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Thursday, 17 March, 2016

1. The House met at 11.21 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, 16 March, 2016.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcement**

(*i*) ***Visitors in the Gallery*:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:

(*a*) Staff and Students of Kings Academy, Lugbe, Abuja;

(*b*) Staff and Students of Golden Egg Private School, Kubwa, Abuja;

(*c*) Staff and Students of Silent Spring Nursery and Primary School, Aso Pada, Nasarawa State.

(*ii*) ***Bereavement*:**
Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Garba Datti Muhammad (*Sabon Gari Federal Constituency*), announcing the death of Hon. Mohammed Saleh, a former member (*Sabon Gari Federal Constituency*, 2007 - 2010), on Wednesday 15 March, 2016, at the age of 72.

A minute silence observed in honour of the deceased.

4. **Petitions**

(*i*) A Petition from Mohammed Shetima on the withdrawal of his appointment letter by the Nigeria Securities and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), was presented and laid by Hon. Mohammed Nur Sheriff (*Bama/Ngala/Kalabalge Federal Constituency*);

(*ii*) A Petition from the Concerned Citizens of Ekiti State on the misappropriation of Ekiti Special Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) Fund in the sum of ₦852.9M, by the former Governor of Ekiti State, Dr Kayode Fayemi and others, was presented and laid by Hon. Segun Alexander Adekola (*Ekiti Southwest/Ikere/Ise/Orun Federal Constituency*);

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(*iii*) A Petition from Usman Fada and Timothy Ahmadu on behalf of former staff of Meter Test Station and Central Stores, a subsidiary of the defunct Power Holding Company of Nigeria Plc on the non-payment of their 3 months salary arrears and benefits, was presented and laid by Hon. Danburam Abubakar Nuhu (*Kano Municipal Federal Constituency*);

(*iv*) A Petition from Dr Theresa Ocheke Ugalahi on her ill treatment by Wing Commander Chukwuemeka Okpara, was presented and laid by Hon. Samson Okwu (*Oju/Obi Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

(*i*) ***Need to Investigate the Alleged Recruitment by Central Bank of Nigeria in Violation of Federal Character Principles*:**

Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki (*Dala Federal Constituency*) introduced the subject matter and prayed the House to:

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

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

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

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

Need to Investigate the Alleged Recruitment by Central Bank of Nigeria in Violation of Federal Character Principles:

The House:

Notes that the Central Bank of Nigeria is a creation of the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

Also notes that the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) is empowered to amongst other things, recruit and employ staff as need arises subject to the approval of relevant authorities;

Aware that the Central Bank of Nigeria recently recruited about 909 staff into various cadres in the Bank without the approval of relevant authorities;

Recalls that the recent recruitment has generated negative response from various sections of the country, with various accusation of lopsidedness and lack of adherence to due process, among others;

Also aware that based on available data there is a clear case of non-adherence to the principles of Federal Character as enshrined in our Constitution on the recruitment exercise;

Concerned that this recruitment was done secretly without due advertisement carried out;

Disturbed that the principles of fairness, equity and justice as enshrined in our Constitution was not respected in the recent recruitment exercise by Central Bank of Nigeria;

Alarmed that sometimes last year when members of the Public got wind of the secret recruitment exercise, the Central Bank of Nigeria came out and, out-rightly denied any such recruitment or plan to recruit;

Cognizant of the fact that the last recruitment exercise by Central Bank of Nigeria was advertised and members of the public freely participated.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Federal Character to investigate the matter and report back to the House within 3 weeks (*Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki — Dala Buruku Federal Constituency and* 1 *other*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the Prayer and *insert* a new Prayer as follows:
"Mandate the Committees on Federal Character, and Banking and Currency to investigate the matter and report back to the House within 3 weeks" (*Hon. Ayo Omidiran — Ayeaade/Irewole/Isokan Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Central Bank of Nigeria is a creation of the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

Also noted that the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) is empowered to amongst other things, recruit and employ staff as need arises subject to the approval of relevant authorities;

Aware that the Central Bank of Nigeria recently recruited about 909 staff into various cadres in the Bank without the approval of relevant authorities;

Recalled that the recent recruitment has generated negative response from various sections of the country, with various accusation of lopsidedness and lack of adherence to due process, among others;

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Concerned that this recruitment was done secretly without due advertisement carried out;

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Alarmed that sometimes last year when members of the Public got wind of the secret recruitment exercise, the Central Bank of Nigeria came out and, out-rightly denied any such recruitment or plan to recruit;

Cognizant of the fact that the last recruitment exercise by Central Bank of Nigeria was advertised and members of the public freely participated.

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Federal Character, and Banking and Currency to investigate the matter and report back to the House within 3 weeks (**HR. 111/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committees on Federal Character, and Banking and Currency.

(*ii*) ***The Horrible State of Abuja-Kaduna Expressway and the Urgent Need to Rehabilitate it in Order to Preserve Lives and Properties of Nigerians Plying the Road:***
Hon. Prestige Ossy Chiinedu (*Aba North/Aba South Federal Constituency*) introduced the subject matter and prayed the House to:

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

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

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

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

The Horrible State of Abuja - Kaduna Expressway and the Urgent Need to Rehabilitate it in Order to Preserve Lives and Properties of Nigerians Plying the Road:

The House:

Aware that the Abuja- Kaduna Expressway is one of the major corridors that links numerous states in the North to the Federal Capital Territory;

Also aware that on the average, over two thousand vehicles ply the Abuja-Kaduna Expressway on a daily basis and these include commercial and utility vehicles as well as trucks of different sizes;

Concerned that over the years Abuja-Kaduna expressway has become deplorable, horrible and a death trap;

Also concerned that almost the entire road has become inundated with potholes of different sizes and as a result of the long period of neglect and lack of maintenance, the quality of the road has drastically deteriorated;

Further concerned that the several deep gullies, cracked bridge railings and uncompleted embankment, as well as over 500 potholes on a daily basis constitute nightmare to users of the road;

Equally concerned that there are no bridges and embankments on most parts of the road. Worse still, a large chunk of the road particularly the Tafa Axis have been narrowed out by indiscriminate parking of long vehicles on either sides of the roads, thereby drastically reducing the dual carriage road to a tiny lane which of course is flawed by the presence of deep potholes;

Worried that while traveling along the Abuja-Kaduna expressway, motorist are faced with the ordeal of manoeuvring every 200 to 300 meters in desperate attempts to avoid potholes which are springing up on the road in large numbers and on daily basis;

Also worried that in January 2016 alone, there was a total of 10 crashes, 29 injuries and 8 deaths at various sports along the Abuja- Kaduna expressway. This figure is the Federal Road Safety Corps' figure and it does not include hospital figures and unrecorded crashes;

Further worried that in 2015, the Federal Road Safety figures show that there were 60 crashes, 191 injuries and 34 deaths on the road;

Concerned that in the last five (5) years, no fewer than 1,500 Nigerians have lost their lives and/or suffered different degrees of injuries as a result of crashes on the road;

Recalls that on Sunday, 6 March, 2016 the Hon. Minister of State for Labour and Employment along with his lovely wife and son lost their lives, no thanks to an unfortunate car crash while travelling on the Abuja-Kaduna expressway;

Also recalls that apart from the unfortunate accident that regrettably claimed the lives of the Minister, his wife and son, an articulated vehicle bearing Registration number Borno MNG-49XA rammed into a stationary bus on the same road. Apart from these, four (4) persons were also reported to have lost their lives when the vehicle in which they were travelling on the expressway crashed at the Kateri axis of the expressway, causing the vehicle to go up in flames and burning its four (4) occupants to death;

Aware that traders in their numbers have also taken over a portion of the road by displaying their goods on the edge of the road, thereby causing obstruction;

Observes that apart from motorists who ply the road, pedestrians attempting to cross the road are also at a great risk of being run over by fast moving vehicles on the expressway because there are no pedestrian bridges;

Also observes that old and abandoned vehicles, broken bottles, wood and debris from accidented vehicles litter both sides of the road and these factors pose great danger to motorist who have to struggle for space while plying the highway;

Also aware that as a result of the bad nature of the road, motorists are forced to move at a very slow pace particularly at night and armed gangs take advantage of the situation to rob innocent Nigerians of their belongings while traveling on the highway;

Further aware that unless the needful is done, the Abuja-Kaduna expressway which has already claimed a lot of lives in the last couple of years will claim more lives and property of our beloved brothers and sisters who ply this road on daily basis;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Works to liaise with relevant authorities with the aim of ensuring total and quality rehabilitation of the road and urge the Federal Ministry of Works to award the contract for the rehabilitation of the road and ensure that the rehabilitation is completed in good time;

(*ii*) urge the Federal Road Maintenance Agency to take urgent steps towards doing some palliative work on the road;

(*iii*) also urge the Federal Road Safety Corps to urgently remove all accidented cars and other obstruction along the highways; and

(*iv*) also mandate the Committees on Works, and Federal Road Safety Commission to ensure compliance and report back to the House within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Prestige Ossy — Aba North/South Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(**HR. 112/2016**).

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

Motion made and Question proposed, "That Order VIII, Rule 46 (4) be suspended to enable the House consider more than 2 Motions on Matters of Urgent Public Importance" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(*iii*) ***Incessant Attacks, Kidnap and Murder in Chikun/Kajuru Federal Constituency*:** Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde (*Chikun/Kajuru 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 Attacks, Kidnap and Murder in Chikun/Kajuru Federal Constituency*:**

The House:

Notes that on Wednesday, 16 March, 2016, 2 members of Polio Eradication Team, Victoria Igali and Jatau Musa, and a World Health Organization Local Government facilitator, Solomon A. Adewumi, on routine life saving exercise were kidnaped by unknown armed marauders in Chikun/Kajuru Federal Constituency demanding a ransoms of 10 million naira only;

Also notes that on Thursday, 10 March, 2016, armed marauders also killed 5 villagers in Kujeri village, Kutura District of Kajuru Local Government Area and kidnaped 3 others, namely Amina Haruna, Aisha Idris and Abu Idris;

Worried that on Friday, 15 January, 2016, Yinusa Ardo and Bahago Ardo were equally kidnaped in same circumstance at Gadani near Gwagwada village were found dead, with their corpses decaying due to the inability of their relatives to meet the ransom;

Alarmed at the increasing spate of the dastardly act in Duste area, where Asibi Yahaya and Yahaya Sarki and Barkin Laza were kidnaped, and regained their freedom after payment of ransom, while Sabon Sara and his wife were murdered;

Also alarmed that some settlements like Unguwan Walna, Kudari Unguwan Bayerz, Wuya, Mankari all in Gwagwada ward in Chukun Local Government Area had been displaced as a result of the activities of kidnappers;

Conscious of the fact that the primary objective of government is the provision of security and welfare of citizens.

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Inspector-General of Police to swing into action to ensure the release of those victims currently in the hand of their abductors;

(*ii*) call on the Inspector-General of Police and other relevant security agencies to cause immediate and detailed investigation of the rampant cases of kidnap and murder with a view to providing more security to the people and bring perpetrators of such criminal abductions and murders to justice; and

(*iii*) urge the National Emergency Management Agency to urgently visit the affected communities and provide relief materials to the victims (*Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde — Chikun/Kajuru Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on Wednesday, 16 March, 2016, 2 members of Polio Eradication Team, Victoria Igali and Jatau Musa, and a World Health Organization Local Government facilitator, Solomon A. Adewumi, on routine life saving exercise were kidnaped by unknown armed marauders in Chikun/Kajuru Federal Constituency demanding a ransoms of 10 million naira only;

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(*iii*) urge the National Emergency Management Agency to urgently visit the affected communities and provide relief materials to the victims (**HR. 113/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, Police Affairs, and National Security and Intelligence.

(*iv*) ***The Need for the Joint Admissions Matriculation Board (JAMB) to Return to the Pencil - Paper Examination and Discontinue the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) until such a Time that JAMB is able to conduct the Computer Based Test (CBT) Effectively or Alternatively to Run both Pencil - Paper Examination and the Computer based Examination Simultaneously for Candidate to Opt for anyone of their Choice*:** Hon. Oghene Emma Egoh (*Amuwo Odofin 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.*

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The House:

Notes that over a million candidates seeking admission into the universities sat for the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) 2016 which was a purely Computer Based Test (CBT) as against its usual pencil - paper examination conducted by the Joint Admissions Matriculation Board (JAMB);

Disturbed that candidates who often pay exorbitant registration fees for the JAMB examination are made to embark upon long journeys to the few available UTME, CBT centres;

Also disturbed that many candidates who are not computer literate could not pass the JAMB CBT because they could not operate the computers although they are brilliant students;

Worried that the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) Computer Based Test (CBT) which started this year, 27 February, 2016 has so many technical hitches that jeopardized the chances of many seeking admission in Universities;

Also worried that already, serious admission problem is rocking the nation because although JAMB receives huge allocation from Federal Government every year, yet they charge candidates all manner of fees and majority of the children do not gain admission either because of the technical hitches of the CBT or the post UTME introduced by various tertiary institutions, hence the figures released by the Federal Ministry of Education as shown below shows that there is already serious admission problem:

Year	JAMB Candidates	Numbers Admitted
2008	1,195,261	155,860
2009	1,305326	185,209
2010	1,478258	323,527
2011	1,618152	331,206
2012	1,628,986	300,000;

Bothered that candidates are getting conflicting scores in the ongoing JAMB CBT, dashing the hope of many candidates that are seeking admission into pieces — for example Ibrahim Shawulu from Kogi State scored 399 out of 400 but in less than 24 hours another result surfaced reducing Shawulu's score to 199 and Foluke, a 17 year old girl in Ejigbo - Lagos scored an aggregate of 156 in the first result while in the result that later came out she had an aggregate of 196;

Also bothered that there were instances of double-option answers, computers were malfunctioning and suddenly short down causing absurdities that place some candidates in disadvantageous position;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Call on the Federal Ministry of Education to direct Joint Admissions Matriculation Board (JAMB) to return to the pencil - paper examination and discontinue the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) until such a time that JAMB is able to conduct the Computer Based Test (CBT) effectively or alternatively to run both pencil - paper examination and the Computer based examination simultaneously for candidate to opt for anyone of their choice; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Basic Education and Services to liaise with Ministry of Education to ensure compliance with Prayer (*i*) and report back to the House (*Hon. Oghene Emma Egoh — Amuwo Odofin Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

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(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Basic Education and Services to liaise with Ministry of Education to ensure compliance with Prayer (*i*) and report back to the House (**HR. 114/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Basic Education and Services.

6. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Environmental Health Officers (Registration, etc.) Act, 2002; and for Other Related Matters, 2016 (HB. 29) — *Third Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Environmental Health Officers (Registration, etc.) Act, 2002; and for Other Related Matters, 2016 (HB. 29) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question agreed to.

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

7. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act, 2011 (as amended) and Re-enact the Money Laundering (Prevention and Prohibition) Act to Provide for Measures for the Prevention and Prohibition of Money Laundering in Nigeria; and a Bill to amend the Act by repealing some provisions and including some definitions; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 390 and HB. 410) — *Second Reading*.**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

8. **A Bill for an Act to make Provision for Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between Nigeria and Other Foreign Sates; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 389) — *Second Reading*.**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) (Fiscal Incentives, Guaranteed and Assurances) Act, Cap. N87, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to empower the NLNG Ltd to make its Statutory Contributions to the NDDC Fund; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 397) — *Second Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) (Fiscal Incentives, Guaranteed and Assurances) Act, Cap. N87, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to empower the NLNG Ltd to make its Statutory Contributions to the NDDC Fund; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 397) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Leo Okuweh Ogor — Isoko North/Isoko South 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 Gas Resources.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the People's Bank of Nigeria, Act, Cap. P7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (HB. 353) — Second Reading.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the People's Bank of Nigeria, Act, Cap. P7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (HB. 353) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan — Busari/Geidam/Yunusari 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 Banking and Currency.

11. **A Bill for an Ac to Amend the Insurance Act, Cap. I17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for limit of liability in respect of Third Party Liability in Compulsory Insurance of Public Buildings and Buildings under Construction; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 402) — *Second Reading.***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Survey Co-ordination Act, Cap. S17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to review the Penalties and Fines; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 366) — *Second Reading.***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Survey Co-ordination Act, Cap. S17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to review the Penalties and Fines; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 366) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Usman — Makarfi/Kudan 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.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment) Act, Cap. E1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make the Commission more independent and effective, to Provide for quick Recovery Procedures for Stolen Assets, Implement active pursuit of cases, Build Capacity and improve Trust and Co-operation with Foreign Counterparts; ensure adequate funding of the Commission; Establish the Economic and Financial Crimes Courts; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 326 and HB. 393) — *Second Reading.***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

14. **Need to Check the Incidence of Drug Abuse among the Youth.**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria has a young and vibrant youth population, over 60% of whom are between the ages of 18 - 35, and for the country to attain growth, the youth must be kept healthy, and sound;

Also notes that drug abuse not only affects the mental health of the abuser such as occasioning depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder and madness, but also makes the person prone to so many anti-social behaviour;

Recalls a publication in the September 2015 edition of the European Scientific Journal, Vol. 8, that more Nigerian youth are becoming drug dependent, while Nigeria was gradually transiting from the status of a drug consuming nation to that of a drug producing one;

Concerned that this destructive and damaging trend is becoming prevalent both among the wealthy, middle class and the poor cadres of the society;

Worried about the rate at which illicit drug consumption is spreading in not only the institutions of learning but also to other facets of the society, such as motor parks, recreational centres, civic centres, apprentice workshops, etc.;

Also worried that the statistical data of the National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) from 2008 -2014 reveals that drug abuse and drug related offences are on the increase every year as a total of fifty-six thousand and eighty-nine (56,089) people had been arrested for drug related offences during the period under review;

Cognizant that if nothing is done to nip this ugly trend in the bud, it will eat deep into the very essence of the existence of the nation;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) to intensify the campaign against drug abuse, and to step up efforts to arrest and prosecute drug offenders;

(*ii*) also urge the NDLEA to maintain a presence in tertiary institutions in Nigeria to ensure drug free campuses;

(*iii*) further urge the Federal Ministry of Education to provide guidance and counselors in secondary schools, trained by the NDLEA, to educate students on the dangers of drug consumption; and

(*iv*) equally urge the NDLEA to establish more drug rehabilitation centres in the country for rehabilitation of drug addicts (*Hon. Beni Lar — Langtang North/Langtang South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
Insert a new Prayer (*v*) as follows:
"Urge the Federal Government to, as a matter of urgency, recruit more staff and train them to cover all Local Government Areas and borders of Nigeria" (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Nigeria has a young and vibrant youth population, over 60% of whom are between the ages of 18 - 35, and for the country to attain growth, the youth must be kept healthy, and sound;

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(*v*) still urge the Federal Government to, as a matter of urgency, recruit more staff and train them to cover all Local Government Areas and borders of Nigeria (**HR. 115/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Drugs and Narcotics.

15. Call for Ridesharing Services

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Aware that the growth of Nigeria's cities is essential to the country's continued economic, social, and political development but their sustainability is being jeopardized by the failure of transportation systems to keep pace with the rapid growth of urban populations, resulting in greatly increased traffic congestion and environmentally harmful emissions by vehicles;

Also aware that a shift towards technology-enabled smart mobility that allows for a more efficient use of the existing transportation infrastructure is essential and that ridesharing services that connect passengers with independent transportation providers, who had been subjected to robust background checks through a digital network are efficient and smart mobility solutions already embraced by Governments across North America, Latin America, Europe, and the Asia-Pacific regions;

Notes that ridesharing services are fast gaining ground in city after city in Nigeria, including Abuja and Lagos, and that a growing number of companies and individuals are currently using ridesharing services' technology to source business and to boost their earning capacity, while enjoying a completely flexible work schedule;

Also notes that ridesharing transactions are electronically recorded and fully transparent and its growth therefore represents an advancement in the formal economy and holds the potential to generate new tax revenues for the government, especially now that the price of crude oil, which is the main source of Government revenue, has declined considerably;

Observes that with growing acceptance and patronage, ridesharing services could reduce traffic congestion on the roads and improve urban mobility as well as reducing environmentally harmful vehicular emissions, thereby improving public health and the environment;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of Transportation and its Agencies, as well as the Federal Capital Territory Administration and the Area Councils to recognize and integrate ridesharing into their transportation policies;

(*ii*) also urge them to enhance the safety of passengers, promote affordable transportation by supporting ridesharing services and updating legal and regulatory frameworks where necessary; and

(*iii*) further urge them to adopt a forward-looking and receptive approach to all future smart mobility innovations (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Aware that the growth of Nigeria's cities is essential to the country's continued economic, social, and political development but their sustainability is being jeopardized by the failure of transportation systems to keep pace with the rapid growth of urban populations, resulting in greatly increased traffic congestion and environmentally harmful emissions by vehicles;

Also aware that a shift towards technology-enabled smart mobility that allows for a more efficient use of the existing transportation infrastructure is essential and that ridesharing services that connect passengers with independent transportation providers, who had been subjected to robust background checks through a digital network are efficient and smart mobility solutions already embraced by Governments across North America, Latin America, Europe, and the Asia-Pacific regions;

Noted that ridesharing services are fast gaining ground in city after city in Nigeria, including Abuja and Lagos, and that a growing number of companies and individuals are currently using ridesharing services' technology to source business and to boost their earning capacity, while enjoying a completely flexible work schedule;

Also noted that ridesharing transactions are electronically recorded and fully transparent and its growth therefore represents an advancement in the formal economy and holds the potential to generate new tax revenues for the government, especially now that the price of crude oil, which is the main source of Government revenue, has declined considerably;

Observed that with growing acceptance and patronage, ridesharing services could reduce traffic congestion on the roads and improve urban mobility as well as reducing environmentally harmful vehicular emissions, thereby improving public health and the environment;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of Transportation and its Agencies, as well as the Federal Capital Territory Administration and the Area Councils to recognize and integrate ridesharing into their transportation policies;

(*ii*) also urge them to enhance the safety of passengers, promote affordable transportation by supporting ridesharing services and updating legal and regulatory frameworks where necessary; and

(*iii*) further urge them to adopt a forward-looking and receptive approach to all future smart mobility innovations (**HR. 116/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Land Transport.

16. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 22 *March*, 2016 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.16 *p.m.*

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 25 February, 2016, page 931, immediately after the Resolution number, *insert* the following:

"Mr Speaker noted that since Oil Mining Leases (OMLs) and Oil Prospecting Leases (OPLs) are intertwined, the implication of the House Resolution is that both subject matters should be addressed by the *Ad-hoc* Committee. He therefore ordered that the investigative jurisdiction of the *Ad-hoc* Committee should cover both OMLs and OPLs".