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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 23 February, 2016

1. The House met at 11.16 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 17 February, 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*) Staff and Students of Shalom Christian Academy, Akwanga, Nasarawa State;

(*ii*) Members of Edo State Students' Association (EDOSSA), University of Abuja Chapter;

(*iii*) Staff and Students of Educational Foundation, Federal Government Girls' College (FGGC), Bwari, Abuja.

4. **Petitions**
Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Babatunde Gabriel (*Akoko South West/Akoko South East Federal Constituency*):

(*a*) Awareness Law Firm (Solicitors & Advocates) on behalf of Idowu Zacchaeus Ayodele on the error in the computation of his monthly pension by the Ministry of Agriculture;

(*b*) Ojumu Benjamin on his plea to be re-deployed to Nigerian Armed Forces Resettlement Centre (NAFRC), Oshodi, Lagos State, due to ill-health and his quest to defreeze his salary account to enable him complete his treatment;

(*c*) Ologun Johnson on his dismissal from service by the Nigerian Army.

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order VIII, Rule 46)**
(*i*) ***The Unfortunate Fire Disaster at the Popular Singer Market, Kano State*:**
Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki (*Dala Federal Constituency*) introduced the subject matter and prayed the House to:

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(*a*) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and

(*b*) suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance *Agreed to.*

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

The Unfortunate Fire Disaster at the Popular Singer Market, Kano:

The House:

Notes the role plays by the popular Singer market, kano as an International Market of repute and being patronised by traders from many parts of the North, Niger Republic, Chad, Ghana, Cameroon and Central African Republic;

Again notes with sorrow the unfortunate fire disaster at the popular singer market, Kano which occurred at the early hours of Thursday, 18th February, 2016;

Highly disturbed that the fire outbreak had unleashed havoc on traders and marketers in Kano as it destroyed over 200 shops and warehouses stocked with varieties of goods worth over ₦10 billion;

Also disturbed that the fire destroyed food stuff and essential commodities including rice, sugar, salt, vegetable oil, soap, detergent and many others too numerous to mention;

Regrets that the cause of the fire incident was not known or yet to be ascertained;

Also regrets that it took fire fighters a lot more to bring the fire to control because of the quantum of the inferno;

Worried that the resultant effect of the fire incident rendered many families and traders out of business as their capital base was destroyed;

Convinced of the strong need for the Federal Government, Kano State Government and well-spirited individuals to come to the rescue of the victims affected by the fire inferno;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Commiserate with the traders, people and government of Kano State; and

(*ii*) urge the Federal Government to liaise with Kano State Government to come out with adequate compensation to ameliorate the losses incurred by victims of the fire disaster (*Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki — Dala Federal Constituency and* 23 *Others*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted the role plays by the popular Singer market, kano as an International Market of repute and being patronised by traders from many parts of the North, Niger Republic, Chad, Ghana, Cameroon and Central African Republic;

Again noted with sorrow the unfortunate fire disaster at the popular singer market, Kano which occurred at the early hours of Thursday, 18th February, 2016;

Highly disturbed that the fire outbreak had unleashed havoc on traders and marketers in Kano as it destroyed over 200 shops and warehouses stocked with varieties of goods worth over ₦10 billion;

Also disturbed that the fire destroyed food stuff and essential commodities including rice, sugar, salt, vegetable oil, soap, detergent and many others too numerous to mention;

Regretted that the cause of the fire incident was not known or yet to be ascertained;

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Convinced of the strong need for the Federal Government, Kano State Government and well-spirited individuals to come to the rescue of the victims affected by the fire inferno;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Commiserate with the traders, people and government of Kano State; and

(*ii*) urge the Federal Government to liaise with Kano State Government to come out with adequate compensation to ameliorate the losses incurred by victims of the fire disaster (**HR. 43/2016**).

Pursuant to the House Resolution, Mr Speaker named the delegation to commiserate with Government and people of Kano State and ordered it to report back to the House in one week:

(1)	Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba	—	*Leader of the Delegation*
(2)	Hon. Hassan Abubakar	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Husaini Suleiman Kangiwa	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Gideon Gwani	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Aminu Ashiru Mani	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Baido Danladi Tijos	—	*Member*
(7)	Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki	—	*Member*
(8)	Hon. Mahmud Abdullahi Gaya	—	*Member*
(9)	Hon. Sulaiman Aliyu Romo	—	*Member*
(10)	Hon. Abdulmumin Jibrin	—	*Member*
(11)	Hon. Sani Muhammed Bichi	—	*Member*
(12)	Hon. Garba Ibrahim Aliyu	—	*Member*
(13)	Hon. Badamasi Ayuba	—	*Member*
(14)	Hon. Mustapha Bala Dawaki	—	*Member*
(15)	Hon. Tijjani Jobe Abdulkadir	—	*Member*
(16)	Hon. Musa Ado Tsamiya	—	*Member*
(17)	Hon. Sule Nasiru Garo	—	*Member*
(18)	Hon. Danburam Abubakar Nuhu	—	*Member*
(19)	Hon. Nasiru Baballe Ila	—	*Member*
(20)	Hon. Shehu Usman Aliyu	—	*Member*
(21)	Hon. Munir Babba Dan'Agundi	—	*Member*
(22)	Hon. Mukhtari Muhammed Chiromawa	—	*Member*
(23)	Hon. Nasiru Ali Ahmed	-	Member
(24)	Hon. Aminu Suleiman	—	*Member*
(25)	Hon. Garba Umar Durbunde	—	*Member*
(26)	Hon. Bashir Baballe	—	*Member*
(27)	Hon. Ali Wudil Muhammed	—	*Member*
(28)	Hon. Sani Umar Bala	—	*Member*
(29)	Hon. Peterson Akpatason	—	*Member*
(30)	Hon. Frederick Agbedi	—	*Member*

(31)	Hon. Jibrin Satumari	—	*Member*
(32)	Hon. Sani Abdul	—	*Member*
(33)	Hon. Buba Jibrin	—	*Member*
(34)	Hon. Timothy S. Golu	—	*Member*
(35)	Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso	—	*Member*
(36)	Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga	—	*Member*
(37)	Hon. Taofeek Aderanijo Abiodun	—	*Member*
(38)	Hon. Alabi Mojeed Olujinmi	—	*Member*

(*ii*) ***Illegal Removal of the Speaker of Kogi State House of Assembly*:**
Hon. Karimi Steve Sunday (*Yagba East/Yagba West/Mopamuro 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.*

Illegal Removal of Speaker of the Kogi State House of Assembly:

The House:

Notes that on Tuesday, 16th February, 2016, five (5) Lawmakers of Kogi State out of the twenty (20) validly elected legislators of the state House of Assembly illegally and purportedly removed the **Alhaji Momoh Jimoh**, the Speaker of the said House of Assembly. Consequent upon which the purportedly removed Speaker along with fourteen(14) other Members (totaling 15 out of the 20) came to the Speaker to present their case. This led the Speaker of this esteemed House to direct the Members of this House from Kogi State and the Majority and Minority Leaders of this esteemed House to look into their case;

Also notes that Section 92 (2) (*c*) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 stipulates that the Speaker or Deputy Speaker of the State of Assembly shall vacate office if he is removed from office by a Resolution of the House of Assembly by the Votes of not less than two-thirds majority of the members of the House;

Aware that in Kogi State, there are a total number of 25 Members of the State House of Assembly but five of them had their elections nullified at the Court of Appeal and the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) is yet to conduct a fresh election in the state Constituencies. Accordingly, only 20 members are currently validly elected in the House of Assembly and two-thirds of Twenty (20) is at least thirteen (13) members. The purported removal of the Speaker by the Kogi State House of Assembly on the 16th February, 2016 by only five (5) of the twenty (20) elected members is therefore unconstitutional, void and of no effect whatsoever;

Also aware that the current Governor of the State, His Excellency, Gov. Yahaya Bello was alleged by the remaining fifteen (15) Members to have earlier threatened them to remove the Speaker, **Alhaji Momoh Jimoh** and appoint his assign as the Speaker instead, failing which he would carry on legislative activities with just five Members loyal to him as was previously done in Ekiti State. The fifteen Members were further precluded from entering the State Assembly Complex and the Speaker's official residence was invaded by Armed Officers of the Nigerian Police Force acting under the directives of the Governor and led by the Assistant Commissioner of Police ACP David Danfata who towed away he Speaker's official vehicles and other personal chattels;

Observes that It is preposterous, undemocratic and unconstitutional for five Members of the Kogi State Assembly to steer the affairs of the Assembly at the expense of the majority of 15. It is therefore in the interest of Democracy and the Rule of Law for this hallowed Chamber to invoke its powers under Section 11 of the Constitution;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Condemn in unequivocal terms the purported removal of the Speaker of the Kogi State House of Assembly by only five (5) Members of the twenty (20) Members of the House of Assembly, as such the purported removal on 16th February, 2016 is unconstitutional and void;

(*ii*) set-up and delegate a five (5) man fact finding delegation from this House to ascertain the unconstitutional removal of the Speaker and look into the affairs of the Kogi State House of Assembly with the aim of restoring the House to sanity and to ensure adherence to the Rule of law therein and Report back to the House Plenary within the next one (1) week; and

(*iii*) admonish the Members of the Kogi State House of Assembly and the Executive to work together in the interest of peace, rule of law and the unity of the State not to engage themselves in acts demeaning of the Parliament which may result in breakdown of law and order as the National Assembly will not hesitate to invoke its powers to take over the duties of the Kogi State House of Assembly under section 11 (4) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, should the affairs of the State House not return to normalcy after a week of the intervention of this House (*Hon. Karimi S. Sunday — Yagba East/Yagba West/Mopamuro Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on Tuesday, 16th February, 2016, five (5) Lawmakers of Kogi State out of the twenty (20) validly elected legislators of the state House of Assembly illegally and purportedly removed the **Alhaji Momoh Jimoh**, the Speaker of the said House of Assembly. Consequent upon which the purportedly removed Speaker along with fourteen(14) other Members (totaling 15 out of the 20) came to the Speaker to present their case. This led the Speaker of this esteemed House to direct the Members of this House from Kogi State and the Majority and Minority Leaders of this esteemed House to look into their case;

Also noted that Section 92 (2) (*c*) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 stipulates that the Speaker or Deputy Speaker of the State of Assembly shall vacate office if he is removed from office by a Resolution of the House of Assembly by the Votes of not less than two-thirds majority of the members of the House;

Aware that in Kogi State, there are a total number of 25 Members of the State House of Assembly but five of them had their elections nullified at the Court of Appeal and the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) is yet to conduct a fresh election in the state Constituencies. Accordingly, only 20 members are currently validly elected in the House of Assembly and two-thirds of Twenty (20) is at least thirteen (13) members. The purported removal of the Speaker by the Kogi State House of Assembly on the 16th February, 2016 by only five (5) of the twenty (20) elected members is therefore unconstitutional, void and of no effect whatsoever;

Also aware that the current Governor of the State, His Excellency, Gov. Yahaya Bello was alleged by the remaining fifteen (15) Members to have earlier threatened them to remove the Speaker, **Alhaji Momoh Jimoh** and appoint his assign as the Speaker instead, failing which he would carry on legislative activities with just five Members loyal to him as was previously done in Ekiti State. The fifteen Members were further precluded from entering the State Assembly Complex and the Speaker's official residence was invaded by Armed Officers of the Nigerian Police Force acting under the directives of the Governor and led by the Assistant Commissioner of Police ACP David Danfata who towed away he Speaker's official vehicles and other personal chattels;

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(*iii*) admonish the Members of the Kogi State House of Assembly and the Executive to work together in the interest of peace, rule of law and the unity of the State not to engage themselves in acts demeaning of the Parliament which may result in breakdown of law and order as the National Assembly will not hesitate to invoke its powers to take over the duties of the Kogi State House of Assembly under section 11 (4) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, should the affairs of the State House not return to normalcy after a week of the intervention of this House **(HR. 44/2016).**

Pursuant to the House Resolution, Mr Speaker named the delegation to Kogi State House of Assembly and ordered it to report back to the House within one week:

(1)	Hon. Pally Iriase	—	*Leader of the Delegation*
(2)	Hon. Zakari Mohammed	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Jimoh Abdulraheem Olajide	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Abdulsamad Dasuki	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Nnenna Ukeje	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Haliru Dauda Jika	—	*Member*
(7)	Hon. Sunday Adeyemi Adepoju	—	*Member*
(8)	Hon. Pwajok Edward Gyang	—	*Member*
(9)	Hon. Obinna Chidoka	—	*Member*
(10)	Hon. Bassey Ewa Eko	—	*Member*

6. **A Bill to amend an Act to Authorize the Issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account the Total sum of ₦193,864,591,470 (One Hundred and Ninety-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Four Million, Five Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦45,961,784,503 (Forty-Five Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty-One Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Three Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs and the sum of ₦33,834,186,423 (Thirty-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, One Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty-Three Naira) only, is for Overhead Costs whilst the balance of ₦114,068,620,544 (One Hundred and Fourteen Billion, Sixty-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Twenty Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty-Four Naira) only, is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the Financial Year commencing from 1st January 2015 and ending on 31st March, 2016 (HB. 396) — Second Reading.**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill to amend an Act to Authorize the Issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account the Total sum of ₦193,864,591,470 (One Hundred and Ninety-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Four Million, Five Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦45,961,784,503 (Forty-Five Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty-One Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Three Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs and the sum of ₦33,834,186,423 (Thirty-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, One Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty-Three Naira) only, is for Overhead Costs whilst the balance of ₦114,068,620,544 (One Hundred and Fourteen Billion, Sixty-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Twenty Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty-Four Naira) only, is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the Financial Year commencing from 1st January 2015 and ending on 31st March, 2016 (HB. 396) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Debate.

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

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend Order XII, Rule 83 (1) to enable it commit the Bill to the Committee of Supply for urgent consideration.

Agreed to.

Bill referred to the Committee of Supply for consideration.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act, Cap. C15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to among others, provide tenure for the Board, condition of assumption of jurisdiction etc.; 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) — *Second Reading*.**

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, to among others, provide tenure for the Board, condition of assumption of jurisdiction etc.; 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 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 Anti Corruption.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Provide for the Office of Mayor for the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB.344) — *Second Reading.***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Provide for the Office of Mayor for the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB.344) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Zaphaniah Bitrus Jisalo — Abuja Municipal/Bwari 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 Special Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 *Constitution.*

9. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the Establishment of State Police and ensure effective Community Policing in Nigeria; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 184) — *Second Reading*.**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 24 of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide a time frame of ten years or less for population census; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 185) — *Second Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter Section 24 of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide a time frame of ten years or less for population census; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 185) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Abiodun Dada Awoleye — Ibadan 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 Special Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 *Constitution.*

11. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Establish more Code of Conduct Tribunals and make it Mandatory for all Public Officers to Subscribe to the Code of Conduct before taking Oath of Office; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 154)) — *Second Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Establish more Code of Conduct Tribunals and make it Mandatory for all Public Officers to Subscribe to the Code of Conduct before taking Oath of Office; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 154) 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 Special Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 *Constitution.*

12. **Business continued from Assembly to Assembly:**
***Capital Expenditure Budget Roll-Over Bill*, 2015 (HB.164):**
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 the 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 Capital Expenditure Roll-Over Bill, 2015 was awaiting consideration in the Committee of the Whole before the last Assembly;

Aware that the Bill was re-gazetted as HB. 164 and read for the first time in 1stDecember 2015;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Sunday Steve Karimi — Yagba East/Yagba West/Mopamuro Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

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

13. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly:**

(*a*) ***Witness Protection Programme Bill*, 2015 (HB. 132):**

(*b*) ***Compulsory Treatment and Care of Victims of Gunshots Bill*, 2015 (HB. 119):**
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 copies circulated, be re-considered in 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;

Aware that the Bills have been re-gazetted as HB. 132 and HB. 119 respectively, and read the first time;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

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

14. Call for Construction of a Bridge across River Bunga to link Ningi and Warji Local Government Areas of Bauchi State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the people of Ningi and Warji Local Government Areas share the same culture and emirate council, and are about thirty (30) kilometres apart, separated by River Bunga;

Concerned that owing to the absence of a bridge across River Bunga, the people of the two Local Government Areas now travel through Ganjuwa and Darazo, a distance of One Hundred and Twenty (120) kilometres to access their respective Local Government Areas, which results in colossal loss of valuable time;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committees on Works and Appropriations to ensure that money for the construction of a Bridge over River Bungais appropriated for in the 2016 budget; and

(*ii*) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation (*Hon. Salisu Zakari Ningi — Ningi/Warji Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 45/2016).

