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Tuesday, 15 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 Thursday, 10 December, 2015.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcement**
***Visitors in the Gallery*:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:

(*i*) Members of Students' Representative Council, Federal University of Technology, Akure, Ondo State;

(*ii*) Members of the Scout Association of Nigeria, Yaba, Lagos; and

(*iii*) Members of National Association of Suleja Students (NASS), Niger State.

4. **Petition**
A petition from Suleiman Mamman Shallakuza and nine others on the abandonment of construction of Dugwaba Dam in Hong Local Government Area of Adamawa State by Quarts Solar and Energy Systems Limited , was presented and laid by Hon. Yusuf Buba (*Gombi/Hong Federal Constituency*).

5. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order VIII, Rule 46)**
(*i*) ***Call to Investigate the Role of National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) in the Operation of Hajj and Umrah especially 2015 Operation vis-a-viz the Stampede at Mina*:**
Hon. Aliyu Sarli Madaki (*Dala 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.

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

Call to Investigate the Role of National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) in the Operation of Hajj and Umrah Especially 2015 Operation vis-`a-vis the Stampede at Mina:

The House:

Notes that the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) was established in 2006 by an Act of National Assembly;

Also notes that section 4 of the NAHCON Act states the functions of the Commission among others as, to licence, regulate, supervise and perform oversight factions over Organisations (cooperate or non-cooperate) engage in organising and co-ordinating the movement of persons from Nigeria to Saudi Arabia to perform the Hajj or Umrah, providing accommodation, transportation and other services related to the performance of the Hajj and Umrah to pilgrims in Saudi Arabia and co-ordinate the provision of health, financial, security, customs, immigration and related services to person proceeding to, or returning from Saudi Arabia to perform the Hajj or Umrah;

Further notes that the Commission is empowered to regulate and control in or outside Nigeria all matters concerning the welfare of Nigerian pilgrims;

Disturbed that over the years Hajj and Umrah operations in Nigeria have been characterised by many challenges, spiritual, material and inadequate planning;

Concerned that other challenges associated with material and inadequate planning are fees charged on Visa fares, to both to Hajj and Umrah which are more expensive than any other country in Africa as well as the well being of the pilgrim;

Aware of the fact that owners of travel agencies in Nigeria have turned Hajj and Umrah into exploitative avenue thereby charging high fees costlier than anywhere in the world, due to lack of proper supervision and control by NAHCON;

Also aware that stoning of the devil is one of Hajj rights which take place at Jamarat Bridge were pilgrims throw pebbles at the three Jamarat pillars;

Further aware of the stampede which occurred on 24 September, 2015, outside the five-story Jamarat Bridge in Mina;

Worried that Nigerian pilgrims who are expected to stay in Mina to observe the rights at Jamarat Bridge are accommodated away from the Jamarat and thus making them trek between 2 to 3 hours to Jamarat due to inadequate arrangement by the Hajj Commission contrary to one of its functions, i.e. providing accommodation, transportation and other services related to the performance of the Hajj and Umrah by the pilgrims;

Also disturbed that Nigeria has lost sizeable numbers of pilgrims at Mina stamped;

Also worried that months after the conclusion of the 2015 Hajj exercise the Commission is yet to come up with realistic figures as to the actual number of Nigerians either death, missing or injured during the Mina stampede;

Realizing that the Commission over the years and in particular during the 2015 Hajj operation has not demonstrated due diligence in the conduct of Hajj and Umrah;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee of Foreign Affairs to carry a holistic investigation into the activities of Hajj Commission of Nigeria as it relates to Hajj and Umrah operations with particular reference to 2015 Hajj giving details of the parties involved in the Mina stampede;

(*ii*) urge NAHCON to source for better accommodation within Mina for Nigeria pilgrims, so as to reduce their suffering while going to Jamarat for stoning; and

(*iii*) also urge NAHCON to ensure Nigerian pilgrims are not exploited in terms of money paid when traveling for Hajj and Umrah (*Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki – Dala Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) was established in 2006 by an Act of National Assembly;

Also noted that section 4 of the NAHCON Act states the functions of the Commission among others as, to licence, regulate, supervise and perform oversight factions over Organisations (cooperate or non-cooperate) engage in organising and co-ordinating the movement of persons from Nigeria to Saudi Arabia to perform the Hajj or Umrah, providing accommodation, transportation and other services related to the performance of the Hajj and Umrah to pilgrims in Saudi Arabia and co-ordinate the provision of health, financial, security, customs, immigration and related services to person proceeding to, or returning from Saudi Arabia to perform the Hajj or Umrah;

Further notes that the Commission is empowered to regulate and control in or outside Nigeria all matters concerning the welfare of Nigerian pilgrims;

Disturbed that over the years Hajj and Umrah operations in Nigeria have been characterised by many challenges, spiritual, material and inadequate planning;

Concerned that other challenges associated with material and inadequate planning are fees charged on Visa fares, to both to Hajj and Umrah which are more expensive than any other country in Africa as well as the well being of the pilgrim;

Aware of the fact that owners of travel agencies in Nigeria have turned Hajj and Umrah into exploitative avenue thereby charging high fees costlier than anywhere in the world, due to lack of proper supervision and control by NAHCON;

Also aware that stoning of the devil is one of Hajj rights which take place at Jamarat Bridge were pilgrims throw pebbles at the three Jamarat pillars;

Further aware of the stampede which occurred on 24 September, 2015, outside the five-story Jamarat Bridge in Mina;

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Also disturbed that Nigeria has lost sizeable numbers of pilgrims at Mina stamped:

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(*ii*) urge NAHCON to source for better accommodation within Mina for Nigeria pilgrims, so as to reduce their suffering while going to Jamarat for stoning; and

(*iii*) also urge NAHCON to ensure Nigerian pilgrims are not exploited in terms of money paid when traveling for Hajj and Umrah (**HR. 283/2015**).

Motion referred to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Special Duties.

(*ii*) ***Need to Set Aside December 10 of Every Year as National Aviation Safety Day in Memory of the 60 Students of Loyola Jesuit College Abuja who died in Sosoliso Air crash on the 10 December, 2005, and Other Victims of Air Mishaps in Nigeria*:**

Hon. Tasir Olawale Raji (*Epe 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.*

Need to Set Aside December 10 of Every Year as National Aviation Safety Day in Memory of the 60 Students of Loyola Jesuit College, Abuja who Died in the Sosoliso Air Crash on 10 December, 2005, and Other Victims of Air Mishaps in Nigeria:

The House:

Notes that on 10 December, 2005 exactly ten (10) years ago, sixty-one students of Loyola Jesuit College Abuja who were on Christmas break boarded a Port Harcourt bound Sosoliso Airline flight. Unfortunately, sixty of the students and many other passengers on board did not come out of the aircraft alive, the plane crashed at the Port Harcourt Airport;

Saddened that these young brilliant students of ages ranging between 10 and 16 years would have by now graduated from the Universities like their peers if they had not been victims of the plane crash, ready to contribute their quota to our National Development efforts;

Worried that in spite of investigation carried out after the crash, the country has experienced other plane crashes since 2005 in which prominent Nigerians died;

Also worried that although progress has been made in ensuring air safety in the country lately, the state of Nigeria's Airports infrastructural facilities described as one of the worst in the world is not only disturbing but also worrisome:

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Aviation in collaboration with the relevant MDAs to:

(*i*) Set aside December 10 every year as National Aviation Safety Day to address aviation safety issues and other related matters towards ensuring sustainable air safety in Nigeria in memory of the sixty Loyola Jesuit Angels and other victims of air crashes in Nigeria;

(*ii*) carry out a review of the Accident Investigation Bureau (AIB) report on the Sosoliso Plane Crash and other crashes that have occurred in Nigeria from 2005 with a view to ensuring the implementation of recommendations contained therein (*Hon. Tasir Olawale Raji — Epe Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on 10 December, 2005 exactly ten (10) years ago, sixty-one students of Loyola Jesuit College Abuja who were on Christmas break boarded a Port Harcourt bound Sosoliso Airline flight. Unfortunately, sixty of the students and many other passengers on board did not come out of the aircraft alive, the plane crashed at the Port Harcourt Airport;

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(*i*) Set aside December 10 every year as National Aviation Safety Day to address aviation safety issues and other related matters towards ensuring sustainable air safety in Nigeria in memory of the sixty Loyola Jesuit Angels and other victims of air crashes in Nigeria;

(*ii*) carry out a review of the Accident Investigation Bureau (AIB) report on the Sosoliso Plane Crash and other crashes that have occurred in Nigeria from 2005 with a view to ensuring the implementation of recommendations contained therein (**HR. 284/2015**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Aviation.

6. Conferment of Award on the Honourable Speaker

The Deputy Chief Whip, Hon. Pally Irase, drew the attention of the House to the conferment of the Leadership Politician of the year 2015 award on the Rt. Hon. Speaker, Yakubu Dogara, on Monday, 14 December, 2015, by the *Leadership* newspaper. He noted that the choice of Mr Speaker, amongst other contenders for the laudable award was apt and a demonstration of his sterling qualities as a leader. He stated that he was in full agreement with the opinion of the panel of judges that "he was chosen for being politically adroit enough to win back the confidence of his Party's leadership after the contest, to the extent of becoming the bridge and influencer of the rapprochement between the National Assembly and the Presidency". He underscored the need for the House to rise in ovation for the Speaker whose leadership has propelled the House for the first time to the First Reading of 130 Bills in a sitting.

The House applauded the Hon. Speaker accordingly.

7. Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly:

(*i*) *Federal Audit Service Commission Bill*, 2015 (HB. 107);

(*ii*) *Chartered Institute of Treasury Management Bill*, 2015 (HB. 100);

(*iii*) *Oaths Act (Amendment) Bill*, 2015 (HB. 169);

(*iv*) *Institute of Local Government and Public Administration Bill*, 2015 (HB. 108).

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

The House

Notes that pursuant to Order XII, Rule 94 of the Standing Orders of the House, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence were made or negatived, or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence were made or negatived or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted or clean copy circulated, be re-considered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced *de-novo*;

Also notes that the aforementioned Bills were passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly, and aware that the Bills have been re gazetted as HB. 107, HB. 100, HB. 169, and HB. 108 respectively and read the first time;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Emmanuel Y. Orker-Jev — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bills referred to the Committee of the Whole, pursuant to Order XII, Rule 94.

8. Call for Rehabilitation/Reconstruction of Hong-Mubi and Mararaba-Madagali Roads in Adamawa State
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Road that links Adamawa State to Borno State through Mubi, Michika and Madagali Local Government Areas has been in a state of disrepair for a long period now;

Also notes that in 2007, the Federal Ministry of Works awarded a contract to Julius Berger Nig. Plc to reconstruct the Yola to Hong stretch of the road which has been completed;

Observes that the remaining stretch of the road from Hong to Mubi and Mararaba to Madagali (Dimakara) has been neglected over the years and all attempts by the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to repair it as palliative measures have failed;

Concerned that as a result of the activities of the insurgents in the area during the time of their occupation of the territorial area covered by the road, the entire length of the road from Hong to Mubi and Mararaba to Madagali has further worsened as it was devastated by the movements of chained armoured personnel carriers (APCs) used by both the insurgents and the military, and also all the bridges on this stretch of the road have been blown off;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to include the reconstruction of Hong-Mubi and Mararaba-Madagali road in the 2016 budget proposals; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Works to follow up with the Ministry on the reconstruction of the Hong-Mubi and Mararaba-Madagali road and the bridges earlier resolved by the House (*Hon. Adamu Dan Usman Kamale — Madagali/Michika Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 285/2015).

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

9. Call for Rehabilitation of Rumukwurushi/Igboh Etche/Chokoche/Uzuzu Road

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

10. Call for Rehabilitation/Reconstruction of Nsukka-Adani-Onitsha Road
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Nsukka-Adani-Onitsha Road which links many communities in Enugu and Anambra States is very strategic for the agro-economic activities of the people of the States;

Also notes that Adani community in Uzo-Uwani Local Government Area of Enugu State and other communities in Ayamelum Local government Area of Anambra State are reputed for cultivation of rice and other economic crops;

Aware that the road is the only access road through which traders from Onitsha and their counterparts from Nsukka and Enugu access the Ada Rice Farm and other small holder farmers to purchase rice and other food crops in commercial quantities;

Concerned that for over two decades, the road has remained in a state of disrepair, thus making it very difficult for movement of commuters and agricultural goods:

Also concerned that the numerous potholes and gully sites along the road have occasioned numerous road mishaps resulting in loss of lives and properties of commuters, and many large private farm settlements which hitherto engaged in commercial farming in the area have been forced to close down because of the dilapidated state of the road, resulting in loss of gainful employments:

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committees on Works, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and Appropriations to ensure that money for the reconstruction/rehabilitation of the road is captured in the 2016 Budget Estimates; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Stella Ngwu — Igbo-Etiti/Uzo-Uwani Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 286/2015).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 51 (5).

11. Need to Investigate the Level of Production and Utilisation of Bitumen in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that over the years, some Construction Companies and businessmen have engaged in massive importation of bitumen to the detriment of the bitumen produced locally by the Kaduna Refinery and Petrochemical Company (KRPC);

Also notes that the Kaduna Refinery and Petrochemical Company has an installed capacity to produce about 650,000 tonnes of bitumen annually which is more than the 500,000 tonnes consumed annually in the country;

Worried that Nigeria loses over ₦300 billion as a result of the non-patronage by Construction Companies of the bitumen produced in Nigeria and therefore depend heavily on importation of the product to the detriment of the nation's economy;

Convinced that if local production and utilization of bitumen is encouraged, it would boost the nation's economy and prevent the wastage of foreign exchange on the importation of the product;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to investigate the level of production of bitumen in Nigeria, especially by the Kaduna Refinery and Petrochemical Company and the level of utilisation of the product and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Bede Eke — Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that over the years, some Construction Companies and businessmen have engaged in massive importation of bitumen to the detriment of the bitumen produced locally by the Kaduna Refinery and Petrochemical Company (KRPC);

Also noted that the Kaduna Refinery and Petrochemical Company has an installed capacity to produce about 650,000 tonnes of bitumen annually which is more than the 500,000 tonnes consumed annually in the country;

Worried that Nigeria loses over ₦300 billion as a result of the non-patronage by Construction Companies of the bitumen produced in Nigeria and therefore depend heavily on importation of the product to the detriment of the nation's economy;

Convinced that if local production and utilization of bitumen is encouraged, it would boost the nation's economy and prevent the wastage of foreign exchange on the importation of the product;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to investigate the level of production of bitumen in Nigeria, especially by the Kaduna Refinery and Petrochemical Company and the level of utilisation of the product and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 287/2015**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream).

12. **Need to Review the List of State Roads Declared as Federal Highways**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Section 25 of the Federal Highways Act empowers the Minister charged with the responsibility for Highways, after consultation with the Government of the States concerned and with the approval of the President to, by order published in the Federal Gazette, declare any road in Nigeria (not being a Federal trunk road) to be Federal highway, and he may by the same order or any other order and with the like approval, cancel, amend or vary any notice relating to Federal highways;

Also notes that since the enactment of the Act in 1971, the power to declare a state road as a Federal Highway had been exercised only three times on 17 December, 1971, 1 October, 1974 and 23 April, 1982; and since then, no other Minister has exercised the powers;

Aware that in the 33 years period when the power was last exercised, the country has undergone monumental political restructuring and economic transformation that ought to have made it compelling for the review of the list of State roads that should have been declared as Federal Highways;

Believes that the said Section 25 of the Act, if read in isolation, seems to confer absolute discretion on the Minister on the matter, but it is rather subject to S. 16(2) (a), (b) & (c) of the Constitution which provides that:

> "(2) The State shall direct its policy towards ensuring:
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> (*a*) the promotion of a planned and balanced economic development;
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> (*b*) that the material resources of the nation are harnessed and distributed as best as possible to serve the common good;

(*c*) that the economic system is not operated in such a manner as to permit the concentration of wealth or the means of production and exchange in the hands of few individuals or of a group";

Concerned that some State roads which appear to lack the character of 'national roads' (in terms of their strategic location, the number of States they traverse and the volume of vehicular traffic they carry) were declared Federal Highways while some roads which are truly 'national roads' in character because of their contributions to economic activities of the nation, the relatively high volume of vehicular traffic they bear and the number of states they link, have not been declared Federal Highways with the attendant negative effects to national cohesion;

Also believes that the prevailing situation in the country makes it imperative for the Minister to begin consultations with State Governments and other stakeholders in order to review the list of State roads to be declared as Federal Highways in the new States like Ekiti, Osun, Kebbi, Bayelsa, Zamfara, Yobe, Ebonyi, Gombe, Taraba, Kogi, etc.;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Minister responsible for Highways to commence consultations with the Government of the 36 States of the Federation with a view to delisting some roads from the list of Federal Highways, if need be, or adding some State roads to the list of Federal Highways; and

(*ii*) also urge the Minister to avail the Committee on Works with the current list of State Roads declared as Federal Highways (*Hon. Olamide Oni — Ijero/Ekiti West/Efon Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(**HR. 288/2015**).

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

13. Need to Exploit the Abundant Coal Deposits as a Means of Economic Diversification and Job Creation

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that coal deposits can be found in 14 of the 36 States of the Federation but at the moment, it has zero contribution to the energy generation of the nation; whereas coal contributes 41% of the global electricity supply with 69% and 79% contributions in India and China, respectively;

Also notes that despite the relatively huge cost of setting up coal plants and the environmental concerns, coal remains the single largest source of electricity supply in the USA, UK, China, India, South Africa and Australia and is projected to remain so for the foreseeable future;

Aware that Nigeria has a coal deposit of about 2.5 billion tons and that coal mining/drilling will provide huge employment to the teeming youth population and also contribute to economic diversification;

Concerned that about 70% of the total global steel production is dependent on coal, yet it has not been utilized to increase the nation's productivity in iron and steel;

Worried that the Federal Government spends huge sums of money in regular repairs of gas pipelines which are prone to vandalisation and other forms of sabotage and that recent global developments point to the high risk involved in the operation of nuclear power plants;

Also worried that the recent privatization of the Nigerian Coal Corporation has led to erosion of institutional memories of the corporation and its properties and technology;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committees on Privatization and Commercialization and Power to review the recent privatization of the Nigerian Coal Corporation to ensure that the exercise complied with best-practices and was in conformity with the National Energy Policy;

(*ii*) urge the Federal Government to target increased employment and investments in the coal value chain, particularly in the areas of iron and steel production, and other derivatives like methanol, diesel, gasoline, urea, ammonia, formaldehyde and acetic acid which would lead to increased economic gains for the nation; and

(*iii*) call on the Federal Government to review the National Energy Policy for increased contribution of coal to electricity supply (*Hon. Chime Oji — Enugu North/Enugu South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) *Leave out* Prayer (*i*) and *substitute* as follows:
"Mandate the Committees on Privatization and Commercialization, and Power to review all the recent privatization to ensure compliance with international best practices" (*Hon. Mohammed Nur Sheriff — Bama/Ngala/Kalabalge Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(*ii*) In Prayer (*i*) as amended, immediately after the word "Power", *insert* the following words "and Solid Minerals" (*Hon. Isa Hassan — Jama'are/Itas Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that coal deposits can be found in 14 of the 36 States of the Federation but at the moment, it has zero contribution to the energy generation of the nation; whereas coal contributes 41% of the global electricity supply with 69% and 79% contributions in India and China, respectively;

Also noted that despite the relatively huge cost of setting up coal plants and the environmental concerns, coal remains the single largest source of electricity supply in the USA, UK, China, India, South Africa and Australia and is projected to remain so for the foreseeable future;

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Also worried that the recent privatization of the Nigerian Coal Corporation has led to erosion of institutional memories of the corporation and its properties and technology;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committees on Privatization and Commercialization, Power, and Solid Minerals to review all the recent privatization to ensure compliance with international best practices;

(*ii*) urge the Federal Government to target increased employment and investments in the coal value chain, particularly in the areas of iron and steel production, and other derivatives like methanol, diesel, gasoline, urea, ammonia, formaldehyde and acetic acid which would lead to increased economic gains for the nation; and

(*iii*) call on the Federal Government to review the National Energy Policy for increased contribution of coal to electricity supply (**HR. 289/2015**).

Motion referred to the Committees on Privatization and Commercialization, Power, and Solid Mineral.

14. **Needless Killings of Nigerians at Arepo Pipeline in Ogun State**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that since the Oodua People's Congress (OPC) which was hired by the Federal Government to secure the coastal pipelines around Arepo area of Obafemi Owode LGA of Ogun State withdrew their services from the area, pipeline vandals have been operating openly in the area, frequently harassing and intimidating people and shooting sporadically to scare people from having knowledge of their illegal activities;

Worried that about 100 pipeline vandals were reportedly killed during an explosion which occurred on July 22, 2015 just after the Odua People's Congress withdrew from the community;

Also worried about the report that on September 16, 2015, over 15security men comprising Policemen, Officials of Department of Security Services (DSS) and Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps were killed, during an encounter with the vandals;

Disturbed that residents no longer live in peace due to incessant gunshots during the days and nights as vandals have now seemingly taken over the community, a situation that poses a huge security risk to lives and a major cause of disruptions to the operations of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC);

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Government to further fortify security in Arepo pipelines area and other coastal lines throughout the nation where pipelines are embedded, with well-equipped security operatives to challenge the vandals when confronted (*Hon. Mukaila Kazzim — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that since the Oodua People's Congress (OPC) which was hired by the Federal Government to secure the coastal pipelines around Arepo area of Obafemi Owode LGA of Ogun State withdrew their services from the area, pipeline vandals have been operating openly in the area, frequently harassing and intimidating people and shooting sporadically to scare people from having knowledge of their illegal activities;

Worried that about 100 pipeline vandals were reportedly killed during an explosion which occurred on July 22, 2015 just after the Odua People's Congress withdrew from the community;

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Disturbed that residents no longer live in peace due to incessant gunshots during the days and nights as vandals have now seemingly taken over the community, a situation that poses a huge security risk to lives and a major cause of disruptions to the operations of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC);

Resolved to:

Urge the Federal Government to further fortify security in Arepo pipelines area and other coastal lines throughout the nation where pipelines are embedded, with well-equipped security operatives to challenge the vandals when confronted (**HR. 290/2015**).

Motion referred to the Committee on National Security and Intelligence.

15. ***Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the Deputy Speaker presides to enable the Hon. Speaker move a motion for the Second Reading of Bills sponsored by him" (*Hon. Emmanuel Yisa Orker-Jev — Buruku Federal Constituency*).**

Question agreed to.

A Bill for an Act to Establish the North-East Development Commission charged with the responsibility, among other things, to receive and manage funds from Allocation from the Federation Account and International Donors for the Settlement, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Roads, Houses and Business Premises of Victims of Insurgency; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 158) — *Second Reading*.

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the North-East Development Commission charged with the responsibility, among other things, to receive and manage funds from Allocation from the Federation Account and International Donors for the Settlement, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Roads, Houses and Business Premises of Victims of Insurgency; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 158) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogóro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa 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 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Refugees and Initiatives on North East Zone.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Competition Commission; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 1); and a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Consumer Protection Act, Cap. C25, LFN, 2004; Establish the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission and the Competition and Consumer Protection Tribunal for the Development and Promotion of Fair, Efficient and Competitive Markets in the Nigerian Economy, facilitate access by all Citizens to safe products, secure the protection of rights for all Consumers in Nigeria; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 60) — *Second Reading.***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Competition Commission; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 1); and a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Consumer Protection Act, Cap. C25, LFN, 2004; Establish the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission and the Competition and Consumer Protection Tribunal for the Development and Promotion of Fair, Efficient and Competitive Markets in the Nigerian Economy, facilitate access by all Citizens to safe products, secure the protection of rights for all Consumers in Nigeria; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 60) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa 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.

17. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Personal Data Protection to regulate the processing of Information Relating to individuals including the Obtaining, Holding, Use or Disclosure of such Information; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 2) — *Second Reading.***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Personal Data Protection to regulate the processing of Information Relating to individuals including the Obtaining, Holding, Use or Disclosure of such Information; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 2) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa 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 Provide for the Manner in which individuals may, in the Public Interest, Disclose Information that relates to Crime, Unlawful Conduct or Corrupt Practices of others; to provide for the protection against victimization of persons who make these Disclosures; to establish a fund for the sake of rewarding individuals who make the Disclosures and thereby enhance Crime Information gathering for Security Utilization; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 3) — *Second Reading.***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Manner in which individuals may, in the Public Interest, Disclose Information that relates to Crime, Unlawful Conduct or Corrupt Practices of others; to provide for the protection against victimization of persons who make these Disclosures; to establish a fund for the sake of rewarding individuals who make the Disclosures and thereby enhance Crime Information gathering for Security Utilization; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 3) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa 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.

19. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Corporate Manslaughter to make Corporate Organizations Criminally liable for Death of Employees arising from their Acts or Omission; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 273) — *Second Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Corporate Manslaughter to make Corporate Organizations Criminally liable for Death of Employees arising from their Acts or Omission; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 273) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa 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 Labour, Employment and Productivity.

20. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Corporate Social Responsibility; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 117) — *Second Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Corporate Social Responsibility; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 117) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani 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, and Justice.

21. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Eye Centre Act, Cap. N38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Empower the Centre and Provide for Standard Procedure of Removing Members of the Board; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 196) — *Second Reading*.**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

22. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Telecommunication and Postal Offences Act, Cap. T5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 216) — *Second Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Telecommunication and Postal Offences Act, Cap. T5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 216) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Lynda Ikpeazu — Onitsha South/Onitsha North 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 Telecommunications.

23. Adjournment:

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 16 December, 2015 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Jibrin Buba — Deputy House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.58 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker