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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 9 December, 2015

1. The House met at 11.03 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 8 December, 2015.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcement**

(*i*) ***Visitors in the Gallery*:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of Staff and Students of Faith Academy Secondary School, Kubwa, Abuja.

(*ii*) ***Award of Knight of Order of the Academic Palms by the Government of France*:**
Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Magaji Da'u Aliyu (*Birnin Kudu/Buji Federal Constituency*), informing the House on the award — *Knight of Order of the Academic Palms*, conferred on him by the Government of France on 12 November, 2015 at the French Embassy, Aso Drive, Abuja.

4. **Petitions**

(*i*) A petition from Eket Federal Constituency Vanguard on the irregularity of the catering and housekeeping services contract award processes by the National Petroleum Investment and Management Services (NAPIMS) for Mobil Producing Nigeria, was presented and laid by Hon. Owoidighe Ekpoattai (*Eket/Onna/Esit Eket/Ibeno Federal Constituency*); and

(*ii*) A petition from A. A. Ojopagogo & Co. (Legal Practitioners) on the death of Eso Oluwafemi Sunday (a National Youth Service Corps member), was presented and laid by Hon. Baderinwa Bamidele Samson (*Idanre/Ifedore Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

(*i*) ***Strengthening Safety on our Roads and Curbing the Inherent Dangers of Night Travels*:**
Hon. Istifanus Dung Gyang (*Barkinladi/Riyom 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 —Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) *to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.*

Strengthening Safety on Our Roads and Curbing the Inherent Dangers of Night Travels:

The House:

Mindful of the fact that the Transportation Industry is one major economic activity area that employs and engages a large number of Nigerians including the Transport owners and the Transport Workers and is a means of livelihood for many households;

Aware that night travel through Luxurious Buses and other Commercial Vehicles is heavily patronised by Nigerians;

Worried that night travels are prone to road accidents recording huge number of fatalities due to the poor state of roads I which is further compounded by such factors as inadequate rescue services, fatigue of drivers, inadequate road signs/markings and poor vehicle maintenance culture;

Also worried that poor night visibility impairs vision of drivers along with the glare from automobile lights particularly from rear view mirrors which could lead to temporary loss of drivers vision resulting in avoidable crashes;

Concerned that movement of citizens heightens during the yuletide season which coincides with the end of the year festivities many of whom resort to night travels along with the attendant risk;

Convinced that many citizens have met with untimely death, the need to curb such incidences cannot therefore be overemphasized particularly given the fact that most of the victims are the bread winners of their families;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the FRSC to undertake aggressive public enlightment against the dangers inherent in night travels particularly at yuletide season;

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works, and FERMA to undertake repairs of Federal Roads and install appropriate road signs/markings on Federal Roads nationwide; and

(*iii*) further urge the Federal Ministry of Transport to step up the reactivation of the Rail Transport which is a safer means of night travels (*Hon. Istifanus D. Gyang — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Mindful of the fact that the Transportation Industry is one major economic activity area that employs and engages a large number of Nigerians including the Transport owners and the Transport Workers and is a means of livelihood for many households;

Aware that night travel through Luxurious Buses and other Commercial Vehicles is heavily patronised by Nigerians;

Worried that night travels are prone to road accidents recording huge number of fatalities due to the poor state of roads I which is further compounded by such factors as inadequate rescue services, fatigue of drivers, inadequate road signs/markings and poor vehicle maintenance culture;

Also worried that poor night visibility impairs vision of drivers along with the glare from automobile lights particularly from rear view mirrors which could lead to temporary loss of drivers vision resulting in avoidable crashes;

Concerned that movement of citizens heightens during the yuletide season which coincides with the end of the year festivities many of whom resort to night travels along with the attendant risk;

Convinced that many citizens have met with untimely death, the need to curb such incidences cannot therefore be overemphasized particularly given the fact that most of the victims are the bread winners of their families;

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(*ii*) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works, and FERMA to undertake repairs of Federal Roads and install appropriate road signs/markings on Federal Roads nationwide; and

(*iii*) further urge the Federal Ministry of Transport to step up the reactivation of the Rail Transport which is a safer means of night travels (**HR. 268/2015**).

(*ii*) ***Downward Trend of the Nigerian Stock Market*:**
Hon. Danburam Abubakar Nuhu (*Kano Municipal 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 —Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) *to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.*

Downward Trend of the Nigerian Stock Market:

The House:

Notes that there has been a gradual fall in the Nigerian Stock Market which is grossly affecting the economy;

Also notes that the sudden pull out of foreign investors has contributed to the continuous slide of stocks and equities in the Nigerian Stock Market;

Concerned that Market Capitalization of Quoted Equities which opened the year 2015 at ₦11.477 trillion now stands at ₦10.801 trillion, which represents 5.89% downward slide;

Aware that in the period under review; Investors have lost over ₦676 billion of their stake in the Nigerian Stock Market;

Worried that Investors are very skeptical of the Nigerian Stock Market due to continuous depreciation in Stock prices;

Also worried that because of the drastic fall in crude price — where Nigeria generate over 80% of her income, the Central Bank of Nigeria have not been able to provide and meet the huge foreign exchange demand of investors;

Disturbed that as a result of this and the effect of capital control in the foreign exchange management policy of the Central Bank of Nigeria is eroding interest and confidence of Investors in the Nigerian Capital Market;

Also aware that prior to the 2015 General Election, the Stock Market experienced lull in activities as Investors either held their funds or divested from the Nigerian Capital Market;

Also concerned that the downward trend of the Nigerian Stock Market may impact negatively on the economy and slow down the implementation of Federal Government's development programme and policies;

Further concerned that in dealing with the threat to the Nigerian Stock Market, it is imperative to ensure the stability of our Currency as an essential assurance to guarantee realistic returns on investments;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Capital Market and Institutions to investigate the downward trend of the Nigerian Stock Market and report back to the House within eight weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Danburam Abubakar Nuhu — Kano Municipal Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that there has been a gradual fall in the Nigerian Stock Market which is grossly affecting the economy;

Also noted that the sudden pull out of foreign investors has contributed to the continuous slide of stocks and equities in the Nigerian Stock Market;

Concerned that Market Capitalization of Quoted Equities which opened the year 2015 at ₦11.477 trillion now stands at ₦10.801 trillion, which represents 5.89% downward slide;

Aware that in the period under review; Investors have lost over ₦676 billion of their stake in the Nigerian Stock Market;

Worried that Investors are very skeptical of the Nigerian Stock Market due to continuous depreciation in Stock prices;

Also worried that because of the drastic fall in crude price — where Nigeria generate over 80% of her income, the Central Bank of Nigeria have not been able to provide and meet the huge foreign exchange demand of investors;

Disturbed that as a result of this and the effect of capital control in the foreign exchange management policy of the Central Bank of Nigeria is eroding interest and confidence of Investors in the Nigerian Capital Market;

Also aware that prior to the 2015 General Election, the Stock Market experienced lull in activities as Investors either held their funds or divested from the Nigerian Capital Market;

Also concerned that the downward trend of the Nigerian Stock Market may impact negatively on the economy and slow down the implementation of Federal Government's development programme and policies;

Further concerned that in dealing with the threat to the Nigerian Stock Market, it is imperative to ensure the stability of our Currency as an essential assurance to guarantee realistic returns on investments;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Capital Market and Institutions to investigate the downward trend of the Nigerian Stock Market and report back to the House within eight weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 269/2015**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Capital Market and Institutions.

6. **Presentation of Report**
***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
Report on the Petition by Wudil S. S.:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Wudil S. S. against the Nigeria Customs Service for unlawful dismissal from the service" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Report laid.

7. **2016 - 2018 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTFF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP):**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on Tuesday 8, December, 2015 sent to the House of Representatives a request for the approval of the 2016 - 2018 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTFF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP);

Further notes that Section 11 (3) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 states that the Medium Term Expenditure Framework shall contain among other things; 'A Macro-Economic Framework setting out the Macro-Economic projections for the next three financial years, the underlying assumptions for those projections and an evaluation and analysis of the Macro-Economic projections for the preceding three financial years';

Aware that Section 11 (2) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 provides that the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTFF) shall be considered for approval with such modifications, if any, as the National Assembly finds appropriate by a resolution of each House of the National Assembly;

Resolves to:

Commit the 2016 2018 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTFF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) to the Committees on Finance, National Planning and Economic Development, and Legislative Budget and Research for scrutiny and recommendations to the House (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leaser*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on Tuesday 8, December, 2015 sent to the House of Representatives a request for the approval of the 2016 - 2018 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTFF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP);

Further noted that Section 11 (3) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 states that the Medium Term Expenditure Framework shall contain among other things; 'A Macro-Economic Framework setting out the Macro-Economic projections for the next three financial years, the underlying assumptions for those projections and an evaluation and analysis of the Macro-Economic projections for the preceding three financial years';

Aware that Section 11 (2) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 provides that the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTFF) shall be considered for approval with such modifications, if any, as the National Assembly finds appropriate by a resolution of each House of the National Assembly;

Resolved to:

Commit the 2016 2018 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTFF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) to the Committees on Finance, National Planning and Economic Development, and Legislative Budget and Research for scrutiny and recommendations to the House (**HR. 270/2015**).

Motion referred to Committees on Finance, Appropriation, and Aids, Loans and Debt Management; the Committees are to report back to the House on Tuesday, 15 *December*, 2015.

8. **Business Continued from Assembly to Assembly:**
***Nigerian Institute of Social Works Bill*, 2015 (HB. 161):**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order XII, Rule 96 of the Standing Orders of the House, "the legislative business of the House which, though completed and laid in the House by a Committee of the House which remain undetermined at the end of the Assembly shall be resumed and proceeded with in the next Assembly in the same manner as if the tenure of the Assembly had not come to an end, if the House resolves in affirmative that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted, be reconsidered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced *de-novo*".

Also notes that the Nigerian Institute of Social Works Bill, 2015 was awaiting consideration in the Committee of the Whole before the last Assembly ended;

Aware that the said Bill has been regazetted as HB. 161 and read the first time on Tuesday, 1 December, 2015.

Resolves to:

Commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole, pursuant to Order XII, Rule 96.

9. **Need to provide Rehabilitation and Welfare Centres for the critically ill and Physically Challenged Persons:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that despite the increasing number of the physically challenged and critically ill Nigerians, successive governments have failed, refused and/or neglected to devise a policy framework aimed at addressing the plights of these vulnerable group who are deprived of the basic necessities of life for no fault of theirs;

Also notes that apart from exposure to life threatening realities such as attacks and other risks arising from lack of shelter, these category of Nigerians are deprived of equal opportunities to seek suitable employment;

Further notes that these physical conditions have made a significant number of Nigerians in this category take to major cities, towns and streets to beg for alms thereby projecting the country in bad light especially amongst tourists and foreign residents;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, Poverty Alleviation, and Women Affairs and Social Development to liaise with the relevant Ministries and Agencies to formulate measures to relocate the physically challenged and the critically- ill from major towns, cities and streets in Nigeria to rehabilitation and welfare centres; and

(*ii*) Urge the Federal Government to make budgetary provisions to cater for this category of Nigerians in the 2016 and subsequent budget estimates (*Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun — Esan North East/Esan South East Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 271/2015).

Motion referred to Committees on Healthcare Services, Poverty Alleviation, and Women Affairs and Social Development, pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 51 (5).

10. **Call for the Construction of Mbalala-Chibok-Damboa Federal Road in Borno State:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Mbalala-Chibok-Damboa road, a 49 kilometer Federal road linking Borno and Adamawa States is in a deplorable condition that is characterized by dangerous potholes that dot the stretch of the road during the dry season and is flooded during the raining season, thereby making it difficult for movement of persons and goods;

Recalls a report in the *Premium Times* Newspaper of 1 December, 2015 that the contract for the construction of the 49 Kilometers Mbalala-Chibok-Damboa road was approved in September 2009 at the cost of ₦1.24 billion;

Further recalls that, in 2013, the Borno State Government intervened by awarding contracts for construction of the road, but the work was truncated by the activities of the Boko Haram insurgents;

Concerned that the deplorable state of the road is adversely affecting economic activities in the region as farmers are unable to convey their produce while commuters are usually stranded as a result of breakdown of their vehicles;

Worried that if the road is not constructed now that there is appreciable level of peace in the area as well as permanent security presence, commuters will continue to face untold hardships and economic activities will never improve;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Works to liaise with the Ministry of Power, Works and Housing for appropriation of funds in the 2016 budget estimates for the construction of Mbalala, Chibok, Damboa Road, Borno State; and

(*ii*) urge the Federal Government to reimburse the Borno State Government for the funds committed for the construction of the road (*Hon. Asabe Vilita Bashir — Damboa/Gwoza/Chibok Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 272/2015).

