FOURTH REPUBLIC
8TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
FIRST SESSION
No. 54

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 13 January, 2016

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

2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 12 January, 2016.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Appropriation Bill, 2016**
Mr Speaker noted with displeasure the reports in some sections of the media that the Appropriation Bill, 2016 laid before the National Assembly on Tuesday, 22 December, 2015 by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria had disappeared. He stated categorically that the reports were false, as the budget document laid by the President remained in the possession of the House. He therefore advised members of the Press to always verify every information from appropriate authorities before publishing.

4. **Petition**
A petition was presented and laid by Hon. Sodaguwo Adegadiza Festus-Omoni (*Ogbia Federal Constituency*) from Imiringi, Otuasega, Oruma and Elebele Youths Union (IMOOTEL) on the blockage of the Kolo Creek River in Ogbia, Bayelsa State by Nestoil F'c.

5. **Consolidation of Bills:**
(*i*) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission Act, Cap. NI17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 95); a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission Act, Cap. NI17, LFN, 2004; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 180); and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission Act, Cap. NI17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 248) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(*ii*) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Roads Fund for the Purpose of Financing the Rehabilitation and Maintenance of National

Roads; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 49); and a Bill for an Act to Establish a Fund known as the Federal Road Fund; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 163) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(*iii*) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act, Cap. C15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 135); and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act, Cap. C15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 230) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(*iv*) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Investments and Securities Act, 2007 to provide for Greater Transparency and Accountability in the finances of Securities and Exchange Commission; and to ensure Greater Legislative Oversight; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 34); and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Investments and Securities Act, Cap. 124, LFN, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 175) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

6. **A Bill for an Act to Amend Bees (Import and Management) Act, Cap. B6, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to review the Penalty Provisions and Compensation in order to make the Act more effective; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 238) — *Second Reading*.**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend Bees (Import and Management) Act, Cap. B6, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to review the Penalty Provisions and Compensation in order to make the Act more effective; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 238) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai 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 Agricultural Production and Services.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Film and Video Censors Board Act, Cap. N40, LFN, 2004 to reduce the Membership of the Governing Board and Empower the Board to Regulate the Import and Export of Movies; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 224) — *Second Reading*.**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Film and Video Censors Board Act, Cap. N40, LFN, 2004 to reduce the Membership of the Governing Board and Empower the Board to Regulate the Import and Export of Movies; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 224) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time

Bill read the Second Time by the Clerk.

Bill referred to the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agency for Population Programmes and Development Act, Cap. N2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to change the Qualification of the Chairman of the Board from a highly respected to a highly qualified expert; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 276) — *Second Reading*.**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles (Third Party Insurance) Act, Cap. M22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review Upwards the Penalties under the Act; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 278) — *Second Reading*.**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers Act, Cap. C9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Increase the Prescribed Penalties; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 242) — *Second Reading*.**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Inland Waterways Authority Act, Cap. N47, LFN 2004 and to Enact the National Inland Waterways Aut hority Act to provide for the Management, Regulation and Development of the National Inland Waterways and to Promote Private Sector Participation in the Development of the National Inland Waterways in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 48) — *Second Reading*.**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Inland Waterways Authority Act, Cap. N47, LFN 2004 and to Enact the National Inland Waterways Authority Act to provide for the Management, Regulation and Development of the National Inland Waterways and to Promote Private Sector Participation in the Development of the National Inland Waterways in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 48) 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 Ports, Harbours and Waterways.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, No. 5 of 2000 to modify the Definition of Bank and Money Instrument, Review the Composition of the Commission and Harmonise the Tenure of Office of the Members; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 232) — *Second Reading*.**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, No. 5 of 2000 to modify the Definition of Bank and Money Instrument, Review the Composition of the Commission and Harmonise the Tenure of Office of the Members; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 232) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time by the Clerk.

Bill referred to the Committee on Anti-Corruption.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural and Rural Management Training Institute Act, Cap. A10, LFN, 2004 to allow Other Federal Universities participate on the Board of the Institute; and for Other Related Matters (IIB. 241) — *Second Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural and Rural Management Training Institute Act, Cap. A10, LFN, 2004 to allow Other Federal Universities participate on the Board of the Institute; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 241) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Linus Okorie — Ivo/Ohaozara/Onicha 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 Agricultural Colleges and Institutes.

17. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Minimum Wage Act, Cap. N6, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to exclude the Establishments that have Foreign Participation from the list of Establishments exempted from the Payment of National Minimum Wage; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 281) — *Second Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Minimum Wage Act, Cap. N6, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to exclude the Establishments that have Foreign Participation from the list of Establishments exempted from the Payment of National Minimum Wage; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 281) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Peter Ohiozojeh Akpatason — Akoko-Edo 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.

18. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the University of Abuja Act, Cap. U2, LFN, 2004 to make Unambiguous the Heading of Section 3 of the Act; and for Other Related Matters (IIB. 262) — *Second Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the University of Abuja Act, Cap. U2, LFN, 2004 to make Unambiguous the Heading of Section 3 of the Act; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 262) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Jarigbe Agom Jarigbe — Ogoja/Yala 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 Tertiary Education and Services.

19. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Treaty to Establish the African Economic Community Relating to the Pan-African Parliament (Accession and Jurisdiction) Act, Cap. T25, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by giving it Additional Powers to Propose, Submit or Recommend Draft Model Laws to the Assembly; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 243) — *Second Reading*.**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Treaty to Establish the African Economic Community Relating to the Pan-African Parliament (Accession and Jurisdiction) Act, Cap. T25, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by giving it Additional Powers to Propose, Submit or Recommend Draft Model Laws to the Assembly; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 243) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Kingsley Sunny Ebenyi — Enugu East/Isi-Uzo 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 Treaties, Protocols and Agreements.

20. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Allocation of Revenue (Federation Account, etc.) Act, Cap. A15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 136) — *Second Reading*.**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Allocation of Revenue (Federation Account, etc.) Act, Cap. A15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 136) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East 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 Finance.

21. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Town Planners (Registration, etc.) Act, Cap. T7, LFN, 2004, to Regulate the Tenure of Council Members upon Re-Appointment, Review Panel Fines; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 256) — *Second Reading*.**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Town Planners (Registration, etc.) Act, Cap. T7, LFN, 2004, to Regulate the Tenure of Council Members upon Re-Appointment, Review Panel Fines; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 256) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi — Karu/Keffi/Kokona 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 Housing.

22. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Boundary Commission Act, Cap. N10, LFN, 2004, so as to make Appointments of some Members of the Commission to be on full time; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 187) — *Second Reading*.**

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

(*i*) ***Urgent Need to Stop the Embarrassing Outbreak of Lassa Fever Virus in Nigeria and the Need to Step up the Fight Against further Spread and Loss of Lives*:**
Hon. Chike John Okafor (*Ehime Mbano/Ihitte Uboma/Obowo 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 Stop the Embarassing Outbreak of Lassa Fever Virus in Nigeria and the Need to Step up the Fight Against Further Spread and Loss of Lives:

The House:

Notes that the out-break of Lassa fever in Nigeria which has led to the death of over forty-one (41) innocent Nigerians and over ninety- three (93) Nigerians allegedly infected by this killer Virus as it has spread to Bauchi, Nasarawa, Niger, Taraba, Kano, Rivers, Edo, Gombe and Oyo States;

Worried that there is no cure for this virus at the moment and this is not the first time Lassa fever killer virus is occurring in Nigeria which has continued to wreck havoc in the lives of helpless Nigerians who fall victims of this disease;

Also worried that since the outbreak of this killer virus with the rate at which it has spread into 10 States in 5 out of 6 zones in the country, citizens of the country have continued to live in fear;

Aware of the measures and interventions of the Federal Ministry of Health to contain this outbreak and the need for all Nigerians, stakeholders and relevant agencies to get involved in creating awareness in the fight to stamp out this killer virus in Nigeria;

Concerned that about 80% of people who become infected with Lassa virus have no early visible symptoms as the incubation period of the virus ranges from 6-21 days and symptoms at this stage include, high fever, vomiting, back pain and bleeding. Death usually occurs within 14 days of obvious signs in fatal cases;

Cognizant that while taking precautions and providing care of the people already infected, further transmission of the disease through persons to person contact and other means may be avoided by taking adequate preventive precautions against contact with secretions from infected persons;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Observe a minute silence for the repose of the souls of those innocent Nigerians who died as a result of this killer virus;

(*ii*) urge the Federal Ministry of Health, National Centre for Disease Control and other relevant Agencies to put more effort in containing and

(*iii*) also urge the Federal Government to make available to the relevant Agencies the adequate funding needed to tackle this Lassa fever outbreak in-the Nation as a matter of emergency (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihitte Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the out-break of Lassa fever in Nigeria which has led to the death of over forty-one (41) innocent Nigerians and over ninety- three (93) Nigerians allegedly infected by this killer Virus as it has spread to Bauchi, Nasarawa, Niger, Taraba, Kano, Rivers, Edo, Gombe and Oyo States;

Worried that there is no cure for this virus at the moment and this is not the first time Lassa fever killer virus is occurring in Nigeria which has continued to wreck havoc in the lives of helpless Nigerians who fall victims of this disease;

Also worried that since the outbreak of this killer virus with the rate at which it has spread into 10 States in 5 out of 6 zones in the country, citizens of the country have continued to live in fear;

Aware of the measures and interventions of the Federal Ministry of Health to contain this outbreak and the need for all Nigerians, stakeholders and relevant agencies to get involved in creating awareness in the fight to stamp out this killer virus in Nigeria;

Concerned that about 80% of people who become infected with Lassa virus have no early visible symptoms as the incubation period of the virus ranges from 6-21 days and symptoms at this stage include, high fever, vomiting, back pain and bleeding. Death usually occurs within 14 days of obvious signs in fatal cases;

Cognizant that while taking precautions and providing care of the people already infected, further transmission of the disease through persons to person contact and other means may be avoided by taking adequate preventive precautions against contact with secretions from infected persons;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Observe a minute silence for the repose of the souls of those innocent Nigerians who died as a result of this killer virus;

(*ii*) urge the Federal Ministry of Health, National Centre for Disease Control and other relevant Agencies to put more effort in containing and stamping out of this killer virus in Nigeria and also put a permanent preventive measure in place; and

(*iii*) also urge the Federal Government to make available to the relevant Agencies the adequate funding needed to tackle this Lassa fever outbreak in-the Nation as a matter of emergency (**HR. 04/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committees on Healthcare Services, and Health Institutions.

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

(*ii*) ***Incessant Deportation of Nigerian Refugees from Cameroun:***
Hon. Sani Zoro (*Gumel/Maigatari/Sule Tankarkar/Gagarawa 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.*

Incessant Deportation of Nigerian Refugees from Cameroun:

The House:

Notes with deep concern, the incessant deportation of Nigerian refugees from Cameroun, which, as of December, 2015, stood at 18,600;

Also notes that on August 1, 2015, 2,000 refugees that fled the Boko Haram Insurgency were forcibly repatriated from 'Kousseri', Cameroun, back to Nigeria, attracting broad range of criticisms by Human Rights groups, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), and the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS), among others;

Alarmed by further threats, to forcibly repatriate another batch of 12,000 Nigerian Refugees from Cameroun, according to the Divisional Officer of the Cameroonian border town of Fotokol, Mr Mamoudu Umaru;

Further notes that this act by Cameroun is not only a deviation from the African custom and tradition of hospitality for persons in distress and therefore an unfriendly and hostile act, but is capable of casting suspicion and eroding confidence in the war against terror jointly being prosecuted by the multi-national force involving the armed forces of Nigeria, Cameroon, Tchad, Niger and Benin, respectively;

Recalls that the unilateral and forced repatriation of Nigerian refugees by Cameroonian authorities on continuous basis is also in violation of the 1951 United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, the 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, and the 1969 African Union Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee problems in Africa;

Also recalls that this continued act of deportation is a deliberate breach of the 1979 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the 1981 African Charter on Human and People's Rights and the 2003 Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa, the 1990 African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the child, the 1994 Addis Ababa Document on Refugees and Forced Population Displacement in Africa, and many other relevant United Nations and African Union Human Rights instruments, and relevant Security Council Resolutions;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Send a high-powered delegation to be led by the Deputy Speaker or in his absence the Majority Leader of the House to convey its deep concern on this unfortunate development to the Speaker/Head of Parliament of the Republic of Cameroun, as soon as possible;

(*ii*) request the Federal Government, through the office of the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, to immediately summon the Cameroonian Ambassador to Nigeria, to register Nigeria's grave displeasure with the unacceptable deportation of Nigerian Refugees from Cameroun; and

(*iii*) consider any other additional measure(s), deemed necessary in order to protect the dignity of Nigerian Refugees in Cameroun, and prevent further violation of all their rights, as enshrined in the various Conventions, Statutes and Protocols listed above (*Hon. Muhammed Sani Zorro — Gumel/Gagarawa/Sule Tankarkar/Mai Gatari Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted with deep concern, the incessant deportation of Nigerian refugees from Cameroun, which, as of December, 2015, stood at 18,600;

Also noted that on August 1, 2015, 2,000 refugees that fled the Boko Haram Insurgency were forcibly repatriated from 'Kousseri', Cameroun, back to Nigeria, attracting broad range of criticisms by Human Rights groups, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), and the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS), among others;

Alarmed by further threats, to forcibly repatriate another batch of 12,000 Nigerian Refugees from Cameroun, according to the Divisional Officer of the Cameroonian border town of Fotokol, Mr Mamoudu Umaru;

Further noted that this act by Cameroun is not only a deviation from the African custom and tradition of hospitality for persons in distress and therefore an unfriendly and hostile act, but is capable of casting suspicion and eroding confidence in the war against terror jointly being prosecuted by the multinational force involving the armed forces of Nigeria, Cameroon, Tchad, Niger and Benin, respectively;

Recalled that the unilateral and forced repatriation of Nigerian refugees by Cameroonian authorities on continuous basis is also in violation of the 1951 United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, the 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, and the 1969 African Union Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee problems in Africa;

Also recalled that this continued act of deportation is a deliberate breach of the 1979 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the 1981 African Charter on Human and People's Rights and the 2003 Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa, the 1990 African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the child, the 1994 Addis Ababa Document on Refugees and Forced Population Displacement in Africa, and many other relevant United Nations and African Union Human Rights instruments, and relevant Security Council Resolutions;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Send a high-powered delegation to be led by the Deputy Speaker or in his absence the Majority Leader of the House to convey its deep concern on this unfortunate

(*ii*) request the Federal Government, through the office of the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, to immediately summon the Cameroonian Ambassador to Nigeria, to register Nigeria's grave displeasure with the unacceptable deportation of Nigerian Refugees from Cameroun; and

(*iii*) consider any other additional measure(s), deemed necessary in order to protect the diginity of Nigerian Refugees in Cameroun, and prevent further violation of all their rights, as enshrined in the various Conventions, Statutes and Protocols listed above (**HR. 05/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Internally Displace Persons (IDPs), Refugees and Initiatives on North East.

24. Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly: Order XII, Rule 94:
(*i*) *Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development (Amendment) Bill*, 2015:

(*ii*) *Nigerian Metallurgical Industry Bill*, 2015:

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

25. Need for Provision of Infrastructure in Mpape, Durumi, Lokogoma, Galadimawa and Other Districts in Abuja Metropolis being developed by Private Entrepreneurs
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Aware that Federal Capital Territory Administration is vested with the responsibility of planning and development of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) through provision of roads, drainages, street lights, etc.;

Notes that the rate of infrastructural development in the Federal Capital Territory has not been commensurate with the rapid growth being witnessed in Abuja due to increase of business activities and massive influx of people into the capital city;

Also aware that a greater number of residents of the FCT reside outside the city centre due to the high cost of rent in the developed districts of Asokoro, Maitama, Wuse, Jabi, Utako, etc.;

Further aware that there are other districts, such as Mpape, Durumi, Lokogoma, Galadimawa, etc. located very close to the city centre that lack requisite infrastructure, but are being privately developed by entrepreneurs;

Concerned that these districts, which were created a long time ago, have been left without infrastructure while contracts for provision of infrastructure are being awarded for districts created recently, thereby confirming the allegation that successive FCT Ministers only provide infrastructure in districts created by them;

Also concerned that if requisite infrastructure are not provided in these districts, residents will continue to suffer untold hardships from gridlock and robbery, even when they pay huge sums as tax to government;

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Capital Territory Administration to provide infrastructure in Mpape, Durumi, Lokogoma, Galadimawa and other districts in Abuja Metropolis, being developed privately by

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

(HR. 06/2016).

26. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 14 *January*, 2016 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.55 *p.m.*

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker