;

Cognizant of the need to develop modern technology and manpower that can provide adequate coverage of the various entry points into the country given that the Nigerian Immigration Service, Nigerian Customs Service, Police and other Para-Military Agencies lack sufficient resources to effectively police the country's borders;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge the Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS), Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Nigeria Police Force (NPF) and other related agencies to increase their manpower bases by recruiting the required personnel as well as acquiring border monitoring technology to secure the nation's border;

(*ii*) Also urge the Federal Government to declare an emergency on the porous borders of Nigeria;

(*iii*) Further urge the Ministry of Works and the Office of the Surveyor-General of the Federation, to embark on a perfect creation of an identity in the various border points by building lines, hedges and deploying other modern means to create clear demarcations at the various borders (**HR. 34/2015**).

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend Order VIII, Rule 48 (1) to enable it consider the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the screening of the Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

15. Consideration of Report:

Ad-hoc Committee on the Screening of Mr President's Nominees as Service Chiefs:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Screening of the Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Garba Datti Mohammed — Sabon Gari 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

Recommendation:

That in compliance with the provisions of Section 18 (1) of the Armed Forces Act, 18 Cap. A. 20 Law of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 having satisfactorily accessed the Nominees of Mr President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as forwarded to Mr Speaker; the *Ad-hoc* Committee hereby recommend the confirmation of the designated officers as follows:

(1)	Major General Abayomi Gabriel Olonisakin	—	Chief of Defence Staff (*Hon. Garba Datti Mohammed — Sabon Gari Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

(2)	Major General Tukur Yusuf Buratai	—	Chief of Army Staff (*Hon. Garba Datti Mohammed — Sabon Gari Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

(3)	Rear Admiral Ibok-Ete Ekwe Ibas	—	Chief of Navy Staff (*Hon. Garba Datti Mohammed — Sabon Gari Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

(4)	Air Vice Marshal Sadique Baba Abubakar	—	Chief of Air Staff (*Hon. Garba Datti Mohammed — Sabon Gari Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of Whole considered the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Screening of the Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 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.

16. Adjournment:

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 11 *August*, 2015 *at* 10.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.04 *p.m.*

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker