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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 16 December, 2015

1. The House met at 11.15 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, 15 December, 2015.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Message**
Mr Speaker read a message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

16th December, 2015

Right Honourable Yakubu Dogara
Speaker, House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Dear Right Hon. Speaker,

2016 *BUDGET PRESENTATION*

I crave the kind indulgence of the National Assembly to grant me the slot of 10.00 *hrs on Tuesday, 22nd December*, 2015, *to formally address a Joint Session of the National Assembly on* 2016 *Budget.*

2. *While I thank the Honourable Members of the House of Representatives of the Federal Republic for your steadfast cooperation and understanding, please accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.*

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Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

4. Announcement

***Visitors in the Gallery*:**

Mr Speaker recognized the presence of Staff and Students of the Nigerian Turkish Nile University, Jabi, Abuja.

5. Petitions

Petitions from the following bodies/persons were presented and laid by Hon. Prestige Ossy Chinedu (*Aba North/Aba South Federal Constituency*):

(*i*) Doka Chambers (Barristers & Solicitors) on behalf of Haruna Ibrahim and five others on the conduct of Col. V. U. Okoro and Col P. U. Ashim of the Special Task Force, Plateau State;

(*ii*) Kiddie Times on the conflict of interest and infringement of intellectual property rights of their creative work — Academic Data Bank for Nigerian School Children by the Federal Ministry of Education;

(*iii*) Centre for Human Rights and Social Justice on their plea for prosecution of Prince Enitan Adeyeye Ogunwusi and Metropole Interproject Limited for the offence of forgery, fraudulent conversation and obtaining by false pretence;

(*iv*) Leaders of Congress, National Open University of Nigeria on their expulsion from the school by the Management of the University;

(*v*) HRH Eze A. N. Osoh on the failure of Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) Limited to adequately compensate Obrikon community, Ogba, Egbema Ndoni Local Government Area, Rivers State arising from the exploration activities carried out by the company;

(*vi*) Ibe Onyebuenyi & Co. (Solicitors & Barristers -at-law) on behalf of Nkechi Okeugo on her dismissal from service by the Nigerian Customs Service;

(*vii*) Nnenna Enweliku on the attempt to scuttle the investigation of conspiracy, forgery and impersonation by Joyce Okoro, being carried out by the Police Special Fraud Unit, of 13 Milverten Road, Ikoyi, Lagos;

(*viii*) O. I. Olorundara in respect of the unjust detention and repatriation of his daughter — Elizabeth Adebukola Olorundara, by the United Kingdom Immigration Services;

(*ix*) Onyeaghalanwanneya Youth Movement, Ngor Okpalla Local Government Area of Imo State, on the denial of their employment right as host community by Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN); and

(*x*) Onyeakalam Alilionwu & Co. on behalf of contractors in respect of non-payment of the constituency project contracts executed in September 2014 under the Ministry of Special Duties and Inter Governmental Affairs.

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

(*i*) *Cattle Rustling and Murder of* 20 *Innocent Lives in Mashema Village of Bungudu Local Government Area of Zamfara State by Cattle Rustlers on* 6 *December*, 2015:

Hon. Abdulmalik Zubairu Bungudu (*Bungudu/Maru 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.

Cattle Rustling and Murder of 20 Innocent Lives in Mashema Village of Bungudu Local Government Area of Zamfara State by Cattle Rustlers on 6th of December, 2015:

The House:

Notes the unfortunate attack on Mashema village in Bungudu Local Government Area of Zamfara State on the 6th of December, 2015 which claim 20 innocent lives and saw hundreds of cattle rustled by cattle rustlers;

Also notes that there was prevalent occurrence of such attacks in many villages and towns in Zamfara State;

Recalls that similar attacks have been carried out in 2013 by cattle. rustlers and armed bandits in Kizara village of Tsafe Local Government Area of Zamfara State which claimed more than 60 lives and property worth millions of naira destroyed. More recent was a similar incident in Yar Galadima village in Maru Local Government Area of Zamfara State in 2014. This, in a similar manner claimed more than 150 innocent lives;

Concerned that daily assassination and loss of property worth millions of Naira is affecting the local economy of these affected communities, majority of whom are rural dwellers:

Worried that despite persistent cries from vulnerable communities in the past, little or no effort has been done by the security agencies to provide security cover and prevent such occurrences;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Offer one-minute silence in honor of the deceased persons lost to such unfortunate incident;

(*ii*) urge the National Emergency Management Agency to immediately mobilize resources to provide relief materials to the affected community;

(*iii*) also urge the relevant security agencies to increase security surveillance in the affected community in order to prevent further occurrence of such attacks;

(iv) further urge Nigeria Police Force, and Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps to enhance vigilance in Yarwutsiya, Burai, Ruwan Mesa, Kuran Mota in Bingi South District, Kekun Waje, Fanda-Haki, Mashema, Doka, and Bingi town all in Bungudu Local Government Area. A similar gesture should also be accorded to Malale, Ruwan Tofa, Dansadau and Dangulbi villages in Maru Local Government Area (*Hon. Abdulmalik Zubairu Bungudu — Bungudu/Maru Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the unfortunate attack on Mashema village in Bungudu Local Government Area of Zamfara State on the 6th of December, 2015 which claim 20 innocent lives and saw hundreds of cattle rustled by cattle rustlers;

Also noted that there was prevalent occurrence of such attacks in many villages and towns in Zamfara State;

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Concerned that daily assassination and loss of property worth millions of Naira is affecting the local economy of these affected communities, majority of whom are rural dwellers:

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Motion referred to the Committee on Police Affairs.

(*ii*) ***Violent Attack Leading to Loss of Lives in Riyom and Jos South Local Government Areas, Plateau State*:**

Hon. Istifanus D. 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.*

Violent Attack Leading to Loss of Lives in Riyom and Jos South Local Government Areas, Plateau State:

The House:

Alarmed that 22 persons were killed and several others sustained injuries of varying degrees following attacks by gunmen on Gwol Hoss village of Riyom Local Government Area and Kwata village of Jos South Local Government Area. Both attacks were carried out simultaneously on Sunday night, 14 December, 2015. Among the victims were 15 women, 4 children and two men. Among the 15 women were 6 IDPs from Riyom Local Government Area who were squatting with their relatives;

Concerned that the incidents occured about five hours after soldiers of the "Operation Safe Haven" in Jos warned about an imminent attack in the city by the people bent on disrupting peace, as reported in the *Nation* newspaper of Tuesday, 15 December, 2015;

Also concerned that the attack is coming at a time when peace has virtually returned and the people were looking forward to celebrating a peaceful Christmas;

Worried that communities in Barkin Ladi/Riyom Local Government have suffered series of attacks resulting in the displacement of over 20,000 persons who are destitute following the total destruction, burning, and sacking of over 40 villages which constitute their homes and habitat;

Aware that the primary responsibility of government is to ensure the security and welfare of the people as provided for in section 14 (2) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 consequently, the incessant attacks in Barkin Ladi and Riyom now extending to Jos South Local Government of Plateau State should receive the prompt and conserted attention of the Federal Government;

Disturbed that the attack is a set back on the peace process and dialogue by stakeholders at the community and state levels;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Condemn the attacks in strong terms;

(*ii*) urge the Operation Safe Haven Security Team to strengthen vigilance in Barkin Ladi/Riyom and Jos South Local Government Area, to arrest any further attacks;

(*iii*) also urge NEMA to provide relief materials to the affected communities and survivours;

(*iv*) further urge the Federal Government to include the over 40 villages destroyed by violent attacks in its planned rehabilitation and reconstruction of victims of terror;

(*v*) mandate the Committee on IDPs to visit and assess the IDPs situation in Barkin Ladi/Riyom and Jos South Local Governments and report back to the House within 4 weeks;

(*vi*) also mandate the Committee on Public Safety and Intelligence to investigate the ugly development(s) with a view to proferring lasting solution and report back to the House in 4 weeks; and

(*vii*) observe a minute's silence in remembrance of the victims (*Hon. Istifanus D. Gyang — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Alarmed that 22 persons were killed and several others sustained injuries of varying degrees following attacks by gunmen on Gwol Hoss village of Riyom Local Government Area and Kwata village of Jos South Local Government Area. Both attacks were carried out simultaneously on Sunday night, 14 December, 2015. Among the victims were 15 women, 4 children and two men. Among the 15 women were 6 IDPs from Riyom Local Government Area who were squatting with their relatives;

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(*vii*) observe a minute's silence in remembrance of the victims (**HR. 292/2015**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Intelligence.

7. Presentation and First Reading of Bills

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

(*i*) Nigerian Authors Trust Fund Bill, 2015 (HB. 321).

(*ii*) National Centre for Research, Management and Control of Autism, Down Syndrome Bill, 2015 (HB. 322).

(*iii*) Cattle Ranching Bill, 2015 (HB. 323).

(*iv*) National Social Security and Welfare Board Bill, 2015 (HB. 324).

(*v*) Nigerian Antitrust (Prohibitions, Enforcement, etc.) Bill, 2015 (HB. 325).

(*vi*) Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 326).

(*vii*) Communication Service Tax Bill, 2015 (HB. 327).

(*viii*) Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 328).

(*ix*) Chartered Institute of Global Communication and Diplomacy of Nigeria Bill, 2015 (HB. 329)

(x) Constituencies Development Fund Bill, 2015 (HB. 330).

(*xi*) Internally Displaced Persons Protection Bill, 2015 (HB. 331).

(*xii*) Oil and Gas Export Free Zone Authority Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 332).

(*xiii*) Terrorism (Prevention) Repeal and Re-Enactment Bill, 2015 (HB. 333).

(*xiv*) Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurs Bill, 2015 (HB. 334).

(*xv*) Infrastructure Management and Maintenance Bill, 2015 (HB. 335).

8. Presentation of Report

***Committees on Finance, Appropriations, and Aids, Loans and Debt Management*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Finance, Appropriations, and Aids, Loans and Debt Management on 2016-2018 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) of the Federal Government of Nigeria" (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Report laid.

9. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly: Order XII, Rule 94**
(*i*) ***Franchise Bill*, 2015 (HB. 76):**

(*ii*) ***Chartered Institute of Public Management Bill*, 2015 (HB. 78):**
Motion made and Question proposed:

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. 76 and HB. 78, respectively and read the first time;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga – Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

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

10. **Business continued from Assembly to Assembly: Order XII, Rule 96**
***Chartered Institute of Loans and Risk Management of Nigeria Bill*, 2015 (HB. 77):**
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 within 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 Chartered Institute of Loans and Risk Management of Nigeria Bill, 2015 was awaiting consideration in the Committee of the Whole before the last Assembly ended;

Aware that the Bill has been re-gazetted as HB. 77 and read the first time on Tuesday, 11 November, 2015;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

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

11. **Call for a Dual Carriageway along Ifaki/Ayegbaju/Oye/Ilupeju/Ikole/Omuo Road, Ekiti State**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that good and motorable roads contribute enormously to the economic development of any nation and aware that the Ifaki/Ayegbaju/Oye/Illupeju/Ikole/Omuo road was constructed by the government of the old Ondo State in the late 1970s to provide alternative road to shorten the distance and facilitate easy movement of people and goods to enhance socio-economic relations between the peoples of the Northern and Southern halves of Nigeria;

Aware that the road was later taken over by the Federal Government because of its economic and social importance;

Also aware that trailers and other vehicles from Ogun, Oyo, Osun and Kwara States pass through the road en-route Abuja on a daily basis as a result of which the Road has been in a state of disrepair;

Concerned that the deplorable nature of the road, which is causing unimaginable anguish to commuters who have to continuously slow down to negotiate the numerous potholes that dot the stretches of the road, exposes commuters to armed robbery attacks and vehicular breakdowns;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to make provision for dualization of the road in the 2016 budget proposals; and

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to provide palliative measures by repairing the bad spots on the road pending its dualization (*Hon. Ayodele Oladimeji — Ado Ekiti/Irepodun/Ifelodun Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 293/2015).

