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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 10 December, 2015

1. The House met at 11.04 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, 9 December, 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 visitors:

(*i*) Staff and Students of Key Science Academy, Masaka, Karu, Nasarawa State;

(*ii*) Members of Diploma in Law Students' Association of Nigeria (DIPLAWSAN), University of Abuja Chapter; and

(*iii*) Members of Ohanaeze Ndi-Igbo Students' Association, University of Abuja Chapter.

(*b*) ***Bereavement*:**
Mr Speaker read a communication from Governor of Abia State, Okezie Victor Ikpeazu, informing the House of the death of his mother, Mrs Betsy Ikpeazu, on Sunday, 29 November, 2015.

A minute silence observed in honour of the deceased.

4. **Petitions**
(*i*) A petition from L/CPL Danji Akwana on his dismissal from the Nigerian Army, was presented and laid by Hon. Bamgbose H. Joseph (*Badagry Federal Constituency*);

(*ii*) A petition from Nyikyor A. Kenneth on the termination of his appointment by the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), was presented and laid by Hon. Mark Teseer Gbillah (*Gwer East/Gwer West Federal Constituency*);

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(*iii*) A petition from Musah Abdulwahab Moudu on the termination of his appointment by the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), was presented and laid by Hon. Phillip Shuaibu (*Etsako East/Etsako West/Etsako Central Federal Constituency*);

(*iv*) A petition from Aliyu Mahmood Tafiya on his dismissal from service by the Federal Housing Authority, was presented and laid by Hon. Zakariya'u M. Galadima (*Badi/Yakusko Federal Constituency*);

(*v*) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Abubakar Danburam Nuhu (*Kano Municipal Federal Constituency*):

(*a*) Nasiru Tukur on the non-payment of his entitlements after his disengagement by Unity Bank Plc,

(*b*) Usaini Garba Yakasai on the termination of his appointment by the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN);

(*vi*) A petition from Okpala S. Ojikpa on the encroachment on his family land by Command Secondary School, Markudi, was presented and laid by Hon. Dickson Tarkighir (*Markudi/Guma Federal Constituency*);

(*vii*) Petitions from the following bodies/persons were presented and laid by Hon. Simon Arabo (*Kauru Federal Constituency*):

(*a*) Contract staff of Total E & P Nigeria Limited on the termination of their appointment and inadequate welfare package by the Management of Total E & P Nigeria Limited,

(*b*) some former Members of Enugu State House of Assembly on the non-payment of their salaries and allowances by the Enugu State Government,

(*c*) Sallau Ladan Wunti on the termination of his appointment by the Nigerian Electricity Power Authority, Bauchi State;

(*d*) Innocent Odumah and one thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine (1999) others on their dismissal from service by the Nigerian Immigration Service,

(*e*) Patience Edaire on her disengagement from service by the Management of Federal Polytechnic, Ilaro, Ogun State,

(*f*) Kunle Faokunla & Co. (Legal Practitioners) on behalf of Hon. Olajide Lawrence Adewale on the refusal by All Progressive Congress, Oyo State Chapter to forward his name to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) as the winner of the Party's primary election for membership of the House of Representatives,

(*g*) Odoh Jude Ifeanyi on the condition of service and replacement of Nigerians with illegal Chinese immigrants at Huawei Technology Limited,

(*h*) Iduemre Ochuko on his petition to the 7th House of Representatives which report is yet to be considered for adoption by the House,

(*i*) disengaged temporary staff of Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) on the failure of CBN to honour the directive of the House of Representatives, on the non-payment of their termination benefits,

(*j*) Human Rights Writers Association of Nigeria on allegations of a plot by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Office of the Attorney-General of the Federation, and Code of Conduct of Tribunal to remove the President of Senate from office,

(*k*) Hakabod El-Olam Law Offices on elongation of the tenure of Board of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC),

(*l*) The Nigeria Airways Pensions Group on the non-payment of their pension benefits by the Management of Nigeria Airport Authority.

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

(*i*) ***Urgent need to Address the Sheer Maltreatment being Meted to 375 Scholarship Students in Russia and over 600 others in Various Countries under the Bilateral Education Agreement (BEA) by the Federal Scholarship Board:***

Hon. Rita Orji (*Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal Constituency*) introduced 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.*

Urgent Need to Address the Sheer Maltreatment Being Meted to 375 Scholarship Students in Russia and over 600 Others in Various Countries under the Bilateral Education Agreement (BEA) by the Federal Scholarship Board:

The House:

Notes the sheer maltreatment being meted to 375 Nigerian Scholarship Students under the Bilateral Education Agreement (BEA) in Russia;

Also notes that the Ministry of Education in conjunction with the scholarship board have purportedly abandoned the students to their fates in alien country by refusing to pay the stipends, thus exposing the students to dire situations that might lure them into illegitimate quests for survival. The stipends include:

— $500 monthly for supplementation,

— $250 yearly for clothing,

— $200 yearly for health insurance,

— $500 yearly for medical scholars only,

— $1000 for PG research grants yearly where application;

Worried that this negligence has resulted in Scholarship students being evicted from their accommodations, inability to get their Visas renewed and incapability to pay the mandatory health insurance policy thus endangering their lives. Furthermore, many have been left to languish without any form of financial assistance capable of settling their individual debts;

Observes that this consistent trend which had been brought to the notice of the seventh Assembly in 2013 has degenerated to a repugnant level this year whereby the students have been waiting for over 11 months without respite and have resorted to begging and all sorts of demeaning acts for their survivals;

Also observes that the June 2015 graduates could not afford their return tickets back to Nigeria which led to the expiration of their permits and laws of the host country being infringed upon. Moreover, the graduating PhD students this December will possible be confronted with the same misfortune if no appropriate arrangement is made for tickets and all other stipends allocated to them;

Disturbed that this distressing and reprehensible trend will no doubt project a murky and contemptuous image about our country to their host nation.

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government and the Scholarship Board to release the full payment of the 2015 stipends and allowances (January-December) by the responsible board to alleviate the sufferings of our children whom we purposely sent to study under this Scheme;

(*ii*) also urge Federal Scholarship Board and the Federal Ministry of Education to proffer a permanent solution to this consistent predicament and curb its recurrence by exploring the possibility of creating a dependable BEA scholarship fund accustomed with crisis management capable of withstanding impulsive economic downturns usually witnessed during financial crisis;

(*iii*) investigate the rationale behind sending more students when the nation couldn't meet up with the obligations of the ones already there;

(*iv*) mandate the Committee on Diaspora Matters to investigate the matter and come up with a workable solution aimed at ending the travails of our children in various institutes of learning in Russia and other countries;

(*v*) also mandate the Committee on Tertiary Institutions to liaise with the Committee on Foreign Affairs in investigating the facts surrounding the allegations being made; and

(*vi*) invite the Minister of Education to throw more light on the sustainability and otherwise of this BEA programme (*Hon. Rita Orji — Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted the sheer maltreatment being meted to 375 Nigerian Scholarship Students under the Bilateral Education Agreement (BEA) in Russia;

Also noted that the Ministry of Education in conjunction with the scholarship board have purportedly abandoned the students to their fates in alien country by refusing to pay the stipends, thus exposing the students to dire situations that might lure them into illegitimate quests for survival. The stipends include:

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Observed that this consistent trend which had been brought to the notice of the seventh Assembly in 2013 has degenerated to a repugnant level this year whereby the students have been waiting for over 11 months without respite and have resorted to begging and all sorts of demeaning acts for their survivals;

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(*v*) also mandate the Committee on Tertiary Institutions to liaise with the Committee on Foreign Affairs in investigating the facts surrounding the allegations being made; and

(*vi*) invite the Minister of Education to throw more light on the sustainability and otherwise of this BEA programme (**HR. 275/2015**).

Motion referred to the Committees on Tertiary Education, and Foreign Affairs.

(*ii*) ***The Kidnap of Mr Elias Ukachukwu — a Businessman and an Employer of Labour: a Wake-up call to the Nigerian Security Agencies*:**
Hon. Chris Emeka Azubogu (*Nnewi North South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*) introduced 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.*

The Kidnap of Mr Elias Ukachukwu a Business Man and an Employer of Labour: A Wake-Up Call to the Nigerian Security Agencies:

The House:

Notes that Mr Elias Ukachukwu a successful business man and an employer of labour from Osumenyi, Nnewi South Local Government Area of Anambra State resident in Satellite Town, Lagos was kidnaped on Sunday, 29 November, 2015 after Church Service;

Also notes that Mr Elias Ukachukwu with lots of dependants/employees has been held by his abductors for more than ten (10) days, with no communication to the family;

Worried that security agencies like the Police and DSS which were alerted on the kidnap are yet to come out with meaningful information on how to secure his release;

Disturbed by the return of kidnap of high profile citizens in our polity in recent times;

Aware that people are already living in fear especially at this yuletide period and unless urgent measures are taken by the security agencies the menace might escalate.

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Inspector General of Police and the Director General Department of State Security Service and all relevant Security Agency to use any available means to secure the release of Mr Elias Ukachukwu; and

(*ii*) appeal to the general public to report any useful information on the where about of Mr Elias Ukachukwu to the nearest Police Station (*Hon. Chris Emeka Azubogu — Nnewi North/Nnewi South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Mr Elias Ukachukwu a successful business man and an employer of labour from Osumenyi, Nnewi South Local Government Area of Anambra State resident in Satellite Town, Lagos was kidnaped on Sunday, 29 November, 2015 after Church Service;

Also noted that Mr Elias Ukachukwu with lots of dependants/employees has been held by his abductors for more than ten (10) days, with no communication to the family;

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Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge the Inspector General of Police and the Director General Department of State Security Service and all relevant Security Agency to use any available means to secure the release of Mr Elias Ukachukwu; and

(*ii*) appeal to the general public to report any useful information on the where about of Mr Elias Ukachukwu to the nearest Police Station (**HR. 276/2015**).

Motion referred to the Committees on Police Affairs, and Public Safety and National Intelligence.

(*iii*) ***Celebration of the Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the National Human Rights Commission in Nigeria*:** Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok (*Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*) introduced 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.*

Celebration of the Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the National Human Rights Commission in Nigeria:

The House:

Notes that today is being celebrated all over the world as Human Rights day following the United Nations Charter on the Declaration of Human Rights on the 10th of December, 1948;

Also notes that upon gaining independence, Nigeria signed into the United Nations Charter and therefore joined the civilized world in acceding to Rights which the United Nations subsequently declared to be part of the universal Rights of humans including the international covenant on civil and political rights, the international convention on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination, the international covenant on economic, social, and cultural rights, the convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination, against women, the convention on the rights of the child, the African charter on Human and Peoples Rights and other international and regional instruments on human rights to which Nigeria is a party;

Aware that Nigeria signified its interest to join the club of progressive nations by enshrining a whole chapter on guaranteeing Human Rights of citizens in Chapter 2 of the 1963 constitution, Chapter 4 of the 1979 Constitution, which was retained intact in the 1999 Constitution (as amended);

Further notes that Chapter 2 of the Constitution which contains Directive Principles of State policy such as political, economic, social, educational environmental and cultural objectives which are non justiciable but which cover many aspect of social existence which are meant to promote and protect Human Rights;

Equally notes with pleasure that in 1995, Nigeria took a progressive step to protect and promote the Human Rights of its citizens by establishing the National Human Rights Commission, which today is celebrating its 20th anniversary;

Still notes with pleasure that Nigeria has responded to the violations of some human rights such as child trafficking and displacement of persons by establishing the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) and the initiatives on the North East IDP's particularly in the House of Representatives;

Again notes with pleasure that the judiciary has through the interpretation of fundamental Rights enforcement suits and other matters in courts expanded the frontiers of Human Rights in Nigeria;

Worried that in spite of acceding to International treaties on the protection and promotion of human rights and creating national institutions to protect Human Rights there still persists unacceptable levels of Human Rights violations particularly in the areas of economic deprivation, detention of citizens for long periods without arrest warrants or remand orders, extra judicial killings by security agencies, insurgency which has made Nigerians refugees in their own country particularly in the North East and North Central parts of the country, poverty which has rendered millions destitute in their own country, with many children unable to go to school and lack of Legislation on persons with disabilities;

Notes that both the National Human Rights Commission, NAPTIP, the security agencies are doing their best to promote Human Rights leading to the Army collaborating with the NBA and NHRC to sensitize its personnel on the need to respect human rights in their operations;

Disturbed that the slide in oil prices may have negative impact on Human Rights, with many State Government unable to pay Civil Servants, citizens living in fear because of insecurity, high tuition fees which has left many children roaming the streets instead of being in schools, diseases afflicting many and inability to afford medical health facilities, etc.;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge all security agencies to respect the fundamental human rights of Nigerians and abide by their rules of engagement in carrying out their counter insurgency operations;

(*ii*) also urge all Governments, Federal, State and Local to develop social security protection programmes to further guarantee the rights of Nigerians especially the vulnerable ones like children, the displaced persons, and the poor and persons with disabilities;

(*iii*) further urge this House and indeed the National Assembly to continue in its progressive tradition to make Chapter II of the Constitution Justiciable by enacting laws that will promote and protect those noble objectives; and

(*iv*) equally urge the Federal Government to provide more funding to the judiciary, the National Human Rights Commission, NAPTIP, and NEMA so that they can implement their mandate in protecting Human Rights (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

The House:

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6. Presentation and First Reading of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time* by the Clerk:

(1) Corporate Manslaughter Bill, 2015 (HB. 273).

(2) Medical and Dental Practitioners Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 191).

(3) Psychiatric Hospitals Management Board Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 192).

(4) Peoples Bank of Nigeria Act (Repeal) Bill, 2015 (HB. 193).

(5) Marketing (Breast-Milk Substitute) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 194).

(6) National Mathematical Centre Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 195).

(7) National Eye Centre Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 196).

(8) Inland Fisheries Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 197).

(9) Public Private Partnership Regulatory Commission Bill, 2015(HB. 198).

(10) Food Drugs and Related Products (Registration, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 199).

(11) Loans (State Development) Act (Repeal) Bill, 2015 (HB. 200).

(12) Medical Rehabilitation Therapists (Registration, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 201).

(13) National Programme on Immunization Act (Repeal) Bill, 2015 (HB. 202).

(14) Pre-Shipment Inspection of Exports Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 203).

(15) Pharmacists Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 204).

(16) Casino Taxation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 205).

(17) National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 206).

(18) Extradition Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 207).

(19) Treaty to Establish the African Union (Ratification and Enforcement) Bill, 2015 (HB. 208).

(20) Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Pesticide in International Trade (Ratification and Enforcement) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 209).

(21) National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015(HB. 210).

(22) Institute of Public Analysts of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 211).

(23) Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 212).

(24) Workers Compensation Act (Repeal) Bill, 2015 (HB. 213).

(25) Chartered Institute of Administration Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 214).

(26) Computer Professionals (Registration Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 215).

(27) Telecommunications and Postal Offences Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 216).

(28) Associated Gas Re-Injection Act (Repeal) Bill, 2015 (HB. 217).

(29) National Crop Varieties and Livestock Breeds (Registration, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 218).

(30) Produce (Enforcement of Export Standards) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 219).

(31) Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 220).

(32) Recovery of Public Property (Special Provision) (Repeal) Bill, 2015 (HB. 221).

(33) Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 222).

(34) Public Enterprises Regulatory Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 223).

(35) National Firm and Video Censors Board Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 224).

(36) Private Guards Companies Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 225).

(37) Robbery and Firearms (Special Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 226).

(38) Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 227).

(39) Hire Purchase Act (Amendment Bill, 2015 (HB. 228).

(40) Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) (Special Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 229).

(41) Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 230).

(42) National Institute for Cultural Orientation Act (Amendment Bill, 2015 (HB. 231).

(43) Corrupt Practice and Other Related Offences Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 232).

(44) Prevention of Crimes Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 233).

(45) Water Resources Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 234).

(46) River Basins Development Authorities Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 235).

(47) Students Union (Control and Regulation) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 236).

(48) National Agricultural Development Authority Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 237).

(49) Bees (Import Control and Management) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 238).

(50) Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 239).

(51) National Fertilizer Board Act (Repeal) Bill, 2015 (HB. 240).

(52) Agricultural and Rural Management Training Institute Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 241).

(53) Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 242).

(54) Treaty to Establish African Economic Community Relating to the Pan-African Parliament (Accession and Jurisdiction) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 243).

(55) Utilities Charges Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 244).

(56) Petroleum Product Pricing Regulatory Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 245).

(57) National Identity Management Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 246).

(58) Wireless Telegraphy Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 247).

(59) Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 248).

(60) Endangered Species (Control of International Trade and Traffic) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 249).

(61) The Public Order Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 250).

(62) Petroleum Training Institute Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 251).

(63) Quantity Surveyors (Registration, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 252).

(64) Mortgage Institutions Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 253).

(65) Architects (Registration, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 254) (.

(66) Builders (Registration, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 255).

(67) Town Planners (Registration, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 256).

(68) Labour Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 257).

(69) National Manpower Board Act (Repeal) Bill, 2015 (HB. 258).

(70) Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Development Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 259).

(71) Ahmadu Bello University (Transitional Provisions) Act (Repeal) Bill, 2015 (HB. 260).

(72) University of Ibadan Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 261).

(73) University of Abuja Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 262).

(74) University of Lagos Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 263).

(75) Price Control Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 264).

(76) Weights and Measures Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 265).

(77) Association of National Accountant of Nigerian Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 266).

(78) National Inland Waterways Authority Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 267).

(79) International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973 and 1978 Protocol (Ratification and Enforcement) (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 268).

(80) Lagos Port Operation (Special Provision) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 269).

(81) National Insurance Corporation of Nigeria Act (Repeal) Bill, 2015 (HB. 270).

(82) World Meteorological Organization (Protection) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 271).

(83) Federal Character Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 272).

(84) Currency Conversion (Freezing Orders) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 274).

(85) Public Accounts Implementation Tribunal Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 275).

(86) National Agency for Population Programs and Development Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 276).

(87) Anatomy Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 277).

(88) Motor Vehicle (Third Party Insurance) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 278).

(89) Marriage Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 279).

(90) National Housing Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 280).

(91) National Minimum Wage Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB.281).

(92) Wages Boards and Industrial Council Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 282).

(93) Harmful Waste (Special Criminal Provisions, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 283).

(94) Indian Hemp Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 284).

(95) National Planning Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 285).

(96) Chartered Insurance Institute of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 286).

(97) Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 287).

(98) Dishonored Cheques (Offences) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 288).

(99) Quarantine Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 289).

(100) Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 290).

(101) Counterfeit Currency (Special Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 291).

(102) Dangerous Drugs Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 292).

(103) Value Added Tax Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 293).

(104) Veterinary Surgeons Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 294).

(105) Trade Malpractices (Miscellaneous Offences) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 295).

(106) Survey Co-ordination Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 296).

(107) Surveyors Registration Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 297).

(108) National Archives Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 298).

(109) National Institute for Labour Studies Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 299).

(110) Railway Loan (International Bank) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 300).

(111) Public Officers Protection Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 301).

(112) National Judicial Institute Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 302).

(113) Advertising Practitioners (Registration, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 303).

(114) National Library Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 304).

(115) Maintenance Order Act (Repeal) Bill, 2015 (HB. 305).

(116) National Building Code (Enforcement, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 306).

(117) Recovery of Premises (Procedure, etc.) Bill, 2015 (HB. 307).

(118) FCT Resettlement, Compensation and Rehabilitation Board (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2015 308).

(119) Federal Capital Territory College of Agriculture (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2015 (HB. 309).

(120) Federal Capital Territory Public Service Commission Bill, 2015 (HB. 310).

(121) Price Control Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 311).

(122) Police Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 312).

(123) Nigeria Air Force Institute of Technology Bill, 2015 (HB. 313).

(124) Police Procurement Fund Bill, 2015 (HB. 314).

(125) Special Needs Education Bill, 2015 (HB. 315).

(126) Nigeria Institute of Soil Science (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2015 (HB. 316).

(127) Official Secrets Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 317).

(128) Federal Capital Territory Water Board Bill, 2015 (HB. 318).

(129) Nigerian Aeronautical Search and Rescue Bill, 2015 (HB. 319).

(130) Animal Health and Husbandry Technologist (Registration, etc.) Bill, 2015 (HB. 320).

7. Presentation of Report

***Ad-hoc Committee on the Investigation of Alleged Abortion of Recruitment of Victims of* 2014 *Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) Recruitment Exercise*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Investigation of Alleged Abortion of Recruitment of Victims of 2014 Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) Recruitment Exercise Stampede" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question agreed to.

Report laid.

8. Urgent Need to Complete the Ogbese River Bridge, Linking Ondo State with Edo State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that a contract for the construction of a bridge across the Ogbese River to link Ondo State to Edo State was awarded by the Federal Ministry of Works in 2009 at the cost ₦779,763,142.16;

Also notes that the contractor, Dekit Construction Ltd., had completed up to 75% of the project and was paid the sum of ₦75,005,873.40 before the work was stopped in 2012 owing to the failure of the Federal Ministry of works to provide funds for the project;

Aware that the two adjourning roads linking the two states is of high significant Socio-economic importance to the two states, as they affect the movement of people and goods between the two States and other parts of the country;

Worried that if urgent steps are not taken to complete the bridge, Nigerians would continue to lose valuable goods, man hours and other resources by having to be taking longer routes and the people of the affected States will be plunged into further hardships;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Works to ascertain the level of Completion, and liaise with the Ministry of Power, Works and Housing for inclusion of the cost of completion of the bridge in the 2016 budget estimates (*Hon. Bode Ayorinde — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 278/2015).

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

9. Dualization of Katsina -Zaria Road:
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Katsina-Zaria road is a major link road stretching 256 kilometers from Katsina town through Marabar Kankara village and Funtua town to Zaria in Kaduna State;

Also notes that the Marabar Kankara-Funtua-Zaria part of the road, originally constructed during the colonial era has undergone periodic upgrades, however, the Katsina-Marabar Kankara side, which was constructed in the early 1970's, had its first and only asphalt overlay in the 1990's ;

Worried that despite the economic significance and relevance of the Katsina-Zaria road, being the major channel through which goods and services are transported to other parts of the country, it remains grossly neglected;

Also concerned that the deplorable state of the road has led to accidents resulting in the loss of lives and properties and is causing untold suffering to the people of the affected States as well as commuters;

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Government to facilitate the reconstruction and dualization of the Katsina-Zaria road (***Hon. Danlami Muhammad Kurfi — Dutsin-Ma/Kurfi Federal Constituency and*** 4 ***Others***).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 279/2015).

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

10. Reconstruction of Zaima/Zuru/Rijau/Yauri and Zuru/Rijau/Kontagora Federal Roads:
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Zaima/Zuru/Rijau/Yauri and Zuru/Rijau/Kontagora Federal Roads, constructed as single carriageways in 1976, connecting Kebbi, Niger, Zamfara and Sokoto States to other parts of Nigeria, have deteriorated to the extent of becoming almost impassable;

Worried that the deplorable state of the roads are causing untold hardships to the people as commuters find it difficult to transport agricultural produce and other goods and services from the affected states to other parts of Nigeria;

Concerned that since the roads were constructed, they have not undergone any significant rehabilitation till date, and the dilapidated state of some narrow bridges have upsurge in violent criminal activities on the road, and accidents resulting in the loss of lives and properties worth millions of Naira;

Cognizant that the reconstruction of these roads will boost socio-economic activities and significantly enhance the well-being of the people in the affected states as well as commuters and the country at large;

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to include the project in the 2016 Budget estimates (*Hon. Aliyu Danladi — Fakai/Zuru/Sakaba/Wasago/Danko Federal Constituency and 2 Others*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 280/2015).

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

11. Deplorable condition of the Lagos International Trade Fair Complex Ring Road at Badagry Expressway, Ojo:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Lagos International Trade Fair Complex at Badagry Expressway, Ojo has been the venue of the Lagos International Trade Fair which is organized by the Federal Ministry of Trade and Lagos Chamber of Commerce & Industries which covers all aspects of businesses and economic activities in Nigeria and offers a unique exposition for manufacturers, suppliers, buyers and users of a wide range of goods and services as well as opportunities for investments and trade promotion;

Disturbed that the Lagos International Trade Fair which is the biggest in the Sub-Saharan Africa has not been able to hold at the Lagos International Trade Fair Complex for over ten years because the only Ring Road that runs through the complex is in a very deplorable condition;

Aware that the Trade Fair comes with a lot of business festivities which promote the revitalization and diversification of the nation's economy, accelerate the development of commerce and industry, boost Made-in-Nigeria products, agriculture and agro-based industries, direct attention to the role of the private sector in the Nigerian economy, and enhance the prospects for foreign and local investments in strategic areas;

Observes that Taxes and Customs Duties paid in by the traders in Trade Fair Complex run into billions of naira per annum which is a useful income to the nation in view of dwindling from oil;

Concerned that the deplorable condition of the less than five Kilometers Road often makescommuters spend several hours to pass through and sometimes containers on trailers bringing goods and wares to the market fall and at times, traders are attacked by armed robbers, thus making life difficult for the Trade Fair marketers;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to undertake an urgent rehabilitation of the road to alleviate the plight of the people pending its reconstruction; and

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to include the cost of reconstruction of the Road in the 2016 Budget proposals (*Hon. Oghene Emma Egoh — Amuwo Odofin Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 281/2015).

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

12. Need to Standardize Cocoa and Other Agricultural Products Meant for Export:
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Cocoa was one of the cash crops that was earning foreign exchange for the country before oil was discovered in commercial quantity prior to independence in 1960;

Aware that the Federal Government's efforts to diversify the economy through exportation of non-oil products may be realized through production and processing of cocoa and other agricultural products;

Observes that in terms of earnings of foreign exchange no other single agricultural commodity has surpassed cocoa, and when it comes to employment, the cocoa sub-sector still offers quite a sizable number of employment opportunities, both directly and indirectly;

Also observes that Cocoa processing Companies are confronted with a variety of challenges ranging from high cost of production, unpredictable and fluctuating prices of raw cocoa beans, lack of funds and non-standardized cocoa products;

Concerned that while Nigeria, like other countries, is focusing on agro business to earn more foreign revenue, its main challenge in the exploitation of cocoa and other products is that exporters do not follow the law on standardization;

Also concerned that cocoa and other agricultural products are exported without testing, which leads to the products being returned or destroyed when they are tested abroad and are found not to have complied with global standards;

Disturbed that Nigeria is the only cocoa producing country that does not offer any direct incentives to the producers and processors and believes that the Federal Government needs to intensify the implementation of expansion projects for the production and processing of cocoa and other agricultural products in order to claim a greater share of the huge annual global market for cocoa, other agricultural products and their finished goods;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to provide incentives and farm inputs for cocoa farmers to enable them increase the quantity of cocoa they produce and hence make available good quality cocoa beans at reasonable prices to the processing factories; and

(*ii*) also urge the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to ensure that coca products are properly processed to meet regulatory requirements and global standards before they are exported (*Hon. Mayowa Samuel Akinfolarin — Ileoluji-Okeibo/Odigbo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:
(*i*) *Leave out* Prayer (*i*) (*Hon. Nasiru Sule Garo — Gwarzo/Ikabo Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(*ii*) *Leave out* Prayer (*ii*) and *substitute* as follows:
"Urge the Nigerian Quarantine Service and National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to ensure that Cocoa products are properly processed to meet regulatory requirement and Global Standards before they are exported" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made – Agreed to.

(*iii*) In Prayer (*ii*) as amended, immediately after the word "NAFDAC", *insert* the following words "Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC)" (*Hon. Binta Bello — Kaltungo/Shongom Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made – Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Cocoa was one of the cash crops that was earning foreign exchange for the country before oil was discovered in commercial quantity prior to independence in 1960;

Aware that the Federal Government's efforts to diversify the economy through exportation of non-oil products may be realized through production and processing of cocoa and other agricultural products;

Observed that in terms of earnings of foreign exchange no other single agricultural commodity has surpassed cocoa, and when it comes to employment, the cocoa sub-sector still offers quite a sizable number of employment opportunities, both directly and indirectly;

Also observed that Cocoa processing Companies are confronted with a variety of challenges ranging from high cost of production, unpredictable and fluctuating prices of raw cocoa beans, lack of funds and non-standardized cocoa products;

Concerned that while Nigeria, like other countries, is focusing on agro business to earn more foreign revenue, its main challenge in the exploitation of cocoa and other products is that exporters do not follow the law on standardization;

Also concerned that cocoa and other agricultural products are exported without testing, which leads to the products being returned or destroyed when they are tested abroad and are found not to have complied with global standards;

Disturbed that Nigeria is the only cocoa producing country that does not offer any direct incentives to the producers and processors and believes that the Federal Government needs to intensify the implementation of expansion projects for the production and processing of cocoa and other agricultural products in order to claim a greater share of the huge annual global market for cocoa, other agricultural products and their finished goods;

Resolved to:

Urge the Nigerian Quarantine Service, National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC), and the Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC) to ensure that Cocoa products are properly processed to meet regulatory requirement and Global Standards before they are exported **(HR. 282/2015)**.

Motion referred to the Committees on Healthcare Services, and Agricultural Production and Services.

14. **A Bill For an Act to Provide for Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Measures in Nigerian Trade Transactions, Establishment of the Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Measures Advisory Committee to save Indigenous Industries and for Other Related Matters (HB. 90) — *Second Reading*.**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill For an Act to Provide for Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Measures in Nigerian Trade Transactions, Establishment of the Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Measures Advisory Committee to save Indigenous Industries and for Other Related Matters (HB. 90) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Abdullahi Umar Faruk Bunza/Birnin Kebbi/Kalgo 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 Commerce.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Regulation and Conduct of the Practice of Broadcasting Profession in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 150) — *Second Reading*.**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Regulation and Conduct of the Practice of Broadcasting Profession in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 150) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ahmed Yerima — Misau/Dambam 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 Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Compulsory Teaching of Security and Intelligence Studies in the Syllabus of Secondary Schools in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB.123) — *Second Reading*.**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Compulsory Teaching of Security and Intelligence Studies in the Syllabus of Secondary Schools in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB.123) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ayuba Mohammed Bello — Jere 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 Basic Education and Services.

17. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Matrimonial Causes Act, Cap. M7, LFN, 2004 to Increase the amount paid as Penalty and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 110) — *Second Reading*.**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Matrimonial Causes Act, Cap. M7, LFN, 2004 to Increase the amount paid as Penalty and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 110) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Chukwuemeka Ujam — Nkanu East/Nkanu West 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 Justice.

18. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Desertification, Erosion, Flood and Ecological Control Agency and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 101) — *Second Reading*.**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

19. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Insurance Act, Cap. N117, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2015 (HB. 178) — *Second Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Insurance Act, Cap. N117, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2015 (HB. 178) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Oghene Emma Egoh — Amowu Odofin 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 Insurance and Actuarial Matters.

20. **Consideration of Reports**

(*i*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
Report on the Petition by Mr Benett C. Onyejegbu:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Benett C. Onyejegbu against the Bank of Agriculture, Kaduna for non-payment of pensions benefits and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation*:**
"That the House do discountenance the prayer of the Petitioner for lack of merit" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Benett C. Onyejegbu against the Bank of Agriculture, Kaduna for non-payment of pensions benefits and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

(ii) *Ad-hoc Committee on the Investigation of Alleged Abortion of Recruitment of Victims of 2014 Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) Recruitment Exercise*:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Investigation of Alleged Abortion of Recruitment of Victims of 2014 Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) Recruitment Exercise Stampede" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation (i)*:**
"Immediate deployment of the relatives of the deceased candidates with all their salaries and emoluments paid to them effective from the date of the Presidential directives" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

***Recommendation (ii)*:**
"Immediate issuance of appointment letters and redeployment of the 176 injured candidates whose names were submitted by DSS and their salaries and emoluments paid to them effective from the date of the Presidential directives" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

***Recommendation (iii)*:**
"In order to verify the claims of other petitioners who were shortlisted and got injured in respect to the first aborted exercise (whose names are not in the list of 176) to the Public Complaint Commission, a verification team from the Comptroller-General office should visit Government Hospitals in the affected States where injuries were reported and obtain official reports from the Hospital Management in respect of the injury claims" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

***Recommendation (iv)*:**
"That the reports obtained above should be verified along with the medical reports submitted by the protesting candidates"(*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (v):
"Immediate issuance of employment letters and deployment of those who are certified injured and their salaries and emolument paid effective from the date of the Presidential directives"(*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (vi):
"That the Federal Government should immediately set up a Committee to look at the methodology of recruitments by Federal Government Agencies in Nigeria and evolve a system/modality that will forestall reoccurrence of the Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) recruitment incidence"(*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Investigation of Alleged Abortion of Recruitment of Victims of 2014 Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) Recruitment Exercise Stampede and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*vi*) of the Report.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

19. Adjournment
That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 15 *December* , 2015 *at* 10.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.24 *p.m.*

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 9 December, 2015, page 667, item 3, *leave out* item 3 (*ii*) and substitute as follows:

"(*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 Hon. Garba Ibrahim Mohammed (***Gwale Federal Constituency***) by the Government of France on 12 November, 2015 at the French Embassy, Aso Drive, Abuja".