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

15. Urgent Need to Investigate the Status of the Nigerian Education Bank

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

16. Call on the Executive Arm of Government to prepare adequately for the forthcoming Census

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that section 153 (1) and part 1 of the Third Schedule to the 1999 Constitution empowers the National Population Commission to undertake the production of demographic, socio- economic and health data through the conduct of census, surveys, vital statistics (registration of births, deaths, migration, etc.) and other related researches;

Also notes that the United Nations Organization (UNO) recommended that census be conducted every ten years owing to its significance in providing useful data for socio- economic planning, allocation of resources and opportunities, and for uncovering the housing and social needs of a given society;

Aware that the conduct of a modern population census is a very complex exercise, requiring sophisticated arrangements involving a whole range of scientifically tested and technically efficient methods as well as a robust planning that could span a maximum period of four years and a minimum of 17 months, just for the mapping of the entire country, identifying what technology to utilize, mobilizing and training legions of enumerators, conducting campaigns, canvassing households, collecting individual information, compiling millions of completed questionnaires, monitoring procedures and results, analyzing and disseminating data and responding promptly to emerging challenges;

Also aware that the proposed 2016 population and housing census is no longer feasible owing largely to challenges of funding and lack of political will which scuttled the proper implementation of the earlier scheduled pre-census activities;

Worried that only 15% of the funds required for preparation for the 2016 Census was appropriated by the National Assembly between 2012 and 2015, thus giving vent to the feeling that genuine quest for a census that will help ensure that policy decisions and monitoring efforts, which are rooted in sound information, will still be marred in view of the complexity and cost of census and their high political profile which put them in a different league from other exercises being carried out by any country;

Conscious that the renewed regional and global concerns to reinvigorate the system of civic registration are the building blocks for establishing sustainable demographic databases that help in monitoring developments;

Also conscious that international donor agencies can only offer assistance only when there is a Presidential proclamation for the take-off of the Census;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Call on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to issue a proclamation for the holding of a Census in 2017; and

(*ii*) urge the National Population Commission to continue its exploits in technology utilization to reduce cases of irregularities and controversies to the barest minimum (*Hon. Mohammed Abdulkadir Mahmud — Agaie/Lapai Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that section 153 (1) and part 1 of the Third Schedule to the 1999 Constitution empowers the National Population Commission to undertake the production of demographic, socio- economic and health data through the conduct of census, surveys, vital statistics (registration of births, deaths, migration, etc.) and other related researches;

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Resolved to:

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(*ii*) urge the National Population Commission to continue its exploits in technology utilization to reduce cases of irregularities and controversies to the barest minimum (**HR. 46/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Population.

17. Consideration of Report
***Committee of Supply*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Bill to amend an Act to Authorize the Issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account the Total sum of ₦193,864,591,470 (One Hundred and Ninety-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Four Million, Five Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦45,961,784,503 (Forty-Five Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty-One Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Three Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs and the sum of ₦33,834,186,423 (Thirty-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, One Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty-Three Naira) only, is for Overhead Costs whilst the balance of ₦114,068,620,544 (One Hundred and Fourteen Billion, Sixty-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Twenty Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty-Four Naira) only, is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the Financial Year commencing from 1st January, 2015 and ending on 31st March, 2016 (HB. 396) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(*Mr Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL TO AMEND AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE FROM THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION STATUTORY REVENUE FUND OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT THE TOTAL SUM OF ₦193,864,591,470 (ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE BILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY NAIRA) ONLY, OF WHICH THE SUM OF ₦45,961,784,503 (FORTY-FIVE BILLION, NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-ONE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND THREE NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR PERSONNEL COSTS AND THE SUM OF ₦33,834,186,423 (THIRTY-THREE BILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED

AND THIRTY-FOUR MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR OVERHEAD COSTS WHILST THE BALANCE OF ₦114,068,620,544 (ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN BILLION, SIXTY-EIGHT MILLION, SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA, FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR COMMENCING FROM 1ST JANUARY, 2015 AND ENDING ON 31ST MARCH, 2016 (HB. 396)

Clause 1: **Amendment of Federal Capital Territory Appropriation Act, 2015.**
The Federal Capital Territory Appropriation Act, 2015 (in this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Emmanuel Yisa Orker-Jev — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 1 *stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 2: **Substitution of Long Title.**
Substitute for the Long Title of the Principal Act a new "Long Title" —

"A Bill to amend an Act to Authorize the Issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account the Total sum of ₦193,864,591,470 (One Hundred and Ninety-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Four Million, Five Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦45,961,784,503 (Forty-Five Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty-One Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Three Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs and the sum of ₦33,834,186,423 (Thirty-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, One Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty-Three Naira) only, is for Overhead Costs whilst the balance of ₦114,068,620,544 (One Hundred and Fourteen Billion, Sixty-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Twenty Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty-Four Naira) only, is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the Financial Year commencing from 1st January 2015 and ending on 31st March, 2016 (HB. 396)" (*Hon. Emmanuel Yisa Orker-Jev — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 2 *stand part of the Bill..*

Debate.

Amendment proposed:
Leave out the word "March" and *insert* the word "May" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question agreed to.

Clause 3: **Citation.**
This Bill may be cited as the Federal Capita l Territory Appropriation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (*Hon. Emmanuel Yisa Orker-Jev — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 3 *stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Long Title:
A Bill to amend an Act to Authorize the Issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account the Total sum of ₦193,864,591,470 (One Hundred and Ninety-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Four Million, Five Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦45,961,784,503 (Forty-Five Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty-One Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Three Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs and the sum of ₦33,834,186,423 (Thirty-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, One Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty-Three Naira) only, is for Overhead Costs whilst the balance of ₦114,068,620,544 (One Hundred and Fourteen Billion, Sixty-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Twenty Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty-Four Naira) only, is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the Financial Year commencing from 1st January, 2015 and ending on 31st May, 2016 (HB. 396) (*Hon. Emmanuel Yisa Orker-Jev — Buruku Federal Constituency*) — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Bill to amend an Act to Authorize the Issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account the Total sum of ₦193,864,591,470 (One Hundred and Ninety-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Four Million, Five Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦45,961,784,503 (Forty-Five Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty-One Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Three Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs and the sum of ₦33,834,186,423 (Thirty-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, One Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty-Three Naira) only, is for Overhead Costs whilst the balance of ₦114,068,620,544 (One Hundred and Fourteen Billion, Sixty-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Twenty Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty-Four Naira) only, is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the Financial Year commencing from 1st January 2015 and ending on 31st March, 2016 (HB. 396) and approved Clause (1), approved Clause (2) as amended, approved Clause (3), and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

18. **A Bill to amend an Act to Authorize the Issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account the Total sum of ₦193,864,591,470 (One Hundred and Ninety-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Four Million, Five Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦45,961,784,503 (Forty-Five Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty-One Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Three Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs and the sum of ₦33,834,186,423 (Thirty-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, One Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty-Three Naira) only, is for Overhead Costs whilst the balance of ₦114,068,620,544 (One Hundred and Fourteen Billion, Sixty-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Twenty Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty-Four Naira) only, is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the Financial Year commencing from 1st January, 2015 and ending on 31st May, 2016 (HB. 396) — *Third Reading.***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill to amend an Act to Authorize the Issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account the Total sum of ₦193,864,591,470 (One Hundred and Ninety-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Four Million, Five Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦45,961,784,503 (Forty-Five Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty-One Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Three Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs and the sum of ₦33,834,186,423 (Thirty-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, One Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Four Hundred and

Twenty-Three Naira) only, is for Overhead Costs whilst the balance of ₦114,068,620,544 (One Hundred and Fourteen Billion, Sixty-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Twenty Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty-Four Naira) only, is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the Financial Year commencing from 1st January, 2015 and ending on 31st May, 2016, be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila House Leader*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time by the Clerk, and passed.

19. Adjournment:

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 24 *February*, 2016 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.32 *p.m.*

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker