



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 8 June, 2017

1. The House met at 11.26 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, 7 June, 2017.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Message**

Mr Speaker read a communication from the Minister of Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, requesting the approval of the National Assembly for the appointment of Mr Abdullahi Oteh Attah as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service (FCT-IRS) Board.

Matter referred to the Committee on Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

4. **Announcement**

Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:

- (i) Staff and Students of *Kingdom Heritage Model Schools*, Kubwa, Abuja;
- (ii) Staff and Students of *Goldspring International School*, Gwagwalada, Abuja;
- (iii) Staff and Students of *Willed Prince International Schools*, Nyanya, Abuja; and
- (iv) Members of *National Association of Niger State Students (NANISS)*, Minna, Niger State.

5. **Admittance into the Chamber pursuant to Order Nineteen, Rule 8 (1) and (2) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do admit into the Chamber, Invited Guests for the Second Anniversary of the 8th House of Representatives, on Friday, 9 June, 2017, at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to Order Nineteen, Rule 8 (1) and (2) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

6. Petitions

(i) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Abdulrahman Shuaibu Abubakar (*Miaha/Mubi North/Mubi South Federal Constituency*):

- (a) Adamu Mohammed, on alleged lack of due process in the award of and payment for contracts, promotion and deployment of officers of the organization and financial expenditure by the Executive Secretary, Border Communities Development Agency;
- (b) Innocent Yawe, on the refusal of Maven Kapital Ltd to either refund money paid for plots of land in Lekki Phase II, Lagos or deliver the plots;
- (c) Patrick Dakwai, on the refusal of Maven Kapital Ltd to either refund money paid for plots of land in Lekki Phase II, Lagos or deliver the plots;
- (d) Atiku Saleh Dambatta, on the termination of appointments of some Directors by the Executive Secretary, Pension Transitional Arrangement Directorate (PTAD);
- (e) Ogbonna Patrick, on the demolition of his house at Gwagwa village, FCT Abuja, by the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA);

(ii) A petition from Surface Chinedu, on behalf of Altogaf Mining and Industrial Co. Ltd, on financial frustration and intimidation by some members of the Ihietutu community, Ishiagu, Ebonyi State on its mining site, was presented and laid by Hon. Chris Azubuogu (*Nnewi North/Nnewi South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*);

(iii) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Bede Eke (*Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency*):

- (a) Ugo Ugwunnadi & Associates (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Jukatex Nigeria Ltd, on the alleged unethical charges and unprofessional banking practices by Access Bank Plc;
- (b) Kingdom Human Rights International on behalf of over one hundred persons, on the alleged fraud and conversion by 1st Choice Properties Ltd, and Mike Ejiogu; and
- (c) Kingdom Human Rights International on behalf of over one hundred persons, on the alleged fraudulent operation of Femal Micro Finance Bank Ltd and the refusal of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), and Economic and Financial Crime Commission (EFCC) to sanction or investigate them;

(iv) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Lynda Chuba-Ikpeazu (*Onitsha South/Onitsha North Federal Constituency*):

- (a) Kika Pollyn Danimim, on the termination of his employment by the Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF);
- (b) Esther Ordor, on the alleged fraud of the sum of fifty-four million naira by Property Finders Ltd, Abuja;
- (c) Locus (Barristers & Solicitors), on behalf of Frank Ikpeba, on the non-payment of gratuity and pension benefits of his late father, Sergeant Jeremiah Ikpeba by the Military Pensions Board;
- (d) Stephen Associates (Beko Chambers), on behalf of Oko Global Multi-Business Ltd, on the non-payment of contractual obligations by Civil Awareness and Economic Empowerment Initiatives;

- (e) The Redemption Chambers (Barristers & Solicitors), on behalf of Adawari community, Biseni, Yenagoa Local Government Area, Bayelsa State, on the oil spillage in their community and alleged neglect by Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC), and the Ministry of Petroleum Resources;
- (f) Reuben Izeze and Partners (Solicitors and Advocates), on behalf of Ngozi Uchebuego, on the alleged murder of Rita Uchebuego by Maduokor and Ojenuwa, Consultant Gynaecologists at Federal Medical Centre, Asaba, Delta State;
- (v) A petition from Philomena Odama, on the alleged murder of her daughter, Joy Odama by Usman Adamu, was presented and laid by Hon. Jarigbe Agom Jarigbe (*Ogoja/Yala Federal Constituency*);

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

7. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)

- (i) ***Need for Government Intervention to Avert the Destruction of Lives and Property as a Result of Arewa Youths Call for Ibos to Leave the North on or before 1 October, 2017:***
Hon. Oghene Emma Egoh (*Amuwo Odofin Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (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 Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Need for Government Intervention to Avert the Destruction of Lives and Property as a Result of Arewa Youths Call for Ibos to Leave the North on or before 1 October, 2017:

The House:

Notes that as part of the campaign by the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) for the actualization of Biafra Republic, Biafra Agitators called on their people to come home and shut down major towns in the South East on May 30, 2017;

Disturbed that Sixteen Northern Youth groups rose from a joint meeting in Kaduna on the 6th of June and gave Igbo residing in their states up to October 1, 2017 to vacate the region days after the shutting down of major towns in the South East;

Also disturbed that in its reaction, the Movement for the Actualization of Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB) said it received with gladness the "quit notice" and urged the Igbo to return home immediately;

Concerned that the two calls create alarming twist which is ominous and dangerous for the good health of Nigerians;

Also Concerned that this motion is not interested in the merit or demerit of Biafra, nor is it interested in apportioning blame on those who made the two unpatriotic calls; rather this is only concern for the nation's leaders to immediately intervene to stop these agitations from resorting to violence that may consume the entire nation, and for the National Assembly and

the Presidency to wade into the issue by dialogue with the protagonist of "come and leave our land" and the "return home immediately" groups to avoid damage to our collective nationhood;

Aware that all Nigerians especially the Ibos have enormous amount of investment all over the country! the two calls will lead to loss of trillions of Naira, dislocation of the lives of people who have lived in different parts of Nigeria for several decades because peoples cannot carry their houses, properties, business and families from their abode in a short frame of time;

Also aware that while people have the right to their views and decisions about their lives, as an institution of government, the National Assembly must rise to the occasion we find ourselves and put an end to the confusion that is brewing by appealing to both parties to withdraw their demands in order to avoid loss of lives, especially those of innocent children, women and the feeble who are not part of the problem;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemn in strong terms the stance of the sixteen Northern Youth groups and IPOB on the issue and call on both parties to rescind their decision; and
- (ii) call on the Federal Government to wade into the issue on time to avoid the loss of lives and properties that the actualization of the parties' threat may occasion (*Hon. Oghene Emma Ego — Amuwo Odofin Federal Constituency*).

Debate

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (iii) as follows:

"Call on all Security Agencies to be on alert to forestall any loss of lives and destruction of properties" (*Hon. Chukwuka Onyema — Ogbaru Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that as part of the campaign by the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) for the actualization of Biafra Republic, Biafra Agitators called on their people to come home and shut down major towns in the South East on May 30, 2017;

Disturbed that Sixteen Northern Youth groups rose from a joint meeting in Kaduna on the 6th of June and gave Igbo residing in their states up to October 1, 2017 to vacate the region days after the shutting down of major towns in the South East;

Also disturbed that in its reaction, the Movement for the Actualization of Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB) said it received with gladness the "quit notice" and urged the Igbo to return home immediately;

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Also aware that while people have the right to their views and decisions about their lives, as an institution of government, the National Assembly must rise to the occasion we find ourselves and put an end to the confusion that is brewing by appealing to both parties to withdraw their demands in order to avoid loss of lives, especially those of innocent children, women and the feeble who are not part of the problem;

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 - (iii) call on all Security Agencies to be on alert to forestall any loss of lives and destruction of properties (HR. 249/2017).
- (ii) ***Need to Investigate and Halt the Illegal Mining Activities in Kampani-Zurak in Wase Local Government Area of Plateau State:***
Hon. Ahmed Idris (Wase Federal Constituency) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:
- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
 - (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (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 Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Need to Investigate and Halt the Illegal Mining Activities in Kampani-Zurak in Wase LGA of Plateau State:

The House:

Notes the policy thrust of the current Administration in terms of economic diversification, blockage of leakages in sources of government revenues and fighting corruption in all its manifestations;

Also notes that Mining sector is a viable alternative source of revenue for government to create jobs, boost investment and promote socio-economic development;

Informed that the illegal mining activities occurring in Kampani Zurak of Wase LGA of Plateau State has resulted in serious environmental degradation of the communities through the abandonment of mining pits which expose the communities to different toxic wastes. This has led to loss of farmlands and other means of subsistence for the community and also resulted in loss of billions of Naira in government revenue;

Also informed that Community Development Agreements (which are required by Section 116 of the Nigerian Minerals and Mining Act, 2007, to ensure the protection and socio-economic development of the host community where mining activities are conducted) are usually not entered into with the host community because of the illegal nature of these mining activities;

Aware that some of these illegal miners are aided and protected by some unscrupulous security agents from the police and army who turn a blind eye to their activities and even give them cover;

Appreciate that Honourable Speaker, Rt Hon. Yakubu Dogara took time out of his tight schedule to visit the mining communities of Kampani-Zurak thereby acquiring a first-hand information of the dire nature of these activities and drawing public attention to it;

Also appreciate the commendable effort of the Governor of Plateau State, His Excellency, Simon Lalong, in stemming the activities of these illegal miners;

Disturbed that if these illegal miners and the security agents that aid them are left unchecked, the communities will continue to suffer serious environmental hazard, poverty and untold hardship due to the destruction of their farmlands and other means of sustenance;

Also disturbed that such illegal mining if left unchecked will continue the massive loss of revenue for the country thereby shortchanging the nation's commonwealth;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Honorable Minister of Mines and Steel Development, the Honorable Minister of Defense, Office of the National Security Adviser and the Inspector General of Police to ensure the evacuation/sealing-off, arrest and prosecution of all illegal miners from Kampani-Zurak in Wase LGA of Plateau State;
- (ii) also urge the above security agencies to investigate and review the deployment schedule of Security agents in Plateau State Commands and Kampani Zurak to be specific in order to forestall connivance from some Security agents;
- (iii) further urge the creation of a Special Task Force to check illegal mining activities in Kampani-Zurak in Wase LGA of Plateau State;
- (iv) still urge the Federal Ministry of Environment to investigate and assess the level of environmental degradation caused in Kampani Zurak by the activities of these illegal miners with a view to reclaiming and restoring the natural environment and saving the people from toxic impacts of these activities;
- (v) again urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, on the need for an immediate Construction of Jarmai-Bashar-Zurak-Andame (in Karim Lamido LGA of Taraba State) road, and Langtang-Wase-Bashar Road to ease movement of resources by those engaged in lawful and legal mining activities and to further check smuggling by illegal miners;

- (vi) mandate the Committees on Legislative Compliance, Mines and Steel, Army, Defense, Police Affairs, Intelligence, Environment and Habitat, and Works to monitor the implementation of these resolutions and report progress to the House within two (2) weeks (*Hon. Ahmed Idris — Wase Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the policy thrust of the current Administration in terms of economic diversification, blockage of leakages in sources of government revenues and fighting corruption in all its manifestations;

Also noted that Mining sector is a viable alternative source of revenue for government to create jobs, boost investment and promote socio-economic development;

Informed that the illegal mining activities occurring in Kampani Zurak of Wase LGA of Plateau State has resulted in serious environmental degradation of the communities through the abandonment of mining pits which expose the communities to different toxic wastes. This has led to loss of farmlands and other means of subsistence for the community and also resulted in loss of billions of Naira in government revenue;

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- (vi) mandate the Committees on Legislative Compliance, Mines and Steel, Army, Defense, Police Affairs, Intelligence, Environment and Habitat, and Works to monitor the implementation of these resolutions and report progress to the House within two (2) weeks (HR. 250/2017).

8. Presentation of Reports

(i) **Committee on Health Institutions:**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. P17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria Act to Regulate the Training and Practice of Pharmacy and for Other Related Matters (HB. 656 and HB. 364)" (Hon. Betty Apiafi — Ahoada East/Abua/Odual Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) **Committee on Health Institutions:**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Radiographers (Registration, etc.) Act, Cap. R1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Increased Penalties and Confer on the Federal High Court Appellate Jurisdiction and for Other Related Matters (HB. 676)" (Hon. Betty Apiafi — Ahoada East/Abua/Odual Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) **Committee on Health Institutions:**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Medical Residency Training Programme in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 982)" (Hon. Betty Apiafi — Ahoada East/Abua/Odual Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) **Committee on Health Institutions:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on an Investigative Hearing on the Joint Venture Agreement between the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Gwagwalada and Crystal Thorpe Nigeria Limited" (Hon. Betty Apiafi — Ahoada East/Abua/Odual Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(v) **Committee on Health Institutions:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Dietitians Council of Nigeria to Regulate the Profession of Dietetics and for Other Related Matters (HB. 547)" (Hon. Betty Apiafi — Ahoada East/Abua/Odual Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(vi) **Committee on Health Institutions:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of a National Centre for Research, Management and Control of Autism and Down Syndrome and for Other Related Matters (HB. 322)" (Hon. Betty Apiafi — Ahoada East/Abua/Odual Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(vii) **Committee on Health Institutions:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the National Agency for Albinism and Hypo-Pigmentation (NAAH) and for Other Related Matters (HB. 837)" (Hon. Betty Apiafi — Ahoada East/Abua/Odual Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(viii) **Committee on Industry:**

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Industry on a Bill for an Act to make it Mandatory for Tyres to bear Manufacturing and Expiry Dates, and to Prohibit the Importation of Used, Substandard and Expired Tyres and for Other Related Matters (HB. 499).

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(ix) ***Committee on Industry:***

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Industry on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Small And Medium Scale Industries Development Agency (Establishment) Act, 2003 and to Establish the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria to Regulate, Oversee, Coordinate, Monitor and Evaluate the Development Activities and Operation of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in Nigeria and amend the Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Development Agency Act to Expressly Provide the Agency with Power to Protect Artisans, Market Women and Traders and to Organize them into Clusters for Optimum Benefits and for Other Related Matters (HB. 803 and HB. 808).

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(x) ***Committee on Industry:***

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Industry on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria, a body charged with Responsibility to Regulate the Practice and Profession of Training and Development and for Other Related Matters (HB.401).

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(xi) ***Ad-hoc Committee on Intervention in the Uneasy Congestion of the Country's Sea Ports as a Result of Difficulties Clearing Imported Goods:***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on Intervention in the Uneasy Congestion of the Country's Sea Ports as a Result of Difficulties Clearing Imported Goods" (HR. 115/2015)" (Hon. John Dyegh — Gboko/Tarka Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(xii) ***Ad-hoc Committee on the Need for the Government to Address the Menace of Accidents involving Fuel Tankers and other Articulated Vehicles:***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Need for the Government to Address the Menace of Accidents involving Fuel Tankers and other Articulated Vehicles (HR.11/2015)" (Hon. Raji Tasir Olawale — Epe Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(xiii) ***Committee on Foreign Affairs:***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the Need to Address the Scarcity of Nigerian Passport Booklets" (HR.181/2017)" (Hon. Nnenna Elendu-Ukeje — Bende Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Agriculture and to make Provisions for the Establishment, Functions and Administration of Nigerian Institute of Agriculturists and for Other Related Matters (HB. 838) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Agriculture and to make Provisions for the Establishment, Functions and Administration of Nigerian Institute of Agriculturists and for Other Related Matters (HB. 838) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Munguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Agricultural Institutions and Colleges.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization Act, Cap. N13, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Effective and Efficient Repairs and Maintenance of Agricultural Equipment and for Other Related Matters (HB. 916) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization Act, Cap. N13, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Effective and Efficient Repairs and Maintenance of Agricultural Equipment and for Other Related Matters (HB. 916) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun — Esan Northeast/Esan Southeast Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Facilitate the Development of Nigeria's Capital Market by Enabling the Conversion and Re-registration of the Nigerian Stock Exchange from a Company Limited by Guarantee to a Public Company Limited by Shares and for Other Related Matters (HB. 983) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Facilitate the Development of Nigeria's Capital Market by Enabling the Conversion and Re-registration of the Nigerian Stock Exchange from a Company Limited by Guarantee to a Public Company Limited by Shares and for Other Related Matters (HB. 983) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Yusuf Ayo Tajudeen — Ijumu/Kabba-Bunu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Capital Market and Institutions.

12. **Call for Reconstruction of Dilapidated Parts of Okpella-Auchi-Ekpoma-Benin Federal Highway**
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the Federal Highway that runs through Okpella to Benin is a major artery that cuts across the three Senatorial Districts of Edo State and links the North, East and Western parts of Nigeria;

Aware that the deplorable state of the highway has been the major cause of vehicular accidents which has led to the loss of many lives and destruction of properties worth millions of Naira and is also affording criminals opportunity to kidnap motorists;

Also aware that when the road was in good condition, it used to take less than an hour to travel from Okpella to Benin, but now, it takes at least four hours to cover the same distance, if there is free flow of traffic;

Concerned that with the on-set of the rainy season, the road is likely to worsen or even some parts cut off, with the resultant effects of more accidents and destruction of properties, and also motorists having to spend longer hours due to traffic jam;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to commence reconstruction of the road; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on FERMA to ensure implementation and report back in three (3) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Johnson Egwakhide Oghuma — Etsako East/Etsako West/Etsako Central Federal Constituency and 8 others*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 251/2017).

Motion referred to the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

13. **Need to Provide Potable Water, Medications, and other Relief Materials for the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Banki Town, Bama Local Government Area of Borno State:**
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House;

Notes that Banki town is one of the gateway of international trade and had been a centre of commerce for decades but, it was turned into a battle ground by the Boko Haram terrorists who occupied the area for nine months before they were dislodged by the military aided by the civilian joint task force members;

Also notes that the insurgency in the north-east zone created over two million Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) from various states in the zone and Banki town alone accounted for over one hundred thousand of them;

Aware that in the last three weeks, over fifteen thousand Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) voluntarily returned to Banki town, while over five thousand of them were forced to leave the Cameroon by the Cameroonian Government and given their large number, the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC), the Medicins Sans Frontiers, Doctors Without Borders and other non-governmental organisations that have been rendering assistance to the IDPs are overstretched in meeting their needs and demands;

Also aware that it is not all the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) currently in Banki town that are from Banki as a substantial number are from all the surrounding areas of Andara, Kumshe, Kote, Bomari, Walasa, Gulumba and Zanageri Kash Kash, which are in the Sambisa axis in Bama Local Government Area;

Cognizant that despite accommodating over one hundred thousand Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), the town has only one bore hole that provides water and sometimes it takes the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) the whole day queuing and at times, ending up without getting water;

Also cognizant that due to poor sanitation, lack access to potable water and proper medications, and poor feeding, there is an outbreak of epidemic diseases, thirst and hunger among the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Banki town;

Concerned that majority of those vulnerable Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) are women and children, along with some elderly people, who were recently rescued by gallant troops and civilian Joint Task Force members from long period of captivity during which they were traumatized, tortured and even assaulted in many forms;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the Presidential Committee on the North East Initiative, the Victim Support Fund Team (VSF Team), the National Commission for Refugees, and other Government related bodies to urgently provide medications and other relief materials to the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Banki town, Bama Local Government Area, Borno State;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to drill bore holes so as to provide potable water for them; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Refugees and Initiatives on North East Zone, and Water Resources to ensure compliance (*Hon. Mohammed Nur Sheriff — Bama/Ngala/Kalabalge Federal Constituency and 8 others*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 252/2017).

Motion referred to the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

14. Need to Arrest the Spate of Kidnaping in Chikun/Kajuru Federal Constituency, Kaduna State
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that despite the efforts being made by the security agencies to curb the menace of kidnaping, coupled with the ongoing legislative process by the National Assembly to enact laws that will checkmate the menace, the spate of kidnaping incidents is still on the rise and has even become a daily occurrence in most parts of the country;

Also notes that the activities of those criminal syndicates have assumed a wider dimension in and around communities in Chikun/Kajuru Federal Constituency and have impacted adversely on the socio-economic lives of the people as they can no longer move freely to transact their legitimate businesses for fear of being kidnaped;

Recalls that on Friday, 2 June, 2017, one Mrs Sara Amos, her son Jesse and a family member, Mr Isaac Michael were kidnaped in Kagurdna-Kakau community and in their escape bid with the victims, the kidnappers killed a member of the local vigilante team named Yakubu Adamu and are now demanding for the sum of 20 million Naira as ransom for their release;

Also recalls other incidents of kidnaping of several other people, some of whom were released after ransom was allegedly paid while others are still being held in expectation of ransom;

Concerned that the activities of the kidnappers are becoming nightmarish for the people who can no longer go to their farms freely, with the obvious consequences of shortage of food that will result in hunger and untold hardship;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police to direct the Commissioner of Police, Kaduna State to constitute a search team for the rescue of the victims in custody of these criminal syndicates;
- (ii) also urge the Chief of Army Staff, the Chief of Air Staff and the Inspector-General of Police to form a joint task force to comb the area, apprehend and ensure the prosecution of these criminals; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Army, and Air Force to ensure compliance and report back in three (3) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde — Kajuru/Chikun Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the Prayers and *insert* a new Prayer as follows:

"Invite all the Service Chiefs, Minister of Defence, Minister of Interior, Inspector-General of Police, Director General of Department of State Service, and the Commandant of Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps to appear before the House on Tuesday, 13 June, 2017 to brief it on measures to tackle the grave security challenges facing the nation" (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Abdu — Alkelere/Kirfi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that despite the efforts being made by the security agencies to curb the menace of kidnaping, coupled with the ongoing legislative process by the National Assembly to enact laws that will checkmate the menace, the spate of kidnaping incidents is still on the rise and has even become a daily occurrence in most parts of the country;

Also noted that the activities of those criminal syndicates have assumed a wider dimension in and around communities in Chikun/Kajuru Federal Constituency and have impacted adversely on the socio-economic lives of the people as they can no longer move freely to transact their legitimate businesses for fear of being kidnaped;

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Concerned that the activities of the kidnappers are becoming nightmarish for the people who can no longer go to their farms freely, with the obvious consequences of shortage of food that will result in hunger and untold hardship;

Resolved to:

Invite all the Service Chiefs, Minister of Defence, Minister of Interior, Inspector-General of Police, Director General of Department of State Service, and the Commandant of Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps to appear before the House on Tuesday, 13 June, 2017 to brief it on measures to tackle the grave security challenges facing the nation (HR. 253/2017).

15. **Call for Review/Scrapping of the Disparity in the National Common Entrance Examination Cut off Marks for Admissions into Unity Schools/Federal Government Colleges**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

16. **Call for Reinstatement of the Tenure Policy in the Civil Service**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

17. **Consideration of Reports**

- (i) **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 381) (Committee of the Whole):**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 381) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES, EFFURUN AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH (HB. 381)

Clause 1: Amendment of Clause 2: Principal Officers of the University.

(1) The University shall consist of:

(d) Deputy Vice Chancellor(s) (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

Clause 2: Amendment of Clause 5: Composition, Tenure and Powers of the Council.

(e) Four persons representing a variety of interests and broadly representative of the whole Federation to be appointed by the President from: (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Clause 3: Amendment of Clause 6: Functions of the Council and its Finance and General Purpose Committee.

- (7) There shall be paid to the members respectively of the Council, the Finance and General Purposes Committee and any other committee set up by the Council, such allowances in respect of traveling and other reasonable expenses, at such rates as may, from time to time, be fixed by the appropriate authority (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:

In line 5, immediately after the words “appropriate authority”, insert the words “(the Minister or any one authorised to act in that behalf)” (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 3 as amended, stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

**PART II — GENERAL FUND, TRANSFER OF PROPERTY, ETC, TO THE UNIVERSITY
AND CONDITION OF SERVICE OF EMPLOYEES**

Clause 4: Amendment of Clause 9: General Funds of the University.

- (2) The Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources, Petroleum Technology Development Fund and Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board shall provide 2% of their annual budget for research programmes in petroleum technology acquisition, and facilities in the University (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 4 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 5: Amendment of Clause 29: Citation.

This Act may be cited as the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun, (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 5 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 381) (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 381) and approved Clauses 1 - 2, approved Clause 3 as amended, approved Clauses 4 -5, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (ii) **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 702) (Committee of the Whole):**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 702) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH AND TREATMENT AND FOR OTHER CONNECTED PURPOSES (HB. 702)

Clause 1: Amendment of Clause 4: Membership of the Board.

The Board shall consist of —

- (b) a representative of the Federal Ministry responsible for Health Matters;
- (c) a representatives each of:
 - (iii) a representative each of Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria,
 - (v) a representative of an association or group of Cancer Survivors
(Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Amendment Proposed:

In subclause (c) (iii), immediately after the word "representative", *leave out* the word "each" *(Hon. Abdulrahman Shuaibu Abubakar - Maiha/Mubi North/Mubi South Federal Constituency).*

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 1 as amended, stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Amendment of Clause 7: Director and other Staff of the Institute.

- (2) A person shall not be qualified to be appointed as a Director, unless he is an Oncologist with 10 years research experience and preferably a professor with administrative experience *(Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).*

Question that Clause 2 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Amendment of Clause 17: Citation.

This Act may be cited as the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment (Establishment) Bill, 2017 *(Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).*

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

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 702) (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 702) and approved Clause 1 as amended, approved Clauses 2 -3, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

18. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till 3. 25 p.m. (Hon. Iriase Pally— Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.20 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker