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

12. **Need for Reconstruction of the Makurdi-Naka-Adoka-Ankpa Road:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Aware that the Makurdi-Naka-Adoka-Ankpa road is a major link between the Northern and Southern parts of Nigeria and traverses 4 Federal Constituencies in Benue and Kogi States and is also a major arterial route in the national network of roads as it services one of the largest industrial layouts in Nigeria;

Also aware that the road, which was finished in a single course surface dressing treatment in 1990, became the preferred route to the Southern part of the country, thereby creating an opportunity for increased economic activities and development in the host communities;

Alarmed that for a merely surface dressed road that requires an asphaltic overlay after its 7 year lifespan, no maintenance has been carried out since its construction 25 years ago and the high volume of traffic on the road has caused its deterioration to the current state as most portions of the road are no longer motorable and road users are vulnerable to armed robbery attacks, accidents, vehiclular damages and unreasonably long travel times as the 40km trip from Makurdi to Naka which ordinarily requires between 25 to 30 minutes travel time now requires almost an hour and a half;

Concerned that the current state of the road has caused the existing industrial layout to become moribund over the years because of its inaccessibility and unattractiveness to local and international industries and investors while the economic opportunities that were blossoming in the local communities as a consequence of the volume of traffic on the road are now practically non-existent;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to include the reconstruction of the Makurdi-Naka-Adoka-Ankpa road in the capital projects for the 2016 Appropriation proposals; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Works, and Legislative Compliance to ensure adherence to the resolution (*Hon. Mark Gbillah — Gwer East/Gwer West Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 294/2015).

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

13. Call for Rehabilitation of the Lokoja-Osara-Itakpe-Okene Road
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Lokoja - Osara -Itakpe - Okene road is one of the busiest Federal roads in Nigeria through which travelers get to the Northern and Southern parts of Nigeria and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja;

Also notes that for more than four years now, the road has been in a deplorable condition with many pot holes on it, especially from Kabba junction to Okene town, which cause a lot of vehicular breakdowns and physical discomforts for travellers;

Concerned that the deplorable condition of the road has led to many accidents resulting in the death of many travellers and is also providing opportunities for kidnappers, terrorists and armed robbers to attack and rob innocent travelers of their money and valuable properties;

Convinced that if the on-going dualization of the Abuja - Benin road, which is expected to pass through Okene is completed, it would bring relief to the users of Lokoja - Osara -Itakpe - Okene road and reduce the discomforts and delays suffered by travellers, the accidents and vehicular breakdowns and the spate of robbery attacks taking place on the road;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to urgently rehabilitate all the bad portions on the Lokoja - Osara - Itakpe - Okene road as a temporary measure; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Works to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to make provision for funds in the 2016 budget proposal for the completion of the ongoing dualization project of the Abuja - Lokoja - Okene - Benin road (*Hon. Lawal Muhammadu Idrisu — Ajaokuta Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 295/2015).

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

14. Calling the Central Bank of Nigeria to Declare Interests Accruable to the Foreign Reserve Accounts of the Federation

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Section 36 of the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, 2007, mandates the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to operate as the banker to the Government;

Also notes that the CBN maintains several Foreign Reserve Accounts, on behalf of the Federation, containing funds in foreign currencies that are held in financial institutions before they are shared during the monthly Federation Accounts Allocation Committee (FAAC) meetings;

Aware that reasonable interests accrue from the surplus of funds held by the Central Bank of Nigeria on behalf of the Federation which have not been monetized into Naira and received by the Federation from the CBN from the foreign bank accounts;

Also Aware that foreign fund managers are contracted by the CBN to manage the funds on contractual terms which are not subjected to public scrutiny or open competitive and transparent processes;

Further notes that the Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA) was established, amongst other reason, to undertake the management of the excess crude account funds on behalf of the Federation and that domestic capacity is being developed in order that large State-owned funds can be managed by Nigerians;

Concerned that the accruals to the Federation from Foreign Reserve Accounts have not be openly declared by the CBN and remains indiscernible in public records;

Also concerned that some States have persistently agitated for discontinuance of the "agreement" allowing the Federation Accounts Allocation Committee (FAAC) to decide savings or reserves from disbursable funds to the components of the Federation;

Worried that the entre circumstances regarding the management of the Excess Crude Accounts of the Federation is straining the relationship between the three tiers of government, in particular, with the argument of some States that they require the unutilised funds for imminent developmental purposes and so do not support the continued arrangement;

Also worried that if this situation is not thoroughly examined and appropriate measures taken, it may lead to unforeseeable consequences;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the CBN to declare, without delay, the particulars of the accounts in which the Foreign Reserves of the Federation are held and any interests accruable to the Foreign Reserve Accounts held on behalf of the Federation in the last four (4) years and thereafter periodically;

(*ii*) also urge the CBN to report the criteria for engaging any and all foreign managers of the Foreign Reserve Accounts of the Federation to ensure transparency and to report annually on the performance and continued compliance of the managers with any set guidelines issued by the CBN for the engagement of the fund managers;

(*iii*) mandate the Committee on Public Accounts to investigate the circumstances regarding the interests and investment yields pertaining to the Foreign Reserve Accounts of the Federation, particularly but not limited to the uses to which such, if any accruing interests have been put, with a view to reporting to the House in 3 months on the status of any interests that may have accrued in the last 4 years; and

(*iv*) also mandate the Committee on Financial Crimes to investigate whether any crimes may have been committed in the course of the management of any interests that might have accrued to the Foreign Reserve Accounts in the last 4 years (*Hon. Abdulssamad Dasuki — Kebbe/Tambunwal Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Prayers (*iii*) and (*iv*), and *substitute* as follows:
"Mandate the Committee on Finance to investigate the matter and report back to the House within two months" (*Hon. Yusuf Ayo Tajudeen — Ijumu/Kabba-Bunu Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Notes that Section 36 of the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, 2007, mandates the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to operate as the banker to the Government;

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(*iii*) Mandate the Committee on Finance to investigate the matter and report back to the House within two months (**HR. 296/2015**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Finance.

15. **Consolidation of Bills**
Motion made and Question proposed: "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act, 2010 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB.99); and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act, 2010 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 118) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Smooth and Orderly Transfer of Power from one Government to Another; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 102); and a Bill for an Act to Provide for, among other things, a Framework for the Documentation and Transmission of Hand over Note from one Administration to Another and to Ensure the Publication of Same in the Official Gazette; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 109) — *Second Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed; "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Smooth and Orderly Transfer of Powef from one Government to Another; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 102); and a Bill for an Act to Provide for, among other things, a Framework for the Documentation and Transmission of Hand over Note from one Administration to Another and to Ensure the Publication of Same in the Official Gazette; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 109) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I 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.

17. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Extradition Act, Cap. E 25, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to correct a spelling of the word Country and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 207) — *Second Reading*.**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

18. **A Bill for an Act to make Provision for Donation and Transplant of Kidney in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 153) — *Second Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to make Provision for Donation and Transplant of Kidney in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 153) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Chukwuka Onyema — Ogbaru Federal Consituency*).

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 Healthcare Services.

19. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Currency Conversion (Freezing Orders) Act, Cap. C43, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to give Discriminatory Powers to the Judge of a High Court to order Forfeiture of Assets of Affected Persons; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 274) — *Second Reading*.**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

20. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure Act, Cap N3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 206) — *Second Reading*.**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

21. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Utilities Charges Commission Act, Cap. U17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review Upwards the Fines Stipulated for Offences under the Act and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 244) — *Second Reading*.**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

22. **Absence of Sponsors of Bills scheduled for Second Reading**
Mr Speaker observed that in recent time a good number of sponsors of Bills scheduled by the Committee on Rules and Business for Second Reading debate were unavailable to move the appropriate motion and lead debate on the Bills. He stated that such trend raise the question on whether the Committee was usually in touch with the sponsors of the Bills concerning the scheduled dates for their consideration. Mr Speaker therefore **ordered** that the Committee should hence forth give sufficient notice to sponsors of Bills on the scheduled dates for consideration of their Bills, as any Member who ignored such notice would be appropriately sanctioned.

23. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency (Establishment) Act, Cap. P43, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 245) — *Second Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency (Establishment) Act, Cap. P43, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 245) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mark Terseer Gbillah — Gwer East/Gwer 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 Petroleum Resources (Downstream).

24. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Desertification, Erosion, Flood and Ecological Control Agency; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 101) — *Second Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Desertification, Erosion, Flood and Ecological Control Agency; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 101) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Hassan A. Omale — Ankpa/Omola/Olamaboro 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 Environment and Habitat.

25. **Adjournment.**
That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 17 December, 2015 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.56 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker