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Thursday, 15 October, 2015

1. The House met at 11.09 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, 14 October, 2015.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcements**

(*a*) ***Visitors in the Gallery*:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of members of the Students' Union Government (S.U.G.), Imo State University, Owerri, Imo State.

(*b*) ***Notification of nomination to serve as Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria*:**
Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Khadija Bukar Abba Ibrahim (Damaturu/Tarmuwa/Gujba/Gulani Federal Constituency), notifying the House of her nomination by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to serve as a Minister.

On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker congratulated Hon. Khadija and enjoined her to make the House and Nigeria proud for the confidence reposed on her.

(*c*) ***Bereavement*:**
Mr Speaker read the following communications from:

(*i*) Hon. Murtala Isah (*Faskari/Kankara/Sabuwa Federal Constituency*), announcing the death of Hon. Tukur Bello Kankara, a former Member (1999 - 2003), on Saturday, 10 October, 2015; and

(*ii*) Hon. Umar Buba Jibril (*Lokoja/Kogi/Koton-Karfi Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of the wife of Hon. Hussain Inah, a former Member of the House in the 7th National Assembly, on Thursday, 15 October, 2015.

A minute silence observed in honour of the deceased.

(*d*) ***Membership of Ad-hoc Committees*:**
Mr Speaker named the membership of the following *Ad-hoc* Committees:

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(*i*) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Activities of Electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOs) Pertaining to Infrastructure and Billing*** **(HR.08/2015):**

(1)	Hon. Babajimi Benson	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Simon Rabo	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Aliyu Danladi	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Asabe Viliti Bashir	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Zakari Yau Galadima	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Jide Jimoh	—	*Member*
(7)	Hon. Segun Ogunwuyi	—	*Member*
(8)	Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo	—	*Member*
(9)	Hon. Okey Eze	—	*Member*
(10)	Hon. John Dyegh	—	*Member*
(11)	Hon. Shadati S. Adamu	—	*Member*
(12)	Hon. Julius Pondi	—	*Member*
(13)	Hon. Sodaguwo Festus Omoni	—	*Member*
(14)	Hon. Ujam Chukwuemeka	—	*Member*
(15)	Hon. Sunday Adepoju	—	*Member*

(*ii*) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Withdrawal of ₦17 billion by the Federal Ministry of Finance from the Account of Sokoto Rima River Basin Development Authority*** **(HR.30/2015):**

(1)	Hon. Evelyn Oboro	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Dayyabu Ahmed Safana	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Hassan Suru	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Malle A. Ibrahim	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Baranbu U. Kawuma	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Bosun George	—	*Member*
(7)	Hon. Olatoye Sugar	—	*Member*
(8)	Hon. Darlington Nwokocha	—	*Member*
(9)	Hon. Lazarus Ogbe	—	*Member*
(10)	Hon. Abubakar Sarki Dahiru	—	*Member*
(11)	Hon. Karimi Sunday	—	*Member*
(12)	Hon. Lovett Idisi	—	*Member*
(13)	Hon. Francis C. Uduyork	—	*Member*
(14)	Hon. Lawal Muazu	—	*Member*
(15)	Hon. Dickson Taki	—	*Member*

(*iii*) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Activities of Joint Task Force in Niger Delta Area and that of Nigerian Agip Oil Company as it Relates to the Burning and Destruction of Equipment Seized from Illegal Refineries Operators*** **(HR. 31/2015)**:

(1)	Hon. Nasiru Sule Garo	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Garba Datti	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Muhammad Gausu Boyi	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Bukar Goni	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Mohammed Nur Sheriff	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Kunle Akinlade	—	*Member*
(7)	Hon. Gafar Amere	—	*Member*
(8)	Hon. Onyewuchi Ezenwa	—	*Member*
(9)	Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha	—	*Member*
(10)	Hon. Emma Egwu	—	*Member*
(11)	Hon. Gaza Gbefwi	—	*Member*
(12)	Hon. Ntufam Eta Mbara	—	*Member*
(13)	Hon. Emerengwa Boniface	—	*Member*
(14)	Hon. Solomon Manren	—	*Member*
(15)	Hon. Shuaibu A. Abubakar	—	*Member*

(*iv*) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Accounting Procedures of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS)*** **(HR.42/2015):**

(1)	Hon. Enyong Michael Okon	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Danburan Abubakar N.	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Zubairu A. Bugundu	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Ali Isa J. C.	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Mohammed Gololo	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Afe Olowodiere	—	*Member*
(7)	Hon. Abiodun Awoleye	—	*Member*
(8)	Hon. Linus Okorie	—	*Member*
(9)	Hon. Austin Chukwukere	—	*Member*
(10)	Hon. Ahmed Abu	—	*Member*
(11)	Hon. Dave Ombugadu	—	*Member*
(12)	Hon. Etaba Michael	—	*Member*
(13)	Hon. Henry Okon Archibong	—	*Member*
(14)	Hon. Ali Madaki	—	*Member*
(15)	Hon. Abubakar Sarki Dahiru	—	*Member*

(*v*) ***Ad-hoc Committee on Non-Transparent and Fraudulent Sale of Power Assets*** **(HR.120/2015):**

(1)	Hon. Moh'd Idris Wase	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Sani Bala	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Muhammad Fagen-Gawo	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Ayuba Moh'd Bello	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Danjuma Shidi	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Supo Abiodun	—	*Member*
(7)	Hon. Adekoya Adesegun A.	—	*Member*
(8)	Hon. Linda Ikpeazu	—	*Member*
(9)	Hon. Alagboso Jerry	—	*Member*
(10)	Hon. Istifanus D'Gyang	—	*Member*
(11)	Hon. Olayonu O. Tope	—	*Member*
(12)	Hon. Daniel Reyeneiju		Member
(13)	Hon. Owoidighe Ekpoatai	—	*Member*
(14)	Hon. Blessing I. Nsiegbe	—	*Member*
(15)	Hon. Adamu Echoli	—	*Member*

(*vi*) ***Ad-hoc Committee on the Huge Debts and Alleged Fraudulent Sale of Banks by the Assets Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON)*** **(HR.98/2015):**

(1)	Hon. Albert A. Adeogun	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Abdullahi Mahmud Gaya	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Amiru Tukur	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Ababakar Lawal Garba	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Danasabe Charles Hosea	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Femi Fakeye	—	*Member*
(7)	Hon. Abayomi Dauda Kako	—	*Member*
(8)	Hon. Denis Amadi	—	*Member*
(9)	Hon. Nkem-Abonta Uzoma	—	*Member*
(10)	Hon. Razak Atunwa Olatunde	—	*Member*
(11)	Hon. Johnbull Shekarau	—	*Member*
(12)	Hon. Edionwele Joseph	—	*Member*
(13)	Hon. Jarigbe Agom	—	*Member*
(14)	Hon. Bashir Baballe	—	*Member*
(15)	Hon. Yunusa Uztaz	—	*Member*

(*vii*) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Alleged Fraudulent Practice in the Collection and Management of Non-Oil Revenue Remittance by Ministries/Departments/ Agencies (MDAs)* (HR.99/2015):**

(1)	Hon. Chike J. Okafor	--	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Badamasi Ayuba	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. D. I. Murtala	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Umar Tata	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Mahmud Lawal Maina	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Jibola Famurewa	—	*Member*
(7)	Hon. Segun Adekoya	—	*Member*
(8)	Hon. Nnenna Ukeje	—	*Member*
(9)	Hon. Henry Nwaruba	—	*Member*
(10)	Hon. Kabir Ajanah	—	*Member*
(11)	Hon. Garba A. Idris	—	*Member*
(12)	Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai	—	*Member*
(13)	Hon. Randolph Brown	—	*Member*
(14)	Hon. Nasiru Ali Ahmed	—	*Member*
(15)	Hon. Laori Kwamoti Bitrus	—	*Member*

(*viii*) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Forensically Investigate the Contract Known as "Refined Product Exchange Agreement or Swap Contract" Between the Pipelines and Products Marketing Company (PPMC), a Subsidiary of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and Oil Trading Companies* (HR. 06/2015):**

(1)	Hon. Zakari Mohammed	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Mustapha Bala Dawaki	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Abdullahi M. Wamakko	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Adamu Kamali	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Haliru Jika	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Saheed Fijabi	—	*Member*
(7)	Hon. Bolaji Ayinla Yusuf	—	*Member*
(8)	Hon. Toby Okechukwu	—	*Member*
(9)	Hon. Gbariel Onyewife	—	*Member*
(10)	Hon. Ahmad Pategi	—	*Member*
(11)	Hon. Mark Gbilla	—	*Member*
(12)	Hon. Bassey Ewah	—	*Member*
(13)	Hon. Sergius Oseasochie	—	*Member*
(14)	Hon. Essien Ekpenyong Ayi	—	*Member*
(15)	Hon. Gaza Gbefwi	—	*Member*

(*ix*) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Award of Contract for the Installations of CCTV Cameras in Abuja and Lagos, and Failure of the ZTE Corporation to Complete the Contract* (HR. 102/2015):**

(1)	Hon. Ahmed Yerima	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Sunday Marshal Katung	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Magaji Da'u	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Ali Yakubu Karasuwa	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Hassan Isa Jama'are	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Wole Oke	—	*Member*
(7)	Hon. Tony Nwulu	—	*Member*
(8)	Hon. Eucheria Azodo	—	*Member*
(9)	Hon. Anayo Edwin	—	*Member*
(10)	Hon. Zakari Angulu	—	*Member*
(11)	Hon. Mark Gbilla	—	*Member*
(12)	Hon. Ezekiel Adaji	—	*Member*
(13)	Hon. Bassey Ekpenyong	—	*Member*
(14)	Hon. Emerengwa Boniface S.	—	*Member*

(15) Hon. Shehu Garba — *Member*
(16) Hon. Ibrahim Baba — *Member*

(*x*) ***Ad-hoc Committee to investigate the Federal Ministry of Transport and the Nigeria Railway Corporation (NRC) on the Award of Contracts*** **(HR. 121/2015):**

(1) Hon. Edionwele Agbonayinma — *Chairman*
(2) Hon. Gideon Gwani — *Member*
(3) Hon. Sarkin Adar — *Member*
(4) Hon. Danladi Baldo — *Member*
(5) Hon. Shehu Aliyu Musa — *Member*
(6) Hon. Mojeed Alabi — *Member*
(7) Hon. Bode Ayorinde — *Member*
(8) Hon. Goodluck opia — *Member*
(9) Hon. Onuigbo S. Ifeanyi — *Member*
(10) Hon. Beni Lar — *Member*
(11) Hon. Faruk Bala — *Member*
(12) Hon. Owoidighe Ekpoattai — *Member*
(13) Hon. Diri Douye — *Member*
(14) Hon. Solomon Ahwinahwi — *Member*
(15) Hon. Mahmud Mohammed — *Member*

(*xi*) ***Ad-hoc Committee on Urgent Need to Investigate Allegation of Contract Inflation in Relation to the Mambila Multi-Purpose Dam and Hydro-Electric Power Project*** **(HR. 82/2015):**

(1) Hon. Moh'd Ali Wudil — *Chairman*
(2) Hon. Shehu Garba — *Member*
(3) Hon. Shehu Aliyu Yammedi — *Member*
(4) Hon. Adamu Gurai — *Member*
(5) Hon. Ismail Ahmed Gadaka — *Member*
(6) Hon. Rotimi Agunsoye — *Member*
(7) Hon. Dapo Lan-Adesina — *Member*
(8) Hon. Anayo Edwin — *Member*
(9) Hon. Uko Nkole — *Member*
(10) Hon. Zakari Angulu — *Member*
(11) Hon. Jonathan Gaza — *Member*
(12) Hon. Christopher Agibe — *Member*
(13) Hon. Diri Douye — *Member*
(14) Hon. Chris Azubogu — *Member*
(15) Hon. Moh'd Danlami Kurfi — *Member*

(*e*) ***Nigeria-Saudi Arabia Parliamentary Friendship Group*:**
Mr Speaker also named the membership of the Group as follows:

(1) Hon. Abdullahi Salame — *Chairman*
(2) Hon. Shadimu Mutiu Alao — *Member*
(3) Hon. Sani Abdu — *Member*
(4) Hon. Rabiu Garba Kaugama — *Member*
(5) Hon. Bashir Baballe — *Member*
(6) Hon. Bolaji Ayila Yusuf — *Member*
(7) Hon. Abdullahi Bello — *Member*

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

(*i*) Hon. Alabi Mojeed (*Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejigbo Federal Constituency*), from Asimiyu Sikiru, praying the House to prevail on the Nigerian Police Force to re-instate him, following his change of mind to go on voluntary retirement;

(*ii*) Hon. Magaji Da'u Aliyu (*Birnin Kudu/Buji Federal Constituency*), on behalf of P. C. Musa Ibrahim, praying the House to investigate his dismissal by the Nigerian Police Force, with a view to re-instating him; and

(*iii*) Hon. Linus Okorie (*Ivo/Ohaozara/Onicha Federal Constituency*), from Elias Okorie Chidi, praying the House to investigate the termination of his appointment by the Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF), with a view to re-instating him and paying all his outstanding entitlements.

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

5. Privilege (Order VI, Rule 22)

Hon. Jisalo Bitrus Zaphaniah (*Abuja Municipal/Bwari Federal Constituency*), drew the attention of the House to the exclusion of the indigenes of Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja in the recent nominations for Ministerial appointment by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for confirmation by the Senate. He noted that the exclusion of the FCT in the Ministerial appointment was a breach of his privilege. He stressed that the combined effect of Sections 297, 299, 147 (3) and 14 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) makes it imperative that the FCT should be considered as one of the States of the Federation in the appointment of Ministers. He implored the President to uphold the constitutional provisions by including the indigenes of the Federal Capital Territory in the on-going ministerial appointment.

Mr Speaker noted that the observation of Hon. Jisalo Bitrus Zaphaniah, but stressed that the appointment of Ministers of the Federal Republic of Nigeria was an on-going exercise, and that it was presumptive to conclude that any law has been breached in that regard.

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

(*i*) ***Need to Resolve the Trade Dispute in the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment*:**

Hon. Akinlaja Joseph (*Ondo East/Ondo 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.*

Need to Resolve the Trade Dispute in the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment:

The House:

Notes the petition brought before the Speaker of this Honorable House on 8 October, 2015 by the Association of Senior Civil Servants of Nigeria which is an affiliate of the Trade Union Congress of Nigeria (TUC) notifying this House of a 21-day ultimatum for the commencement of indefinite nationwide strike action in the Federal ministry of industry, Trade and Investment;

Also notes that according to the petition with reference No. ASCSN/ABJ/FMITI/Vol. II/57, the issues leading to the imminent action are as follows:

(*a*) abuse of the schemes of service which structured the public service into cadre for the purpose of professionalism,

(*b*) the deliberate attempt to remove the demarcation between the Registrar (Trademark and Patent) Cadre and other Cadres as carried out by the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment in 2012,when a Director of the Commercial Law Department was posted in from outside the Cadre,

(*c*) seeming failure to enforce discipline by the permanent secretary of the Ministry,

(*d*) the illegal deployment of one Mr Adekunle O. Adeyemi as a Director to the Federal Ministry of Water Resources by the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF),

(*e*) the refusal of the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment to enforce Public Service Rules (PSR);

Concerned that the Association of Senior Civil Servants of Nigeria through the Secretary General in the petition is asking for Mr Adekunle O. Adeyemi to hand over as a Director of the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to the most senior officer in the Registrar (Trademark and Patent) Cadre in line with the Patent and Trademark Act and the Scheme of Service within 21 days, otherwise the union will shut down the offices of the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment nationwide to press home their demand;

Disturbed that the strike action if embarked on could have a lot of negative implications on our nation's economy;

Observes that such nationwide strike action could result to the low availability of some essential goods and services with increase in demand and resultant inflation;

Also disturbed that the nationwide strike action could negatively affect Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) because investors may begin to have distrust for the system;

Worried that manpower can be affected by such strike action thereby increasing poverty level;

Also worried that civil unrest and probably break down of law and order may arise as a result of such strike action;

Aware that Section 4 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 provides that the legislature has powers to make laws for the peace, order and good governance of Nigeria;

Also aware that Section 14 (1) (*b*) of the Constitution provides that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Refer this dispute to the Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity (when constituted) to intervene and resolve the dispute amicably;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee to engage all the affected parties in accordance with the rule of law and to report back to the House within fourteen (14) days; and

(*iii*) urge all affected parties to continuously engage in peaceful means of dispute resolution (*Hon. Akinlaja Iranola Joseph — Ondo East/Ondo West Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out all the words in Prayer (*i*) and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to intervene in the matter and report back to the House with minimum delay" (*Hon. Simon Y. Arabo — Kauru Federal Constituency*).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted the petition brought before the Speaker of this Honorable House on 8 October, 2015 by the Association of Senior Civil Servants of Nigeria which is an affiliate of the Trade Union Congress of Nigeria (TUC) notifying this House of a 21-day ultimatum for the commencement of indefinite nationwide strike action in the Federal ministry of industry, Trade and Investment;

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(*b*) the deliberate attempt to remove the demarcation between the Registrar (Trademark and Patent) Cadre and other Cadres as carried out by the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment in 2012,when a Director of the Commercial Law Department was posted in from outside the Cadre,

(*c*) seeming failure to enforce discipline by the permanent secretary of the Ministry,

(*d*) the illegal deployment of one Mr Adekunle O. Adeyemi as a Director to the Federal Ministry of Water Resources by the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF),

(*e*) the refusal of the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment to enforce Public Service Rules (PSR);

Concerned that the Association of Senior Civil Servants of Nigeria through the Secretary General in the petition is asking for Mr Adekunle O. Adeyemi to hand over as a Director of the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to the most senior officer in the Registrar (Trademark and Patent) Cadre in line with the Patent and Trademark Act and the Scheme of Service within 21 days, otherwise the union will shut down the offices of the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment nationwide to press home their demand;

Disturbed that the strike action if embarked on could have a lot of negative implications on our nation's economy;

Observed that such nationwide strike action could result to the low availability of some essential goods and services with increase in demand and resultant inflation;

Also disturbed that the nationwide strike action could negatively affect Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) because investors may begin to have distrust for the system;

Worried that manpower can be affected by such strike action thereby increasing poverty level;

Also worried that civil unrest and probably break down of law and order may arise as a result of such strike action;

Aware that Section 4 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 provides that the legislature has powers to make laws for the peace, order and good governance of Nigeria;

Also aware that Section 14 (1) (*b*) of the Constitution provides that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to intervene in the matter and report back to the House with minimum delay;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee to engage all the affected parties in accordance with the rule of law and to report back to the House within fourteen (14) days; and

(*iii*) urge all affected parties to continuously engage in peaceful means of dispute resolution (**HR. 123/2015**).

(*ii*) ***Frequent Robbery Attacks in Festac Town, Lagos*:**
Hon. Oghene Emma Egoh (*Amuwo Odofin 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.*

Frequent Robbery Attacks in Festac Town, Lagos:

The House:

Notes that on Tuesday, 13 October, 2015, a group of armed robbers in military uniform invaded the notable Festac Town in Amuwo Odofin Federal Constituency, Lagos; and raided several banks in the area;

Further notes that in the course of the attacks the robbers shot sporadically, and killed two people, a mother and a child in the process;

Regrets that throughout the raid which lasted for several hours, neither the Police nor members of the military showed up, leaving the residents to their fate;

Aware that the primary responsibility of the Nigerian Police and the military is the protection of lives and property;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Inspector-General of Police and Commissioner of Police, Lagos State to urgently deploy adequate security personnel to Festac Town to protect the lives and property of the residents of the area;

(*ii*) implore the military to strengthen the security of lives and property of the inhabitants of Festac Town, Lagos; and

(*iii*) observe a minute silence in honour of those who lost their lives in the robbery attack (*Hon. Oghene Emma Egoh — Amuwo Odofin Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on Tuesday, 13 October, 2015, a group of armed robbers in military uniform invaded the notable Festac Town in Amuwo Odofin Federal Constituency, Lagos; and raided several banks in the area;

Further noted that in the course of the attacks the robbers shot sporadically, and killed two people, a mother and a child in the process;

Regretted that throughout the raid which lasted for several hours, neither the Police nor members of the military showed up, leaving the residents to their fate;

Aware that the primary responsibility of the Nigerian Police and the military is the protection of lives and property;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge the Inspector-General of Police and Commissioner of Police, Lagos State to urgently deploy adequate security personnel to Festac Town to protect the lives and property of the residents of the area;

(*ii*) implore the military to strengthen the security of lives and property of the inhabitants of Festac Town, Lagos; and

(*iii*) Observe a minute silence in honour of those who lost their lives in the robbery attack (**HR. 124/2015**).

A minute silence observed in honour of the deceased.

7. Presentation and First Reading of Bill

Nigerian Railways Authority Bill, 2015 (HB. 22), read the *First Time*.

8. Deplorable Condition of Calabar - Ikom - Ogoja Highway

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Calabar - Ikom - Ogoja Highway that was constructed more than forty years ago is one of the oldest roads in Nigeria; and having been in continuous use since then, has suffered collapse of its various portions;

Aware that the Road is the commercial nerve linking Cross River State to the North Central States and the South Eastern States of Nigeria;

Concerned that trailers carrying quarry materials, cements and petroleum products ply the road regularly and this high tonnage transporting vehicles were not envisaged when the road was constructed over forty years ago;

Also concerned about the hardship being encountered on the Road by travelers and the loss of lives due to accidents that are occasioned by drivers attempting to negotiate the potholes on the Road;

Disturbed that one of the factors hindering tourism in Cross River State is the state of the Highway because it discourages a lot of tourists who come to Calabar from traveling beyond it owing to the deplorable condition of the road;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Works (when constituted) to include the money for the reconstruction of Calabar - Ikom - Ogoja Highway in the 2016 Appropriations proposal;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance (when constituted) to ensure adherence to Prayer (*i*) (*Hon. Ochiglegor Idagbo — Obanliku/Obudu/Bakwarra Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and Legislative Compliance (*when constituted*), *pursuant to Order VIII, Rule* 51 (5) (**HR. 125/2015**).

9. Need to Explore the Use of Concrete for Construction of Roads in Nigeria

Motion withdrawn by leave of the House.

10. Call for Restructuring of the "Park and Pay" Policy in the Federal Capital Territory in line with International Best Practices
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA), a few months ago licensed private firms to collect tolls that entitled motorists to park vehicles at marked out spaces on public roads and other designated places in the Abuja metropolis;

Also notes that the Policy was abolished as a result of a High Court ruling that it was not backed by law;

Observes that the FCTA has hastened to amend its by-law and is preparing to re-introduce the Park and Pay Policy in Abuja metropolis;

Also observes that the Court ruling that declared the Policy illegal meant that certain fundamental actions necessary for implementation of such Policy were not taken by the FCTA before embarking on it;

Aware that the Policy was characterized with fraud, harassment, thuggery and other forms of irregularities, while it lasted which made FCT residents to celebrate its abolition with so much fanfare;

Concerned that staff of Ministries, Departments and Agencies have designated official parking spaces which high profile visitors had access to, which shows the policy to be discriminatory and only targeted at the less privileged, in violation of section 15 (1) and (2) of the Constitution of Nigeria;

Also concerned that the planned re-introduction of the Policy without proper planning and a legal framework could again inflict FCT residents with the kind of fraud, harassment and illegalities they earlier went through;

Worried that the millions of Naira generated from illegal operation of the Policy while it lasted, is yet to be accounted for by both the FCTA and the private operators of the scheme who acted with gross impunity;

Further concerned that if the issue associated with the poorly conceived Policy are not addressed, FCT residents would soon be made to, once again face the oppressive implementors of the Park and Pay Policy;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the FCT Administration to package its concept of Park and Pay Policy as a Bill and forward to the National Assembly for consideration and passage if the Administration is bent on re-introducing it;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Federal Capital Territory (FCT) (when constituted) to investigate the expenditure or otherwise of the millions of Naira generated by the Park and Pay Policy before it was declared illegal; and

(*iii*) also mandate the Committee to understudy Park and Pay as a motoring policy and how it can be domesticated to successfully operate in the FCT (*Hon. Uko Ndukwe Nkole — Arochukwu/Ohafia Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question put and negatived.

11. Need to Restore Scanners for Detection of Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) on Routes Leading into Abuja

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes with regret the recent bomb blasts on Friday, October 2, 2015 at Nyanya and Kuje, two suburbs of Abuja, in which several lives were lost and scores of people injured;

Also notes that the resolve to avoid the escalation of terrorists attacks in Abuja and its environs after the Nyanya twin bombings of April, 2014, led to the introduction of military check points at every route of entry into Abuja;

Observes sadly that terrorists habitually deploy high caliber Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) as a weapon for soft-spot precision targeting which amplifies casualties while ensuring that the attacks are noticed;

Further notes that as a counter-terrorism effort, the Brigade of Guards of the Nigerian Army had mounted Stationary Security Scanning machines in some strategic and vulnerable spots in the FCT to scan and detect explosives planted in vehicles, passengers or luggage;

Aware that when vulnerable districts like Suleja, Zuba, Gwagwalada, Dutse-Alhaji, Mpape, Giri, Masaka, Nyanya, Kugbo, and Mararaba which all together constitute the known entry routes into Abuja, were placed under military and Scanner Surveillance, residents of Abuja and its environs went to sleep with their two eyes closed;

Worried that a purported misunderstanding of the President's directive by the Ministry of Defence had orchestrated the dismantling of the military check points, and the removal of the field scanning machines, which exposed residents of Abuja and its environs to attacks by terrorists as witnessed in the Nyanya and Kuje bomb blasts;

Cognizant that the Office of the National Security Adviser (NSA) acting on the clarification of the President's directive, had on July 9, 2015, got the Military Authorities to return soldiers to the checkpoints, but without bringing back the Scanning Machines for detecting improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), and concealed weapons;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the National Security Adviser, the Chief of Defence Staff, and the Chief of Army Staff to urgently re-deploy sophisticated scanners with the capacity for a long-range coded-aperture imaging to the military checkpoints on every route leading into Abuja; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on National Security and Intelligence (when constituted) to monitor the development and report back to the House within three (3) weeks (*Hon. Blessing Ibiba Nsiegbe — Port Harcourt II Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) In Prayer (*i*), line 3, immediately after the word "and", *insert* the words "other major cities in Nigeria" instead thereof (*Hon. Yusuf Buba — Gombi/Hong Federal Constituency*).

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

(*ii*) In Prayer (*i*), line 1, immediately after the word "Staff", insert the words "and the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) and other relevant law enforcement agencies" instead thereof (*Hon. Agbonayinma Johnson Ehiozwa — Egor/Ikpoba Okha Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted with regret the recent bomb blasts on Friday, October 2, 2015 at Nyanya and Kuje, two suburbs of Abuja, in which several lives were lost and scores of people injured;

Also noted that the resolve to avoid the escalation of terrorists attacks in Abuja and its environs after the Nyanya twin bombings of April, 2014, led to the introduction of military check points at every route of entry into Abuja;

Observed sadly that terrorists habitually deploy high caliber Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) as a weapon for soft-spot precision targeting which amplifies casualties while ensuring that the attacks are noticed;

Further noted that as a counter-terrorism effort, the Brigade of Guards of the Nigerian Army had mounted Stationary Security Scanning machines in some strategic and vulnerable spots in the FCT to scan and detect explosives planted in vehicles, passengers or luggage;

Aware that when vulnerable districts like Suleja, Zuba, Gwagwalada, Dutse-Alhaji, Mpape, Giri, Masaka, Nyanya, Kugbo, and Mararaba which all together constitute the known entry routes into Abuja, were placed under military and Scanner Surveillance, residents of Abuja and its environs went to sleep with their two eyes closed;

Worried that a purported misunderstanding of the President's directive by the Ministry of Defence had orchestrated the dismantling of the military check points, and the removal of the field scanning machines, which exposed residents of Abuja and its environs to attacks by terrorists as witnessed in the Nyanya and Kuje bomb blasts;

Cognizant that the Office of the National Security Adviser (NSA) acting on the clarification of the President's directive, had on July 9, 2015, got the Military Authorities to return soldiers to the checkpoints, but without bringing back the Scanning Machines for detecting improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), and concealed weapons;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge the National Security Adviser, the Chief of Defence Staff, and the Chief of Army Staff to urgently re-deploy sophisticated scanners with the capacity for a long-range coded-aperture imaging to the military checkpoints on every route leading into Abuja and other major cities in Nigeria;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on National Security and Intelligence (when constituted) to monitor the development and report back to the House within three (3) weeks (**HR. 126/2015**).

12. Urgent Need to Address the Incessant Clashes between Herdsmen, Farmers and their Host Communities in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that over the years, Nigeria has recorded several incidents of serious and devastating clashes amongst Herdsmen, farmers, and their host communities in which many lives were lost and properties were destroyed;

Also notes that in spite of the measures adopted by successive governments, the problem seems to have defied all solutions;

Worried that the development has now assumed a very dangerous dimension with the recent invasion of the Farmland of Chief Olu Falae resulting in the Yoruba Council of Elders condemning the development in strong terms with pronouncement capable of threatening the peace and unity of the country;

Also worried that the prevailing precarious security situation in the country could be further worsened by the increasing frequency of these clashes if not addressed urgently;

Aware that several factors such as urbanization, growth in population, deforestation amongst others are responsible for the heavy depletion of customary grazing land, nomadic paths and the resultant negative consequences of reduced livestock population, increased difficulty of herding, seasonal migration and the strain in the relationship between the herdsmen, farmers and their host communities;

Hopeful that as a panacea for peace amongst the feuding parties, it is expedient for Cattle Rearing Settlements equipped with grazing reserves, residential accommodation, health and educational infrastructure to be established to bring cattle breeding in Nigeria in tandem with modern practices thereby discouraging pastoral migration;

Convinced that if traditional method of cattle rearing is discouraged and modern method is embraced with the establishment of Cattle Rearing Settlements with modern facilities, communal conflicts and incessant clashes will be significantly reduced, if not eliminated and peaceful co-existence among the feuding parties will be greatly engendered;

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture to as a matter of urgency embark on the establishment of Cattle Rearing Settlements equipped with modern infrastructural facilities like grazing reserves, residential accommodation, health and educational infrastructure to bring traditional cattle rearing practice in Nigeria in conformity with modern practices (*Hon. Wale Raji — Epe Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) *Leave out* all the words in the Prayer and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"Urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture to as a matter of urgency, embark on the immediate utilization of the existing gazetted grazing reserves across the country and create additional ones in areas where they are in-adequate or non-existence; provide water, residential accommodation, health and educational facilities within the grazing reserves, as well as register and resettle the cattle grazers" (*Hon. Abdulrahman Shuaibu — Mubi North/Mubi South/Maiha Federal Constituency*).

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

(*ii*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*ii*) as follows:
"Mandate the Committees on Agriculture, and Legislative Compliance (when constituted) to report progress to the House quarterly on the extent of compliance with the House Resolution on the matter" (*Hon. Abdulrahman Shuaibu — Mubi North/Mubi South/Maiha Federal Constituency*).

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

(*iii*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*iii*) as follows:
"(*a*) Constitute an Ad-hoc Committee to investigate the causes, consequences, and perpetrators of this clashes, the extent to which perpetrators have been identified, apprehended or prosecuted by the Nigerian Police and other security agencies and the extent to which victims have been adequately compensated" (*Hon. Mark Gbillah — Gwer-East/Gwer-West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

"(*b*) investigate the current international best practices on cattle/livestock rearing in other climes and review the 2014 National Conference Resolutions on the issue of Herdsmen conflicts with communities" (*Hon. Mark Gbillah — Gwer-East/Gwer West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

"(*c*) suggest appropriate compensation to the victims of these clashes" (*Hon. Mark Gbillah — Gwer-East/Gwer West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

(*iv*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*iii*) as follows:
"Urge the Federal and State Governments, Donor agencies and all stakeholders to consider the plight of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) arising from clashes in their intervention programmes" (*Hon. Mark Gbillah — Gwer-East/Gwer West Federal Constituency*).

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

(*v*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*iv*) as follows:
"Urge the Inspector-General of Police and other security agencies to apply the same level of diligence shown in the case of Chief Olu Falae to identify and apprehend perpetrators of these clashes in other communities" (*Hon. Mark Gbillah — Gwer-East/Gwer West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

(*vi*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*iv*) as follows:
"urge the various State Ministries of Land and Security Services to ensure the demarcation and identification of grazing routes that lead to the settlements in their States and enlightenment of same to the affected communities" (*Hon. Chukwuemeka Ujam — Nkanu East/Nkanu west Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

Main Question as a amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that over the years, Nigeria has recorded several incidents of serious and devastating clashes amongst Herdsmen, farmers, and their host communities in which many lives were lost and properties were destroyed;

Also noted that in spite of the measures adopted by successive governments, the problem seems to have defied all solutions;

Worried that the development has now assumed a very dangerous dimension with the recent invasion of the Farmland of Chief Olu Falae resulting in the Yoruba Council of Elders condemning the development in strong terms with pronouncement capable of threatening the peace and unity of the country;

Also worried that the prevailing precarious security situation in the country could be further worsened by the increasing frequency of these clashes if not addressed urgently;

Aware that several factors such as urbanization, growth in population, deforestation amongst others are responsible for the heavy depletion of customary grazing land, nomadic paths and the resultant negative consequences of reduced livestock population, increased difficulty of herding, seasonal migration and the strain in the relationship between the herdsmen, farmers and their host communities;

Hopeful that as a panacea for peace amongst the feuding parties, it is expedient for Cattle Rearing Settlements equipped with grazing reserves, residential accommodation, health and educational infrastructure to be established to bring cattle breeding in Nigeria in tandem with modern practices thereby discouraging pastoral migration;

Convinced that if traditional method of cattle rearing is discouraged and modern method is embraced with the establishment of Cattle Rearing Settlements with modern facilities, communal conflicts and incessant clashes will be significantly reduced, if not eliminated and peaceful co-existence among the feuding parties will be greatly engendered;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture to as a matter of urgency, embark on the immediate utilization of the existing gazetted grazing reserves across the country and create additional ones in areas where they are in-adequate or non-existence; also provide water, residential accommodation, health and educational facilities within the grazing reserves, as well as register and resettle the cattle grazers;

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Agriculture, and Legislative Compliance (when constituted) to report progress quarterly to the House on the extent of compliance with the House Resolution on the matter; and

(*iii*) also urge the Federal and State Governments, Donor agencies and all stakeholders to consider the plight of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) arising from clashes in their interaction programmes (**HR. 127/2015**).

13. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Primary Health Care Development Agency Act, Cap. N69, LFN, 2004 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 15) — *Second Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Primary Health Care Development Agency Act, Cap. N69, LFN, 2004 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 15) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

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

Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Health Services (when constituted).

14 .Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 20 October, 2015 at 10.00 a.m. (Hon. Alhassan Ado Doguwa — Chief Whip).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.26 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 14 October, 2015:

On page 308, item 10, Prayer (*ii*), line 3, (and wherever it appears in the motion), leave out the words "Seven hundred and seventy-four (774)" and *insert* "Seven hundred and sixty-eight (768)" instead thereof.