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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 22 October, 2015

1. The House met at 12.08 p.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, 21 October, 2015.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcement**

(*a*) ***Visitors in the Gallery***:
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following:

(*i*) National Association of Ogun State Students, Northern Region, Kaduna State;

(*ii*) Staff and Students of St Bartholomew's Nursery/Primary School, Kubwa, Abuja;

(*iii*) Speaker and Members of the Bauchi State House of Assembly, led by their Speaker.

(*b*) ***Bereavement***:
Mr Speaker read the following communication from Hon. Douye Diri (*Yenagoa/Kolokuma Federal Constituency*), announcing the death of Senator Amatari Zuofa – Bayelsa Senatorial District (1979 - 1983) on Tuesday, 13 October, 2015.

A minute silence observed in honour of the deceased.

(*c*) ***Recovery of Revenues Payable to the Federation Account from the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and its Joint Venture Partners***:
Mr Speaker announced that the following Members should be co-opted into the Committees on Petroleum Resources (Upstream), and Petroleum Resources (Downstream) when constituted), for the purpose of the investigation on Recovery of Revenues Payable to the Federation Account from the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and its Joint Venture Partners:

(1)	Hon. Wale Raji	—	*Member*
(2)	Hon. Abubakar Husaini Moriki	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Abubakar Chika Adamu	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Abdullahi Mahmud Gaya	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Ayodele Oladimeji	—	*Member*

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(6)	Hon. Abdurrahman Shuaibu	—	*Member*
(7)	Hon. Babangida Ibrahim	—	*Member*
(8)	Hon. Sunday M. Katung	—	*Member*
(9)	Hon. Olajide Olatunbosun	—	*Member*

(*d*) ***Admittance into the Chamber*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do admit into the Chamber, Hon. Ghali Umar Na'abba, former Speaker of the House of Representatives (1999 - 2003) and Hon. Chibudum Nwuche, former Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives (1999 - 2003) to observe the day's Proceedings, pursuant to Order XIX, Rule 217 (1) (*viii*) of the Standing Orders" (*Hon. Jibril Buba Umar — Lokoja /Kogi/Koton-Karfi Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Hon. Ghali Umar Na'abba and Hon. Chibudum Nwuche admitted into the Chamber, accordingly.

(*e*) ***Committees of the House*:**

Mr Speaker named the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Special and Standing Committees of the House as follows:

	Committee	***Chairman***	***Deputy Chairman***
(1)	Agricultural Production and Services	Hon. Mohammed T. Monguno	Hon. Muktar M. Chiromawa
(2)	Agricultural Colleges and Institutions	Hon. Linus Okorie	Hon. Abdullahi Kontagora
(3)	Aids, Loans and Debts Management	Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi	Hon. Safana A. Dayyabu
(4)	Air Force	Hon. Samson Okwu	Hon. Lawal Muazu
(5)	Anti-Corruption	Hon. Akinloye Babajide Hazeez	Hon. Amiru Tukur Idris
(6)	Appropriations	Hon. Abdulmumini Jibirin	Hon. Chris Emeka Azubogu
(7)	Army	Hon. Rima M. Shawulu Kwewum	Hon. Olufunke Adedoyin
(8)	Aviation	Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha	Hon. Isa Salihu Bashir
(9)	Banking and Currency	Hon. Chukwudi Victor Jones	Hon. Salisu Zakari Ningi
(10)	Basic Education and Services	Hon. Mohammed Zakari	Hon. Anohu Chukwuemeka
(11)	Capital Market and Institutions	Hon. Yusuf Ayo Tajudeen	Hon. Nwulu Tony Chinedu
(12)	Civil Societies and Development Partners	Hon. Peter Akpatason	Hon. Williams Samuel Olusegun
(13)	Climate Change	Hon. Samuel Ifeanyi Onuigbo	Hon. Adekunle A. Akinlade
(14)	Commerce	Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga	Hon. Aminu Ashiru Mani
(15)	Constituency Outreach	Hon. Lawal Abubakar Garba	Hon. Bede Eke Uchenna
(16)	Cooperation and Integration in Africa	Hon. Kingsley Sunny Ibenyi	Hon. Tasir Olawale Raji
(17)	Culture and Tourism	Hon. Ihama Omoregie	Hon. Shadafi Salihu Adamu
(18)	Customs and Excise	Hon. James Abiodun Falake	Hon. Rufai Ahmed Chanchangi

(19)	Diaspora Matters	Hon. Rita Orji	Hon. Sheinu Aliyu Musa
(20)	Delegated Legislation	Hon. Simon Y. Arabo	Hon. Babajimi Benson
(21)	Defence	Hon. Muktar Betara Aliyu	Hon. Solomon Ahwinahwi
(22)	Drugs and Narcotics	Hon. Eucharia Okwunwa Azodo	Hon. Samaila Suleiman
(23)	Electoral Matters and Political Party Matters	Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku	Hon. Zakari Angulu
(24)	Emergency and Disaster Preparedness	Hon. Satumari Jibrin	Hon. Ali Isa J. C.
(25)	Environment and Habitat	Hon. Obinna Chidoka	Hon. Boma Goodhead
(26)	Ethics and Privileges	Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai	Hon. Emmanuel Egwu
(27)	FCT Area Councils and Ancillary Matters	Hon. Zaphaniah Jisalo	Hon. Kabir Shaaibu
(28)	FCT Judiciary	Hon. Laori B. Kwamoti	Hon. Muntari Dandutse
(29)	Federal Capital Territory	Hon. Herman Hembe Iorwase	Hon. Ogun Sargius Oseasochie
(30)	Federal Character	Hon. Ahmed Idris Wase	Hon. Darlington Nwokocha
(31)	Federal Judiciary	Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari	Hon. Kenneth Anayo Chikere
(32)	Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA)	Hon. Jerry Alagboso	Hon. Abdullahi M. Wamakko
(33)	Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC)	Hon. Yunusa Ahmad Abubakar	Hon. Solomon Maren
(34)	Finance	Hon. Babangida Ibrahim	Hon. Chukwukere Austin Ekechukwu
(35)	Financial Crimes	Hon. Oladele Kayode	Hon. Goodluck Opiah Nnanna
(36)	FOI (Reform of Government Institutions	Hon. Gabriel Onyenwife	Hon. Garba Ibrahim
(37)	Foreign Affairs	Hon. Nnenna Elendu-Ukeji	Hon. Ibrahim Abubakar Duste
(38)	Gas Resources	Hon. Agbedi Frederick Y.	Hon. Albert Abiodun Adeogun
(39)	Governmental Affairs	Hon. Husseini Suleiman Kangiwa	Hon. Isiaka A. Ibrahim
(40)	Health Institutions	Hon. Betty Apiafi	Hon. Muhammed Umar Jega
(41)	Healthcare Services	Hon. Chike John Okafor	Hon. Mohammed Usman
(42)	HIV, AIDS Tuberculosis and Malaria Control	Hon. Emmanuel David Ombugadu	Hon. Saidu Yusuf Miga
(43)	Housing	Hon. Mustapha Bala Dawaki	Hon. Danladi Baido
(44)	Human Rights	Hon. Pwajok E. Gyang	Hon. Mojeed Alabi
(45)	House Services	Hon. Nasiru Baballe Ila	Hon. Omosede I. Gabriella
(46)	IDPs, Refugees and Initiatives on North East	Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro	Hon. Adaji Awulu Ezekiel
(47)	Industry	Hon. Abubakar Husaini Moriki	Hon. Jerome Amadi Eke

(48)	Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values	Hon. Odendumi Olusegun Dokun	Hon. Lawali Hassan Anka
(49)	Information Technology	Hon. Mohammed Ogoshi Onawo	Hon. Ahmed Garba Bichi
(50)	Insurance and Actuarial Matters	Hon. Olufemi Fakeye	Hon. Daniel Henry Ofongo
(51)	Interior	Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba	Hon. Patrick Aisowieren
(52)	Inter-Parliamentary Relations	Hon. Samuel Okon Ikon	Hon. Diya Oyewole Babafemi
(53)	Justice	Hon. Razak Olatunde Atunwa	Hon. Blessing Nsiegbe
(54)	Labour, Employment and Productivity	Hon. Ezenwa Onyewuchi Francis	Hon. Munir Babba Danagundi
(55)	Lake Chad	Hon. Sabo Garba	Hon. Ahmed Abu
(56)	Land Transport	Hon. Amin Sani Isa	Hon. Adekoya Adesegun A.
(57)	Legislative Budget and Research	Hon. Timothy Golu S.	Hon. Ochiglegor Idagbo
(58)	Legislative Compliance	Hon. Abiodun Olusupo Adeola	Hon. Abubakar Chika Adamu
(59)	Local Content	Hon. Emmanuel Ekon	Hon. Hassan Saleh
(60)	Maritime Safety, Education and Administration	Hon. Mohammed Umaru Bago	Hon. Solomon Adaelu Ezinwa O.
(61)	Media and Public Affairs	Hon. Abdulrazak Sa'ad Namdas	Hon. Gaza Jonathan
(62)	National Planning and Economic Development	Hon. Jephthah Foingha	Hon. Bashir Babale
(63)	Navy	Hon. Abdussamad Dasuki	Hon. Awaji-Inombek Abiante
(64)	Niger Delta Development Commission	Hon. Nicholas Mutu Ebomo	Hon. Kabiru Marafa Achida
(65)	Niger Delta Affairs	—	Hon. Nasiru Ali Ahmad
(66)	Pensions	Hon. Hassan Adamu Shekarau	Hon. Michael Irom Etaba
(67)	Petroleum Resources (Downstream)	Hon. Akinlaja Joseph Iranola	Hon. Danlami Mohammed Kurfi
(68)	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Hon. Victor Onyemaechi Nwokolo	Hon. Mark Gbillah
(69)	Police Affairs	Hon. Haliru Dauda Jika	Hon. Udende Emmanuel Memga
(70)	Population	Hon. Mohammed Abdulkadir Mahmud	Hon. Akinjo Kolade Victor
(71)	Ports, Harbours and Waterways	Hon. Patrick Asadu O.	Hon. Kabir Ajanah Mohammed
(72)	Poverty Alleviation	Hon. Mohammad Ali Wudil	Hon. Sidi Yakubu Karasuwa
(73)	Power	Hon. Daniel Asuquo Effiong	Hon. Mohammed Garba Gololo
(74)	Privatization and Commercialization	Hon. Ahmed Yerima	Hon. Shadimu Mutiu Alao
(75)	Public Accounts	Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda	Hon. Ibrahim Baba
(76)	Public Petitions	Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta	Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata
(77)	Public Procurement	Hon. Busayo Oluwole Oke	Hon. Nasiru Sule Garu

(78)	Public Safety and Intelligence	Hon. Aminu Sani Jaji	Hon. Shiddi Usman Danjuma
(79)	Public Service Matters	Hon. Gogo bright Tamuno	Hon. Sani Bala
(80)	Rules and Business	Hon. Emmanuel Orker-Jev	Hon. Olabode Ayorinde
(81)	Rural Development	Hon. Ladi Adebutu	Hon. Anayo Edwin
(82)	Selection		
(83)	Science and Technology	Hon. Beni Lar	Hon. Onyeamaechi Joan Mrakpor
(84)	Solid Minerals Development	Hon. Garba Datti Muhammed	Hon. Adamu O. Entonu
(85)	Special Duties	Hon. Nasiru Sani Zangon Daura	Hon. Adepoju Adeyemi Sunday
(86)	Sports	Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan	Hon. Anayo Nnebe
(87)	Steel	Hon. Idrisu Lawal Mohammadu	Hon. Lawal Maina Mahmud
(88)	Sustainable Development Goals	Hon. Tijjani Abdulkadir Jobe	Hon. Emmanuel Ukoete
(89)	Telecommunications	Hon. Saheed Akinade Fijabi	Hon. Ujam Chukwuemeka
(90)	Tertiary Education and Services	Hon. Aminu Suleman	Hon. Jarigbe Agom Jarigbe
(91)	Treaties, Protocols and Agreements	Hon. Balogun Yakub Abiodun	Hon. Aliyu Danladi
(92)	Urban Development and Regional Planning	Hon. Olatoye Temitope Sugar	Hon. Mohammed Fagen Gawo
(93)	Water Resources	Hon. Aliyu Bahago Ahman-Pategi	Hon. Shehu Nicholas Garba
(94)	Women Affairs and Social Development	Hon. Uchenna Obiageli N. Stella	Hon. Owoidighe Ime Ekpoattai
(95)	Women in Parliament	Hon. Evelyn Omavowan Oboro	Hon. Asabe Vilita Bashir
(96)	Works	Hon. Tobi Okechukwu	Hon. Abubakar Amuda-Kannike Garba
(97)	Youth Development	Hon. Segun Adekola Alexander	Hon. Iboro Asuquo Ekanem

4. Petitions

The following petitions were presented and laid by:

(*i*) Hon. Herman Hembe (*Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*), from Contractors who executed the constituency projects of Members of the 7th House of Representatives under the auspices of the Ministry of Special Duties and Inter-Governmental Affairs, praying the House to intervene in the delay of payment of their bills;

(*ii*) Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai (*Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*), from Prince Obiaku Amachi, on behalf of Ase-Amuku community seeking the intervention of the House in the refusal by Sterling Oil Exploration and Energy Production Company Limited (SEEPCO) to pay the community's outstanding entitlements and fully implement the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding between the community and the company;

(*iii*) Hon. Opiah Goodluck (*Ohaji/Egbema/Oru East Federal Constituency*), from ASP Anthony Mgbeojirikwe, praying the House to prevail on the Nigeria Police to recall him to duty following his exoneration in the matter which led to his suspension; and

(*iv*) Hon. Adamu D. U. Kamale (*Michika/Madagali Federal Constituency*), from Vincent S. Hassan and 39 Other Pensioners from Michika, and Madagali, Adamawa State praying the House to intervene and ensure that the Federal Government share of their retirement benefits is settled.

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

5. Presentation and First Reading of Bills

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

(*i*) National Transport Commission Bill, 2015 (HB. 51).

(*ii*) Federal Land Registry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 52).

(*iii*) Federal Character Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 53).

(*iv*) Internet Child Pornography Prevention Bill, 2015 (HB. 81).

(*v*) Security Services Welfare Infrastructural Development Commission Bill, 2015 (HB. 83).

(*vi*) Chartered Institute of Export and Commodity Brokers of Nigeria Bill, 2015 (HB. 85).

6. Call for a State of Emergency and Legislative Intervention in the Unemployment Crisis in Nigeria

Order read; withdrawn by leave of the House.

7. Call for a Dual Carriageway along Wudil-Birnin-Kudu-Babaldu-Ningi-Bauchi-Gombe-Yola Road traversing Kano, Jigawa, Bauchi, Gombe and Adamawa States

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Wudil Birnin-Kudu-Babaldu-Bauchi-Gombe-Yola Road links Kano, Jigawa, Bauchi, Gombe and Adamawa States of Nigeria and also leads to the neighbouring country of Cameroun;

Concerned that this major road is still a single lane road, as a result of which there is a heavy vehicular movement which stretches its capacity;

Worried about the loss of time being experienced by commuters which have negative consequences for economic pursuits of the people of those States, coupled with the high accident rate on the ever busy road, leading to loss of lives and destruction of properties;

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Ministry of Works to make provisions in the 2016 Budget proposal for the construction of a dual carriageway along the route (*Hon. Muhammad Ali Wudil — Wudil/Garko Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion referred to the Committee on Works (when constituted), pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 51 (5) **(HR. 135/2015)**.

8. Call for Rehabilitation of the Lagos-Badagry Express Road
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Lagos-Badagry Express Road, which was constructed in 1971, links Nigeria to Benin Republic and other countries of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS):

Concerned that after more than 40 years, no major rehabilitation work has been carried out on the Road which is one of the major revenue points among land borders in Nigeria as it connects three land borders namely, Seme, Owode-Asheri and Palshie borders:

Worried that the deplorable state of the road is bringing avoidable risks to commuters, causing hardships to residents of nearby communities and giving a bad impression of the country to Diplomats from neighbouring countries who ply the road for tourism and other official duties:

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to urgently rehabilitate the affected portions of the road in order to put an end to the hardships being experienced by commuters:

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works and FERMA to constantly monitor the road and other federal roads to avoid their completely dilapidating before remedial works are undertaken: and

(*iii*) further urge the Federal Ministry of Works and FERMA to collaborate with Lagos State Government for early completion of the expansion of the road to a ten (10) lane dual carriageway with a light rail public transport system (*Hon. Bamgbose H. Joseph — Badagry Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and FERMA (when constituted), pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 51 (5) (**HR. 136/2015**).

9. Urgent Need to Curb the Incessant Incidents of Snake Bites in Pankshin/Kanke/Kanam Federal Constituency and Other Neighbouring Communities
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes with concern the alarming rate of snake bites in Pankshin/Kanke/Kanam Federal Constituency and other neighbouring communities in Langtang, Shendam (Plateau), Kaltungo (Gombe) and Karim Lamido (Taraba) which have claimed many lives and is threatening the socio-economic and agricultural activities of the people:

Also notes that the problem of snake bites has, in the recent time, significantly added to the disease burden in Nigeria, particularly among farmers, causing many deaths each year and permanent disability as a result of an increasing shortage of anti-venom (vaccine) which has also given rise to the high cost of available therapy and created illicit production of fake and adulterated vaccines:

Concerned that with its triad of high mortality, high disability and deformity, and substantial psychological morbidity, snake bite warrants high priority attention, intervention and research, rather than the neglect it is currently receiving from the Governments, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Donor Agencies:

Also concerned that unless the situation is treated as an urgent public health emergency warranting the manufacture of effective, safe and affordable anti-venom vaccine, millions of lives will continue to be lost to snake bites;

Recalls that the Administration of former President Olusegun Obansajo had approved the local production of a mono- specific anti snake venom vaccine and clinical trials that were conducted confirmed the efficacy of the vaccine which reduced mortality rate, at that time;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of Health to declare snake bites a national public health emergency and a neglected tropical disease that requires urgent action to tackle;

(*ii*) also urge the Ministry to immediately resume technical talks with relevant partners on the need to commence local production of affordable, safe, effective and non-cold-chain anti -venom to curb the situation;

(*iii*) further urge the 36 State Governments and the 774 Local Government Councils to sensitize the citizenry about snake bites, train medical staff, encourage the use of hand gloves and rain boots, promote the spread of pesticides and insecticides on farmlands and vulnerable areas, embark on fumigation of the environment, residential, commercial and agricultural premises to reduce snake bites and commit funds to purchase and store vaccines for the people;

(*iv*) call on the World Health Organization (WHO) to declare snake bites as a global plague with high morbidity rate (*Hon. Golu Timothy Simon Paskshin/Kanke/Kanam Federal Constituency and* 4 *Others*).

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*v*) as follows:
"Urge the Federal Ministry of Health to liaise with Federal Ministry of Agriculture, and Federal Ministry of Science and Technology to provide predators and anti-snake flower" (*Hon. Aminu Sani Jaji — Kauru-Namoda /Birnin/Magaji Federal Constituency*)

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

(*ii*) In the title, immediately after the word "Constituency", *insert* the words "Fufore/Song Federal Constituency" (*Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim — Fufore/Song Federal Constituency*).

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

(*iii*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*vi*) as follows:
"Urge the Federal Government to direct the Federal Ministry of Health to convert the 200 Bed Kaltungo Snake Bite Hospital to Institute of Research on snake venom" (*Hon. Binta Bello — Kaltungo /Shongom Federal Constituency*).

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

(*iv*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*vii*) as follows:
"Urge the Federal Government to establish a Special Unit that deals with snake bite at the Federal Medical Centres of the affected areas" (*Hon. Binta Bello — Kaltungo/Shongom Federal Constituency*).

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

(*v*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*viii*) as follows:
"Urge the Federal Government to direct the Veterinary Research Institute at Vom to start the production of the anti-snake venom" (*Hon. Dukku J. Aisha — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

(*vi*) In the title as amended, immediately after the word "Constituency", *insert* the words "Damboa/Gwoza/Chibok" (*Hon. Asabe Vilita Bashir — Damboa/Gwoza/ Chibok Federal Constituency*).

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

Question on the Motion as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted with concern the alarming rate of snake bites in Pankshin/Kanke/Kanam Federal Constituency and other neighbouring communities in Langtang, Shendam (Plateau), Kaltungo (Gombe) and Karim Lamido (Taraba) which have claimed many lives and is threatening the socio-economic and agricultural activities of the people;

Also noted that the problem of snake bites has, in the recent time, significantly added to the disease burden in Nigeria, particularly among farmers, causing many deaths each year and permanent disability as a result of an increasing shortage of anti-venom (vaccine) which has also given rise to the high cost of available therapy and created illicit production of fake and adulterated vaccines;

Concerned that with its triad of high mortality, high disability and deformity, and substantial psychological morbidity, snake bite warrants high priority attention, intervention and research, rather than the neglect it is currently receiving from the Governments, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Donor Agencies;

Also concerned that unless the situation is treated as an urgent public health emergency warranting the manufacture of effective, safe and affordable anti-venom vaccine, millions of lives will continue to be lost to snake bites;

Recalled that the Administration of former President Olusegun Obansajo had approved the local production of a mono- specific anti snake venom vaccine and clinical trials that were conducted confirmed the efficacy of the vaccine which reduced mortality rate, at that time;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of Health to declare snake bites a national public health emergency and a neglected tropical disease that requires urgent action to tackle;

(*ii*) also urge the Ministry to immediately resume technical talks with relevant partners on the need to commence local production of affordable, safe, effective and non-cold-chain anti -venom to curb the situation;

(*iii*) further urge the 36 State Governments and the 774 Local Government Councils to sensitize the citizenry about snake bites, train medical staff, encourage the use of hand gloves and rain boots, promote the spread of pesticides and insecticides on farmlands and vulnerable areas, embark on fumigation of the environment, residential, commercial and agricultural premises to reduce snake bites and commit funds to purchase and store vaccines for the people;

(*iv*) call on the World Health Organization (WHO) to declare snake bites as a global plague with high morbidity rate;

(*v*) again urge the Federal Ministry of Health to liaise with Federal Ministry of Agriculture. and Federal Ministry of Science and Technology to provide, productions, and anti snake flower;

(*vi*) still urge the Federal Government to direct the Federal Ministry of Health to convert the 200 Bed Kaltungo Snake Bite Hospital to Institute of Research on snake venom:

(*vii*) also urge the Federal Government to establish a Special Unit that deals with snake bite at the Federal Medical Centres of the affected areas

(*viii*) further urge the Federal Government to direct the Veterinary Research Institute at Vom to start the production of the anti-snake venom.

Motion referred to Committee on Healthcare Services (*when constituted*) (**HR. 137/2015**).

10. Call for Measures to stop the Incessant Collapse of Buildings in Nigeria
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes with concern the frequent cases of collapse of buildings with the attendant loss of lives and destruction of properties worth millions of Naira;

Concerned about the continued incidents despite the many professional bodies in the building industry to monitor the activities of professionals and the efforts of the executive and legislative arms of government to develop the needed policies and laws to curb the menace;

Recalls the recent collapse of the six-storey building of the Synagogue Church of All Nations in Lagos, which killed over one hundred people, including foreign nationals; and also a building in Barnawa Housing Estate, Kaduna in which twenty-seven people were killed, among others;

Worried that in spite of the existence of quality control agencies such as the Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON), sub-standard building materials still flood the markets;

Also worried that Tribunals put in place by various Governments to look into cases of collapsed buildings have seemingly concealed their proceedings, findings and directions from the public against the provision of paragraph 7 of the Registered Engineers (Disciplinary Tribunal and Assessors) Rules, Cap. E14 of 1980 as amended;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal and States Governments to mandate all Tribunals handling cases of collapsed buildings to conduct their proceedings in public and make their directions known to the public as provided for by the law;

(*ii*) also urge the Federal and States Governments to mandate relevant agencies to undertake strict regulatory measures to forestall the importation, production and sales of substandard building materials in Nigeria;

(*iii*) further urge the Federal Government to put in place a scheme that will require professional bodies to mandate all professionals handling projects in the building and construction industry to submit quarterly reports to their various professional bodies for easy monitoring in order to avert further occurrence of these incidents;

(*iv*) mandate the Committee on Housing (when constituted) to investigate the reports, findings and directions of Tribunals empanelled by the various professional and regulatory bodies in the building and construction industry on collapsed buildings, and report back to the House within four weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren —Mangu /Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion referred to the Committee on Housing (when constituted), pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 51 (5) **(HR. 138/2015)**.

11. **Devastating Gully Erosion Threatening Ideato North and South Federal Constituency of Imo State**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Ideato North and South Federal Constituency is located within the tropical rainforest that gives it the ecological basis for production of a wide range of tropical crops with widespread potentials for industrial uses and export;

Worried that apart from the enormous challenges confronting the people, Ideato North and South Federal Constituency is also faced with mammoth erosion and environmental issues as a result of its bad land topography;

Concerned that erosion has continued to wreak severe havoc in the area, especially in Obodoukwu, Isiekenesi, Urualla, Isiokpo, Osina, Uzii, Akpulu, Umualaorna and Akokwa communities, just to mention but a few;

Also worried that many families have been displaced from their ancestral homes while several hectares of farmlands have been washed away by erosion;

Aware that the Union Newspaper of Thursday, July 23, 2015 showed one of the numerous sites left in desolate state in Isiekenesi by erosion;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to intervene and help check this devastating erosion in order to save lives and properties and allow families to live with kit and kin together in safe and harmonious natural environment;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Environment (when constituted) to assess the situation and liaise with relevant authorities to proffer lasting solutions and report back to the House within four weeks (*Hon. Austin Ikechukwu Chukwukere — Ideato North/Ideato South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion referred to the Committee on Environment and Habitat (when constituted), pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 51 (5) **(HR. 139/2015)**.

12. Call for Upgrade of Radio Nigeria Shortwave to Broadband and Scrapping of the Voice of Nigeria (VON)

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Voice of Nigeria (VON), was created in the 1960's to project Nigeria's strategic interests and culture globally and also maintain its leadership position in Africa;

Also notes that VON fashioned its broadcasting style just like the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), Radio France International, Voice of America (VOA), Deutshe Welle, Radio Moscow International and their likes, however, while those other stations have been dynamic and constantly upgrading their Media technology to meet their political, economic and strategic objectives, VON has remained stagnant and stuck to the 1970's era;

Aware that the original broadcasting aim of VON was to target audiences in German, English, and Kiswahili in East Africa, French and Hausa in the West African sub- region and Arabic in the Middle East, but for purely political correctness, there was a proliferation of additional Nigerian languages to the broadcast medium which ended up defeating the aim of international broadcasting;

Concerned that VON was not designed to broadcast to the local audience as it uses the short wave band which is a long distance frequency, and what is more, the short wave Radio transistor is virtually outdated as the target countries no longer use it, given that Europe and America have since switched to Broadband broadcasting, besides, short wave band gulps billions of Naira annually with little or no dividend to show for the huge cost of sustaining the broadcasting;

Observes that with over thirty-six (36) FM stations and many AM stations, the Government should not continue to waste resources in funding a bogus and ineffective system of the Voice of Nigeria;

Also observes that the interactive instant Communication, the Internet, the emergence of global TV and many advanced technologies have connected the world more than any radio station, and the Nigerian domestic affairs that are reported by VON are no longer the focus of global attention, therefore, the strategic vision of outside broadcasting by VON has no positive Influence whatsoever in the mindset of the target audience;

Also concerned that a dispassionate appraisal of the performance of VON in enhancing the country's image abroad and promoting its foreign policy is next to zero;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Call on the Federal Government to scrap the Voice of Nigeria (VON), since it has failed to meet up with the International Broadcasting Standard and has also failed to meet Nigeria's political, economic and strategic objectives;

(*ii*) also call on the Federal Government, which maintains AM and FM stations across the country, to absorb the technical staff of the VON while the Federal Ministry of Information should absorb some of them and retrain others;

(*iii*) urge the Federal Government to invest in Broadband digital technology which is more cost effective in operating its radio stations;

(*iv*) mandate the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values (when constituted) to review the importance of the Broadband, with a view to changing the status quo and realign it to conform to economic and political realities of the 21st century (*Hon. Ahmed Yerima —Misau/Dambam Federal Constituency*).

Motion withdrawn by leave of the House.

13. Call on Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of the Federal and State Governments to pay their Electricity Debts to Electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOs)

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Aware that privatization of the Power Sector was carried out to ensure uninterrupted power supply, enhance efficiency, reduce wastes and losses and create employment in the electricity sector;

Notes a report in ThisDay Newspaper of August 5, 2015 that Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of both the Federal and State Governments have been owing a staggering sum of ₦31 billion since November 2013 to the six (6) Distribution Companies, namely: Abuja Electricity Distribution Company (AEDC), Kaduna Electric (KE), Kano Electricity Distribution Company (KEDC), Eko Electricity Distribution Company (EKEDC), Benin Electricity Distribution Company (BEDC) and Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company (IEDC);

Observes that the Federal Ministry of Defence, military formations and paramilitary forces alone, owe ₦15.5 billion of the outstanding debt of ₦31 billion;

Also aware that all the MDAs have provisions for payment of utility bills in their respective budgets, and wonders what happened to the budgeted sums since 2013 they have not been paying the bills;

Concerned that continuous indebtedness to the DISCOs would adversely affect their performances, cripple their businesses that are supposed to create employment opportunities for the teeming youths, enhance the nation's economic base and ultimately, defeat the very purpose of privatization of the Power sector;

Also concerned that the indebtedness has, in turn, made the DISCOs to default in payment to the Nigerian Electricity Bulk Trading Company, which has given them a deadline to pay the balance for power supplied to them by the Generation and Transmission Companies in the last three months;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Power (when constituted) to investiga te the indebtedness to the Distribution Companies (DISCOs) by Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of the Federal and State Governments and on what they spent the money budgeted for payment of utilities from November 2013 to date, and report back to the House within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Benson Babajimi — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*).

Motion withdrawn by leave of the House.

14. Call for Reconstruction of Owerri-Amaraku-Okigwe, Amaraku-Nkwerre-Orlu and Anara-Orlu Roads

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Owerri-Amaraku-Okigwe Road connects Imo State with Enugu State, while the Amaraku-Nkwerre-Orlu and Anara-Orlu Road connects Imo State with Anambra State and the roads are of vital economic and social importance to the people of the South East and the generality of Nigerians who travel on the roads;

Also notes that the Roads have, over the years, been in states of utter decay as a result of the failure of successive governments to carry out rehabilitation/reconstruction works as the Roads were deteriorating incrementally;

Concerned about the deplorable nature of the roads which is causing unimaginable anguish to commuters who have to continuously slow down to negotiate the numerous crater-like potholes that dot the stretches of the roads, a situation which armed robbers are taking advantage of to rob commuters and residents of the adjoining communities;

Believes that only the intervention of the Government can bring reprieve to commuters and residents from years of abandonment of the roads and the consequent hardship their deplorable nature has been inflicting on them;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Works (when constituted) to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Works to include the reconstruction of the roads in the 2016 budget proposal; and

(*ii*) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to undertake rehabilitation of the roads, in the interim, to avoid their complete collapse (*Hon. Chukwudi Jones Onyereri — Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion referred to the Committee on Works (when constituted), pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 51 (5) **(HR. 140/2015)**.

15. The Increasing Incidents of Brutality by Security Personnel on Hapless Nigerians
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the primary function of the various security agencies is the protection of lives and property of the general public as well as maintenance of law and order in the society;

Also notes the excellent work being done by various security agencies in their efforts to ensure that there is order, peaceful co-existence, as well as protection of the territorial integrity of the nation;

Further notes that in carrying out their functions, security agencies are permitted by law when necessary, to use only justifiable minimum amount of force or coercion;

Aware of past and condemnable cases of brutality, harassment, extra-judicial killings and excessive use of force by security personnel on hapless Nigerians resulting in deaths or grievous harm, which has tarnished the image of the security agencies;

Also aware that in recent time, the trend has become more alarming as security agents use their firearms indiscriminately and unlawfully on unarmed Nigerians even when some relevant laws provide for the observance of rules of engagement in dealing with the civil populace;

Concerned that in most cases, the security agencies are either quick to defend their own or tactfully refuse to investigate the matter, let alone prosecuting the erring officers or paying compensation to the victims or their families;

Worried that if left unchecked, these excesses may spiral out of control and could lead to breakdown of law and order;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to direct the Heads of various security agencies to call their personnel to order and embark on continuous training of their personnel to forestall further incidents of brutality and abuse of fire arm; and

(*ii*) also urge the President to constitute a Presidential Task Force or Committee charged with the responsibility of investigating incidents of brutality by security agencies and ensure compensation of victims or their families (*Hon. Solomon E. O. Adaelu Obingwa/Osisioma/Ugunagbo Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) *Leave out* all the words in Prayer (*ii*) (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko-Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

(*ii*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*ii*) as follows:
"Commend the National Human Right Commission for a job well-done, and also to intensify effort more on alleged brutality" (*Hon. Jimoh A. Olajide — Lagos Mainland Federal Constituency*)

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

(*iii*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*ii*) as follows:
"Urge Mr President to direct that background checks should be carried out on new personnel to ascertain their mental and psychological health condition" (*Hon. Kolawole Babatunde — Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

(*iv*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*ii*) as follows:
"Mandate the Committee on Police Affairs (when constituted) to investigate the matter" (*Hon. Oni Olamide Johnson — Ijero/Ekiti West/Efon Federal Constituency*)

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

(*v*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*ii*) as follows:
"Urge the Inspector-General of Police to embark on training and retraining of personnel on the use/proficiency in firearm to forestall reckless discharge of firearms" (*Hon. Oni Olamide Johnson — Ijero/Ekiti West/Efon Federal Constituency*)

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

Question on the Motion as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the primary function of the various security agencies is the protection of lives and property of the general public as well as maintenance of law and order in the society;

Also noted the excellent work being done by various security agencies in their efforts to ensure that there is order, peaceful co-existence, as well as protection of the territorial integrity of the nation;

Further noted that in carrying out their functions, security agencies are permitted by law when necessary, to use only justifiable minimum amount of force or coercion;

Aware of past and condemnable cases of brutality, harassment, extra-judicial killings and excessive use of force by security personnel on hapless Nigerians resulting in deaths or grievous harm, which has tarnished the image of the security agencies;

Also aware that in recent time, the trend has become more alarming as security agents use their firearms indiscriminately and unlawfully on unarmed Nigerians even when some relevant laws provide for the observance of rules of engagement in dealing with the civil populace;

Concerned that in most cases, the security agencies are either quick to defend their own or tactfully refuse to investigate the matter, let alone prosecuting the erring officers or paying compensation to the victims or their families;

Worried that if left unchecked, these excesses may spiral out of control and could lead to breakdown of law and order;

Resolved to:

Urge the Federal Government to direct the Heads of various security agencies to call their personnel to order and embark on continuous training of their personnel to forestall further incidents of brutality and abuse of fire arm (**HR. 141/2015**).

16. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Railways Corporation Act, Cap. N129, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-Enact the Nigerian Railways Act, 2015, to provide for the Regulation of the Railways Sector and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 22) — *Second Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Railways Corporation Act, Cap. N129, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-Enact the Nigerian Railways Act, 2015, to provide for the Regulation of the Railways Sector and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 22) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Gideon L. Gwani — 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 Land Transport (when constituted).

17. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Medical Laboratory Science, Jos and to provide for Courses leading to the award of Degrees, Fellowships, Diplomas and Certificates in Medical Laboratory Science, Biomedical Science and Other Related Courses and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 39) — *Second Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Medical Laboratory Science, Jos and to provide for Courses leading to the award of Degrees, Fellowships, Diplomas and Certificates in Medical Laboratory Science, Biomedical Science and Other Related Courses and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 39) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom 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 Institutions (when constituted).

18. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Roads Fund for the Purpose of Financing the Rehabilitation and Maintenance of National Roads and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 22) — *Second Reading*.**

Order read, and deferred.

Mr Speaker ordered the acting Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Business to liaise with the Sponsor of the Bill — Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai, and Hon. Karimi Sunday with a view to determining whether a Bill on the same subject matter was pending, having regards to Order XII, Rules 96 and 92.

19. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 27 October, 2015 at 10.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.02 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker

CORRIGENDA

1. In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 15 October, 2015, on:

(*i*) page 320, item 3 (*d*) (*ix*) (4), *leave out* the name "Ali" and *insert* the name "Sidi" instead thereof;

(*ii*) page 321, item 3 (*d*) (*x*), *leave out* the name "Hon. Edionwele Agbonayinwa" and *insert* the name "Hon. Ehiozuwa J. Agbonayinma" instead thereof.

2. In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 30 September, 2015, on:

(*i*) page 203, immediately after the words "Amendment Proposed", *leave out* all the words in Prayer (*i*), and renumber accordingly;

(*ii*) page 204, immediately after the words "Resolved to", *leave out* all the words in Prayer (*i*) and *insert* as follows:
"Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the conception and award of the Mambilla Multi-Purpose Dam and Hydroelectric Power Project in the light of the allegation that due process and transparency was not observed in the award of the project" instead thereof.