Motion referred to Committee on Works, pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 51 (5).

11. **Need to Investigate the Activities of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) from 2000 to Date:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) was established in 1989 to eradicate the cultivation, processing, sale, trafficking and use of hard drugs and to investigate persons suspected to have dealings in drugs and to dispose of assets and properties of drug offenders;

Aware that over the years, there have been allegations of wrongdoing leveled against the Agency, including connivance with drug cartels leading to the release of hundreds of drug suspects, along with their assets through an auction process that is susceptible to manipulation, and dubious remittances to the Federation Account;

Worried that the NDLEA, since Inception and particularly in the last 10 years, has not given adequate account of seized drugs, assets and properties of drug offenders whose total value is about ₦35 billion;

Also worried that the NDLEA is about to dispose of the hard drugs and auction some of the seized and forfeited assets of these drug offenders in the next few days, an exercise that is usually shrouded in secrecy contrary to established legal procedures;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the NDLEA to halt further destruction of seized drugs and the impending auction of the seized assets and properties of drug offenders pending the conclusion of investigation; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Drugs and Narcotics to investigate how the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency has been conducting its affairs from 2000 to date vis-a-vis the seizures and disposal of drugs, assets and properties of drug offenders and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Muhammad Musa Soba — Soba Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) was established in 1989 to eradicate the cultivation, processing, sale, trafficking and use of hard drugs and to investigate persons suspected to have dealings in drugs and to dispose of assets and properties of drug offenders;

Aware that over the years, there have been allegations of wrongdoing leveled against the Agency, including connivance with drug cartels leading to the release of hundreds of drug suspects, along with their assets through an auction process that is susceptible to manipulation, and dubious remittances to the Federation Account;

Worried that the NDLEA, since Inception and particularly in the last 10 years, has not given adequate account of seized drugs, assets and properties of drug offenders whose total value is about ₦35 billion;

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Motion referred to Committee on Drugs and Narcotics.

12. Call for Discontinuance of the Operations of Nigeria's Refineries Due to the Heavy Debt Incurred by the Refineries and the Need for the Federal Government to Privatize the Refineries:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria's four (4) Refineries were constructed primarily to refine crude oil for local consumption and export to generate profit for Nigeria, but over the years, the refineries have had series of challenges and so huge resources have been expended on their turnaround maintenance;

Also notes that due to the difficulty in managing the refineries at the time, the Port Harcourt and Warri Refineries were sold to Aliko Dangote, along with a consortium of other investors by the Federal Government during President Olusegun Obasanjo's administration, but the sale was however reversed by the Administration of late President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua;

Aware that the absence of functional refineries in Nigeria to serve local consumption is responsible for the dependence on imported refined products, hence the regular fuel scarcity/crisis in the country which is causing untold hardships to Nigerians;

Concerned about the publication in the *Punch* Newspaper of 3rd November, 2015 where the Group Managing Director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Dr Emmanuel Ibe Kachikwu was reported to have said that all Government owned refineries managed by the NNPC are not making profits;

Worried that the Kaduna Refining and Petrochemical Company, the Port Harcourt Refining Company and the Warri Refining and Petrochemical Company were reported by the NNPC to have incurred debts amounting to about ₦120.07 billion in the months of August and September 2015, while their revenues in the month of August was ₦146.617 billion, their expenditure was ₦207.287 billion in the month of September, the revenue generated by the refineries was ₦112.514 billion and the expenditure was pegged at ₦171.914 billion;

Also worried that in spite of the huge debts incurred by the refineries, the capacity utilization of the Warri and Kaduna Refining and Petrochemical Companies in September was said to be 0% as both plants did not process crude oil in that month, while the Port Harcourt Refining Company was reported to have produced at 4.15% capacity which is a far cry from its installed capacity;

Observes that it is the usual expectation of every investor including State owned Corporations, to receive returns on investments and not to be incurring colossal losses on investments;

Conscious of the calls on the Federal Government to privatize the refineries to allow private operators to run the Refineries;

Convinced that there is an urgent need for the NNPC to discontinue the operations of the Refineries to avoid incurring further losses to the Nation and also a need for the Federal Government to reconsider the privatization of the Refineries as soon as practicable;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources to direct the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation to immediately discontinue the operation of all the Refineries to avoid incurring further losses to the Corporation;

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Government to reconsider the privatization of the Refineries as soon as practicable; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committees on Petroleum Resources (Upstream), and Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to ensure compliance with this resolution (*Hon. Omoregie Ogbeide-Ihama — Oredo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) *Leave out* Prayer (*i*) (*Hon. Chukwuka Onyema Wilfred — Ogbaru Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(*ii*) *Leave out* Prayers (*i*) and (*iii*) and *insert* a new Prayer as follows:
"Mandate the Committees on Petroleum Resources (Upstream), and Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to investigate the operations of the nation's refineries, advise the House on the privatization matter and report back to the House within 4 weeks" (*Hon. Kingsley Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Nigeria's four (4) Refineries were constructed primarily to refine crude oil for local consumption and export to generate profit for Nigeria, but over the years, the refineries have had series of challenges and so huge resources have been expended on their turnaround maintenance;

Also noted that due to the difficulty in managing the refineries at the time, the Port Harcourt and Warri Refineries were sold to Blue Star Consortium and Transcorp, along with a consortium of other investors by the Federal Government during President Olusegun Obasanjo's administration, but the sale was however reversed by the Administration of late President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua;

Aware that the absence of functional refineries in Nigeria to serve local consumption is responsible for the dependence on imported refined products, hence the regular fuel scarcity/crisis in the country which is causing untold hardships to Nigerians;

Concerned about the publication in the *Punch* Newspaper of 3rd November, 2015 where the Group Managing Director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Dr Emmanuel Ibe Kachikwu was reported to have said that all Government owned refineries managed by the NNPC are not making profits;

Worried that the Kaduna Refining and Petrochemical Company, the Port Harcourt Refining Company and the Warri Refining and Petrochemical Company were reported by the NNPC to have incurred debts amounting to about ₦120.07 billion in the months of August and September 2015, while their revenues in the month of August was ₦146.617 billion, their expenditure was ₦207.287 billion in the month of September, the revenue generated by the refineries was ₦112.514 billion and the expenditure was pegged at ₦171.914 billion;

Also worried that in spite of the huge debts incurred by the refineries, the capacity utilization of the Warri and Kaduna Refining and Petrochemical Companies in September was said to be 0% as both plants did not process crude oil in that month, while the Port Harcourt Refining Company was reported to have produced at 4.15% capacity which is a far cry from its installed capacity;

Observed that it is the usual expectation of every investor including State owned Corporations, to receive returns on investments and not to be incurring colossal losses on investments;

Conscious of the calls on the Federal Government to privatize the refineries to allow private operators to run the Refineries;

Convinced that there is an urgent need for the NNPC to discontinue the operations of the Refineries to avoid incurring further losses to the Nation and also a need for the Federal Government to reconsider the privatization of the Refineries as soon as practicable;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Petroleum Resources (Upstream), and Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to investigate the operations of the nation's refineries, advise the House on the privatization matter and report back to the House within 4 weeks (**HR. 274/2015**).

Motion referred to Committees on Petroleum Resources (Upstream), and Petroleum Resources (Downstream).

13. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Broadcasting Commission Act, Cap. N11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Competition in Nigeria, to Promote Efficiency and Expand Opportunities for Nigerians Participation in World Markets while at the same time recognize the role of Foreign Competition in Nigeria and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 168) — *Second Reading*.**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory Security Trust Fund and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 148) — *Second Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory Security Trust Fund and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 148) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Yusuf Ayo Tajudeen — Ijumu/Kabba-Bunu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time by the Clerk.

Bill referred to the Committee on Federal Capital Territory.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Capital Territory University of Science and Technology, Abaji, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 145) — *Second Reading*.**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Registration and Control of Orphanages and Other Institutions for the Boarding, Care and Maintenance of Orphans and Deserted Children and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 183) — *Second Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Registration and Control of Orphanages and Other Institutions for the Boarding, Care and Maintenance of Orphans and Deserted Children and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 183) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Awoleye Abiodun Dada — Ibadan North Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Debate adjourned.

***Ordered**: That the Committee on Rules and Business should further examine the Bill vis-a-vis the provision of the Child Rights Act, 2004, and report back to the House as soon as possible.*

17. **Adjournment.**
That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 10 December, 2015 at 10.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.47 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker